

**ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
December 14, 2023**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority was held on Thursday, December 14, 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, Farrell of Township of Boonton, Howarth of Borough of Rockaway, Isselin of Town of Dover, Lavery of Town of Boonton, Potter of Township of Randolph, and Schorno of Township of Rockaway.

The following Board Members were absent: Corbett of the Borough of Wharton and Zuppa of City of Jersey City.

There is a quorum.

Also, present were Diane Alexander Esq. Maraziti Falcon LLP.

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

Correspondence: Revised 2022 4th Quarter, 2023 1st Quarter, 2023 2nd Quarter and 2023 3rd Quarter Capacity Assurance Reports.

Public Portion – Agenda Items Only.

- No public present.

Consent Agenda

- **Approval of Minutes** of November 9, 2023, Regular Board Meeting
- **Resolution 23-118** – Authorizing Contract Amendment for 2023 Laboratory Services
- **Resolution 23-119** – Rejecting Bids in Response to Bid Specifications for 2024

Laboratory Services

- **Resolution 23-120** – Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Sodium Hypochlorite 15% Solution
- **Resolution 23-121** – Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Atlantic Tomorrows Office for the Procurement of 2024 Computer IT Services

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

Yeas: (8) Andes, Cegelka, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Potter, and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Corbett and Zuppa.

The Resolutions contained in the Consent Agenda passed on 8 yeas, with the exception of the Resolution approving the meeting minutes, which passed on 7 yeas and one abstention of Commissioner Potter.

Executive Committee – Hector Schorno, Chairman – Meeting held December 8, 2023.

- **Report** - Discussed proposals received for Professional Services for 2024 and contract amendment for Maraziti Falcon.

Commissioner Howarth offered **23-122** – Authorizing the Award of Non-Fair and Open Contracts for Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority for Year 2024 and Second by Commissioner Isselin and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Andes, Cegelka, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Potter and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None.

Abstain: (0) None.

Absent: (2) Corbett and Zuppa.

Resolution 23-122 passed on 8 yeas.

Commissioner Howarth offered **23-123** – Authorizing an Amendment to the 2023 Professional Services Agreement with Joseph J. Maraziti, Jr., Esq. of the Firm Maraziti, Falcon, LLP, for the Performance of General Legal Counsel Services and Second by Commissioner Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Andes, Cegelka, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Potter and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None.

Abstain: (0) None.

Absent: (2) Corbett and Zuppa.

Resolution 23-123 passed on 8 yeas.

Commissioner Howarth offered **23-124** – Authorizing an Amendment to the 2023 Annual Professional Services Agreement with Mott MacDonald and Second by Commissioner Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Andes, Cegelka, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Potter and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None.

Abstain: (0) None.

Absent: (2) Corbett and Zuppa.

Resolution 23-124 passed on 8 yeas.

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

- **No Report**

Operations Committee – Hector Schorno, Chairman – Meeting held December 13, 2024.

- **Report** - Reviewed terms of settlement for new IBT Contract dated January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2027.
- Operation and Maintenance and Trunkline Reports are in the packet.

Commissioner Howarth offered **23-125** – Ratifying Terms of Settlement with Local 125, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, for the Period January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2027 and Second by Commissioner Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Andes, Cegelka, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Potter and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None.

Abstain: (0) None.

Absent: (2) Corbett and Zuppa.

Resolution 23-125 passed on 8 yeas.

Infrastructure Committee – Thomas Andes, Chairman – Meeting held December 11, 2023.

- **Report** – Discussed Emergency Repair to Utility Station Breaker 1A and Transformer A at Sub-station 1.

Commissioner Andes offered **23-126** – Authorizing Emergency Procurement of Services in Connection with Repairs to RVRSA Main Utility Breaker and Transformer and Second by Commissioner Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Andes, Cegelka, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Potter and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None.

Abstain: (0) None.

Absent: (2) Corbett and Zuppa.

Resolution 23-126 passed on 8 yeas.

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

- **No Report**

Sewer User Committee – Donald Farrell, Chairman – Meeting held December 11, 2023

- **Report** – Discussed User Charge System Update, McWilliams Forge Permit Renewal and

TWA-1 for Wharton Developments A (Urban Renewal) LP.

Commissioner Farrell offered **Resolution 23-127** – Authorizing Adoption of Amendments to the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority User Charge System and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Andes, Cegelka, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Laverty, Potter and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None.

Abstain: (0) None.

Absent: (2) Corbett and Zuppa.

Resolution 23-127 passed on 8 yeas.

Commissioner Farrell offered **Resolution 23-128** – Authorizing Execution of an Industrial Sewer Connection Permit Renewal to McWilliams Forge, Block 84/Lot 7.01 – Borough of Rockaway and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Andes, Cegelka, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Laverty, Potter and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None.

Abstain: (0) None.

Absent: (2) Corbett and Zuppa.

Resolution 23-128 passed on 8 yeas.

Commissioner Farrell offered **Resolution 23-129** – Authorizing Endorsement of Application for Treatment Works Approval (TWA-1) for Wharton Developments A (Urban Renewal) LP, Wharton and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Andes, Cegelka, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Laverty, Potter and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None.

Abstain: (0) None.

Absent: (2) Corbett and Zuppa.

Resolution 23-129 passed on 8 yeas.

Finance Committee – Glenn Corbett, Chairman – No meeting held.

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

Commissioner Isselin offered **Resolution 23-130** – Resolution Authorizing Appropriation Transfer for the Fiscal Year 2023 and Second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Andes, Cegelka, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Laverty, Potter and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None.

Abstain: (0) None.

Absent: (2) Corbett and Zuppa.

Resolution 23-130 passed on 8 yeas.

Commissioner Howarth offered **Resolution 23-131** – Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Edmunds & Associates, Inc., for the Procurement of Computer Services Relevant to Finance,

Personnel and Payroll Software and Second by Commissioner Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (8) Andes, Cegelka, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Potter and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None.

Abstain: (0) None.

Absent: (2) Corbett and Zuppa.

Resolution 23-131 passed on 8 yeas.

Commissioner Howarth offered **Resolution 23-132** – Resolution Authorizing Payment of Vouchers in the amount of **\$1,061,734.15** and Second by Commissioner Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (7) Cegelka, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Potter and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None.

Abstain: (1) Andes

Absent: (2) Corbett and Zuppa.

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 Emergency Generator Project Bid is January 23rd.
- 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

- Report – update on Firemen's Home restoration project.

New Business

- No Report

Public Portion

The public portion was open at 7:20 PM. No public was present.

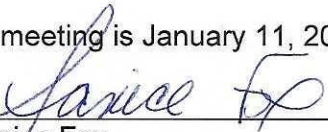
The public portion ended at 7:20 PM.

Closed Session

- None

Commissioner Howarth offered a motion to adjourn and second by Commissioner Farrell and all in favor.

Meeting ended at 7:21 PM. The next scheduled meeting is January 11, 2024.



Janice Fox
Assistant Board Secretary