

**ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING OF THE
NOVEMBER 11, 2021**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority was held on Thursday, November 11, 2021. The meeting started at 7:00 PM

This meeting was held through ZOOM Meetings, telephonically and in person as to follow the Governors COVID-19 guidelines.

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Section 13 of the Open Public Meetings Act and guidance issued by the Department of Community Affairs, entitled Local Operational Guidance- Covid-19: Guidance for Remote Public Meetings in New Jersey, issued on April 24, 2020, that the regular meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority will convene telephonically and/or Zoom Video on Thursday, November 11, 2021, at 7 P.M. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the offices of the RVRSA will be closed to the public for this meeting due to concerns for public health and safety however; the public is invited to participate in the meeting telephonically or through Zoom Video Meeting. The agenda is available on the website of the RVRSA at <https://rvrsa.org/agenda/>

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- **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 newspapers.**

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: Messrs. Andes of Town of Denville, Cegelka of Borough of Victory Gardens, Corbett of the Borough of Wharton, Farrell of Township of Boonton, Guadagno of Township of Randolph, Howarth of Borough of Rockaway, Isselin of Town of Dover, Recchia of Town of Boonton, Schorno of Township of Rockaway, and Zuppa of City of Jersey City.

There was a quorum.

Also present was Diane Alexander, Andrew Brewer, Phoebe Youhanna, and Heather Pierce Esqs. of Maraziti Falcon.

Authority staff present was JoAnn Mondini, Robert Bocchino, and Janice Fox.

Correspondence

- 3rd Quarter 2021 Capacity Assurance Report
- OSHA National News Release-US DOL Issues Emergency Temporary Standard to Protect Workers from Coronavirus

Consent Agenda

- **Approval of Minutes** of September 09, 2021 Board Meeting
- **Approval of Minutes** of October 14, 2021 Board Meeting
- **Approval of Minutes** of October 20, 2021 Special Board Meeting

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

Yeas: (8) Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Schorno, and Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain (2) Andes, Recchia

Absent: (0) None

Commissioner Andes abstained from the October 20, 2021 Minutes

Commissioner Recchia abstained from the October 14, 2021 Minutes

Consent Agenda passed on 8 yeas.

Executive Committee – Meeting held October 26, 2021.

- Report – Discussed Personnel Manual updates, Status of COVID-19 Policy, and RVRSA seeking new Short-Term disability insurance proposals

Commissioner Howarth offered **Resolution 20-121** – Authorizing Contract Amendment to Trimboli & Prusinowski, Personnel Counsel and second by Commissioner Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (10) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Recchia, Schorno, and Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 21-121 passed on 10 yeas.

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 20-122** – Authorizing 2021 Personnel Manual Updates and second by Commissioner Corbett and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (10) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Recchia, Schorno, and Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 21-122 passed on 10 yeas.

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 21-123** – Commendation of Long Time Employee Margaret Wachowiak for Twenty-Five Years of Service to the RVRSA and second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (10) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Recchia, Schorno, and Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 21-123 passed on 10 yeas.

Planning Committee - No meeting held.

- No Report

Operations Committee – No meeting held.

- Operation and Maintenance and Trunkline Reports are in the packet.

Commissioner Howarth offered **Resolution 21-124** – Commendation of Long Time Employee Robert McManus for Fifteen Years of Service to the RVRSA and Second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (10) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Recchia, Schorno, and Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 21-124 passed on 10 yeas.

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 21-125** – Commendation of Long Time Employee Mario DeDominicis for Twenty Years of Service to the RVRSA and Second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (10) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Recchia, Schorno, and Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 21-125 passed on 10 yeas.

Add-On Agenda

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 21-131** – Ratifying Terms of Settlement with Local 125, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, for the Period January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2023 and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (10) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Recchia, Schorno, and Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 21-131 passed on 10 Yeas

Infrastructure Committee – Meeting held November 11, 2021.

- Report – Discussed Contract 41 update and CM-004 for Contract 41 Phosphorus Removal and Filtration Facilities

Jersey City Committee – Meeting held in Closed Session.

- Report – by Attorney during Closed Session.

Sewer User Committee – Meeting held November 8, 2021.

- Report – Discussed 2021 User Charge System update

Commissioner Farrell offered **Resolution 21-126** - Authorizing Public Notice and Public Hearing for 2021 User Charge System Update and Second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (10) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Recchia, Schorno, and Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 21-126 passed on 10 yeas

Finance Committee – No meeting Held.

- No Report
- CFO's Report is in the packet.

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 21-127**– Authorizing Appropriation Transfer for FY 2021 Budget and Second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (10) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Recchia, Schorno, and Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 21-127 passed on 10 yeas

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 21-128** – Authorizing Adoption of FY 2022 Budget and Second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (10) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Recchia, Schorno, and Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 21-128 passed on 10 yeas

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 21-129** – Resolution to Authorize Payment of Vouchers for \$1,059,888.58 and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Schorno, and Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (2) Andes, Recchia

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 21-129 passed on 8 Yeas.

Executive Director's Report

- HR/Safety Coordinators Report is in the packet.
- Executive Directors Reports for October and November are in the packet.

Engineers Report

Robert Bocchino gave the report on Contract 43. Mott McDonald sent the prequalification language to the State and it was approved. We can now advertise and have a public hearing in the December meeting relating to the prequalifications.

- 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

Commissioner Howarth stated he gets a report every month that McWilliams Forge in Rockaway Boro is over capacity and they are in violation every month. During the permit

renewal process we can change their flows. JoAnn will follow up on this matter.

Public Portion

The public portion was open at 7:23 PM. There was no public present.
The public portion ended at 7:23 PM.

Closed Session

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 21-130** – Authorizing Closed Session Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law regarding Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority Litigation And Second by Commissioner Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Guadagno, Howarth, Isselin, Recchia, Schorno

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Zuppa

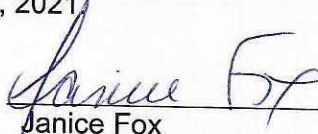
Absent: (0) None

Resolution 21-130 passed on 9 Yeas.

Commissioner Corbett made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved by all present.

Meeting ended at 7:37 PM.

The next scheduled meeting is December 9, 2021.



Janice Fox

Assistant Board Secretary