

**ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING  
November 9, 2023**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority was held on Thursday, November 9, 2023. The meeting started at 7:00 PM.

The agenda is available on the website of the RVRSA.

- **This meeting was posted on the RVRSA website and on the public notice board in the main RVRSA building.**
- **This meeting was advertised in the Daily Record and The Star Ledger.**

Assistant Board Secretary, Janice Fox, read a statement that timely notice of the meeting had been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act to member municipalities, members of the Authority and designated newspapers.

The salute to the United States flag followed.

Roll Call Attendance was taken:

The following Board Members were present: Andes of Town of Denville, Cegelka of the Borough of Victory Gardens, Corbett of the Borough of Wharton, Farrell of Township of Boonton, Howarth of Borough of Rockaway, Laverty of Town of Boonton, Schorno of Township of Rockaway and Zuppa of City of Jersey City.

The following Board Members were absent: Isselin of Town of Dover and Potter of Township of Randolph.

There is a quorum.

Also present were Diane Alexander and Joseph Maraziti, Esqs. Maraziti Falcon LLP, Nancy Wohlleb, VP Mott MacDonald and Paul Cuva, CPA Wielkocz & Company.

Authority staff present were: JoAnn Mondsini, Sandy Thai, Robert Bocchino, and Janice Fox.

**Correspondence**

2022 Audit Report by Wielkocz & Company

**Public Portion** – Agenda Items Only.

No public present.

**Consent Agenda**

- **Approval of Minutes** of October 12, 2023, Regular Board Meeting

- **Resolution 23-106** – Resolution of Commendation for Long Time Employee James Maxson
- **Resolution 23-107** – Resolution of Commendation for Long Time Employee Eric Leahy
- **Resolution 23-108** – Resolution of Commendation for Long Time Employee Daniel McNamara
- **Resolution 23-109** – Authorizing Expenditure for Emergency Manhole DV-26 Repair

Commissioner Corbett offered the **Consent Agenda** and second by Commissioner Andes and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Lavery, Schorno and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Isselin and Potter.

Commissioner Zuppa abstained from the Minutes.

**Consent Agenda passed on 8 yeas.**

**Executive Committee – Hector Schorno, Chairman** – Meeting held November 3, 2023.

- Report - Discussed NorthStar Litigation, LLC proposal for Services.
- Commissioner Corbett stated that our Attorneys want to hire this firm to comply with the discovery request that was made by Jersey City. The do not exceed number is \$24,000..

Commissioner Lavery offered **Resolution 23-110** – Authorizing Engagement of the Services of NorthStar Litigation Technologies, LLC, for the Performance of Litigation Support Services and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (6) Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Lavery, and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (2) Andes and Zuppa.

Absent: (2) Isselin and Potter.

**Resolution 23-110 passed on 6 yeas.**

**Planning Committee – Donald Farrell, Chairman** – No meeting held.

- No Report

**Operations Committee – Hector Schorno, Chairman** – No meeting held.

- No Report
- Operation and Maintenance and Trunkline Reports are in the packet.

**Infrastructure Committee – Thomas Andes, Chairman** – Meeting held October 23, 2023.

- **Report** – Discussed status of Contract 41 – Phosphorus Removal and Filtration Facility Project.

**Jersey City Committee – Glenn Corbett, Chairman** - No meeting held.

- No Report

**Sewer User Committee – Donald Farrell, Chairman** – Meeting held November 9, 2023

- **Report** – Discussed Anthony & Sons permit renewal and Variance Request, Correction of Resolution 20-052, Draft Amendments to the User Charge System and Review of Mott MacDonald Meter Reading Report for October 2022 to September 2023 and Howmet request for additional flow in Permit Renewal.

Commissioner Farrell offered **Resolution 23-111** – Authorizing Execution of an Industrial Sewer Connection Permit Renewal and Variance to Anthony & Sons Bakery - Block 31601/Lot 4.01 – Township of Denville and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Lavery, Schorno and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Isselin and Potter.

**Resolution 23-111 passed on 8 yeas.**

Commissioner Farrell offered **Resolution 23-112** – Authorizing Amendment of Resolution 20-052, Endorsement of Application for Treatment Works Approval (TWA-1) 360 Franklin Avenue, Township of Denville, to Correct the Gallonage Allocated from RVRSA's "First Come/First Serve" Category to the Project and Second by Commissioner Corbett and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Lavery, Schorno and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Isselin and Potter.

**Resolution 23-112 passed on 8 yeas.**

Commissioner Farrell offered **Resolution 23-113** – Authorizing Extension of Public Comment Period Prior to Consideration of Amendments to the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority User Charge System and Second by Commissioner Corbett and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Lavery, Schorno and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Isselin and Potter.

**Resolution 23-113 passed on 8 yeas.**

**Finance Committee – Glenn Corbett, Chairman** – Meeting held October 27, 2023.

- Report - Discussed 2022 Audit Report.

- CFO's Report is in the packet.
- Commissioner Corbett stated that there were no recommendations or comments from our auditors.

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 23-114** – 2024 Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority Adopted Budget Resolution and Second by Commissioner Farrell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Lavery, Schorno and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Isselin and Potter.

**Resolution 23-114 passed on 8 yeas.**

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 23-115** – Certification of the 2022 Audit by the Governing Body of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Lavery, Schorno and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Isselin and Potter.

**Resolution 23-115 passed on 8 yeas.**

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 23-116** – Resolution Authorizing Payment of Vouchers in the amount of **\$1,380,380.29** and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (7) Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Lavery, Schorno, and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None.

Abstain: (1) Andes.

Absent: (2) Isselin and Potter.

**Resolution 23-116 passed on 7 yeas.**

### **Executive Director's Report**

- No Report.
- HR/Safety Coordinators Report is in the packet.
- Executive Directors Report is in the packet.

### **Engineers Report**

- Report- Robert Bocchino reported that we will be receiving bids for the Emergency Generator Project- Contract 44 on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Contract 43- there was a pre-construction meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Engineering Report is in the packet.
- Industrial Pre-Treatment Report is in the packet.

- Electrical Engineer's Report is in the packet.
- IPP Report is in the packet.

### Lawyers Report

- No Report

### Old Business

- No Report

### New Business

- Report-Commissioner Corbett asked if we received a response to our letter to the contractor stating that their claims for payment were not warranted and listed our potential claims against them. JoAnn Mondsinì responded that we have not, but we are planning to meet with the Infrastructure Committee before the December Board Meeting to plan the next steps.
- Commissioner Lavery discussed the possibility of moving the Board Meetings from 7PM to 6PM going forward. Majority agreed that 6:30PM would work well. The change would take place at the 2024 Re-Org Meeting in February.

### Public Portion

The public portion was open at 7:16 PM. Nol public was present.  
The public portion ended at 7:16 PM.

### Closed Session 7:16 PM

Commissioner Lavery offered **Resolution 23-117** – Authorizing Closed Session Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law in order to discuss issues involving a real estate matter and pending or anticipated litigation in connection with encroachment allegations made by The New Jersey Firemen's Home and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (7) Andes, Cegelka, Farrell, Howarth, Lavery, Schorno, and Zuppa.

Nays: (1) Corbett.

Abstain: (0) None.

Absent: (2) Isselin and Potter.

**Resolution 23-117 passed on 7 yeas.**

**7:42 PM** Commissioner Corbett motioned to go back to public session and seconded by Commissioner Lavery with a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Lavery, Schorno, and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Isselin and Potter.

**PUBLIC HEARING – UPDATE TO USER CHARGE SYSTEM 7:42 PM**

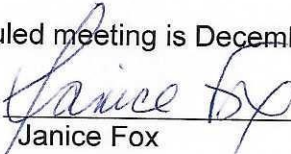
- **No Public Present and no comments.**

JoAnn Mondsinini reported that the User Charge System changes include the following:

1. modifying the Picatinny formula to deduct the Richard Hill Mine Road flow that comes from Rockaway Township. Presently only the EDU's are deducted. RVRSA is looking to purchase and install a flow meter and a manhole at the end of Richard Mine Hill Road so that we have an accurate flow number for that portion of Rockaway Township. Those numbers would be deducted from Picatinny Arsenal meter flow, which is metered further down, and adding it to the Rockaway Township flow formula instead of adding EDU's.
2. modifying the Rockaway Borough formula by deducting 81 EDU's as a result of the new development, The Enclave at Denville, and adding 81 EDU's to Denville's formula.
3. Adding Mine Hille Meter # 5 to the formula and deducting that flow to Randolph.

Commissioner Corbett offered a motion to adjourn and second by Commissioner Cegelka and all in favor.

Meeting ended at 7:46 PM. The next scheduled meeting is December 14, 2023.



Janice Fox

Assistant Board Secretary