

**ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING  
December 12, 2024**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority was held on Thursday, December 12, 2024. The meeting started at 6:30 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.**

Records Clerk, Pamela Fernandez-Smith, 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, Corbett of the Borough of Wharton, Farrell of Township of Boonton, Howarth of Borough of Rockaway, Isselin of Town of Dover, and Schorno of Township of Rockaway.

The following Board Members were Absent: Cegelka of the Borough of Victory Gardens, Lavery of Town of Boonton, Commissioner of Township of Randolph, position vacant, and Zuppa of City of Jersey City.

There was a quorum.

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

Authority staff present were: JoAnn Mondsini, Janice Fox, Pamela Fernandez-Smith, and Robert Bocchino.

**Correspondence:**

- 2025 RVRSA Observed Holidays

**Public Portion** – Agenda Items Only

- No public.

**Consent Agenda**

- **Approval of Minutes** of November 14, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

- **Resolution 24-119** – Authorizing Execution of Contract with Univar for Sodium Hypochlorite (15%) Solution
- **Resolution 24-120** – Authorizing Execution of Contract with Edmunds Financial Software

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

Yeas: (6) Andes, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (4) Cegelka, Lavery, Commissioner of Randolph, position vacant, and Zuppa.

**Consent Agenda passed on 6 yeas.**

**Commissioner Corbett abstained from the minutes.**

**Executive Committee – Hector Schorno, Chairman** – Meeting held December 10, 2024.

- **Report** – (1) Discussed 2025 proposals received for 2025 Professional Service contracts, (2) Proposed Settlement Agreement for Contract 41 – Filtration and Phosphorus Removal Facility, (3) Proposed PFAS per and polyfluoroalkyl substances limits by NJ DEP and letter to object, and (4) 2025 IT Services Contract proposal.

Commissioner Schorno offered **24-121** – Authorizing the Award of Non-Fair and Open Contracts for Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority Year 2025 and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (6) Andes, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (4) Cegelka, Lavery, Commissioner of Randolph, position vacant, and Zuppa.

**Resolution 24-121 passed on 6 yeas.**

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 24-122** – Requesting Reconsideration of Proposed Surface Water Quality Standards for PFAS Contaminants and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (5) Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Andes

Absent: (4) Cegelka, Lavery, Commissioner of Randolph, position vacant, and Zuppa.

**Resolution 24-122 passed on 5 yeas.**

Commissioner Schorno offered **Resolution 24-123** – Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Atlantic Tomorrows Office, For the Procurement of 2025 Computer IT Services and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (6) Andes, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (4) Cegelka, Lavery, Commissioner of Randolph, position vacant, and Zuppa.

**Resolution 24-123 passed on 6 yeas.**

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

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

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

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

**Infrastructure Committee – Thomas Andes, Chairman** – No meeting held.

- **No Report**

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

- **Report-** Commissioner Corbett asked if Jersey City accepted the proposal? Diane Alexander, Esq. responded that her office had received an email from J. Vuotto, Esq., Counsel for Jersey City, advising that the proposal was still under consideration and that Jersey City will get back to us.

**Sewer User Committee – Donald Farrell, Chairman** – Meeting held November 25 & December 9, 2024.

- **Report – (1)** Reviewed TWA Revision for East McFarlan Street in Dover, and **(2)** Modification to TWA for 855 Rt 10 & 134 Dover Chester Road for additional 116-gpd.

Commissioner Farrell offered **Resolution 24-124** – Conditionally Authorizing Endorsement of Application for Treatment Works Approval (TWA-1) Town of Dover 80 East McFarlan Street (US Route 46) Block 1315, Lots 3 & 4 (Public Portion) and second by Commissioner Corbett and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (6) Andes, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (4) Cegelka, Lavery, Commissioner of Randolph, position vacant, and Zuppa.

**Resolution 24-124 passed on 6 yeas.**

Commissioner Farrell offered **Resolution 24-125** – Conditionally Authorizing Endorsement of Application for Treatment Works Approval (TWA-1) Township of Randolph 855 Route 10 & 134 Dover-Chester Road Block 44, Lots 12 & 25 and second by Commissioner Corbett and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (6) Andes, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (4) Cegelka, Lavery, Commissioner of Randolph, position vacant, and Zuppa.

**Resolution 24-125 passed on 6 yeas.**

**Finance Committee – Glenn Corbett, Chairman** – No Meeting held.

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

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 24-126** – Authorizing Appropriation Transfer for the Fiscal Year 2024 and second by Commissioner Farrell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (6) Andes, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (4) Cegelka, Lavery, Commissioner of Randolph, position vacant, and Zuppa.

**Resolution 24-126 passed on 6 yeas.**

Commissioner Corbett offered **24-127** – Resolution Authorizing Payment of Vouchers for **\$719,822.53** and second by Commissioner Farrell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (5) Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, and Schorno.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Andes

Absent: (4) Cegelka, Lavery, Commissioner of Randolph, position vacant, and Zuppa.

**Resolution 24-127 passed on 5 yeas.**

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

**Report-** JoAnn Mondsini reported that we did have a minor chemical spill last Friday. Everyone acted as they were trained. The chemical supplier sent a cleanup crew, a HazMat Team, to cleanup. The spill did not leave the spill containment area; it fell in the containment area in the filter building. Everything worked the way it was designed to work, so there were no injuries. There were 14 55-gallon drums outside, which equaled approximately 750 gallons of Alum Sulfite mixed with a small amount of Ammonia Sulfite. It was a mix-up at the fill point where one or more people failed to read the words correctly on the fill box. Those two chemicals, when mixed together, are compatible, and they just form a double salt solution, so there was no risk of fire or explosion. We had an after-incident meeting, and there are a few steps we will take to

make it more clear to the people doing the filling so that they choose the correct fill head for the chemical they are filling. We had Morris County Hazmat, Parsippany Hazmat, Parsippany Fire Department, Parsippany Police Department and the ambulance all here, which is a standard rollout. DEP was also notified.

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- HR/Safety Coordinators Report is in the packet.
- Executive Directors Report is in the packet.

#### **Engineers Report- Robert Bocchino**

- **No Report**
- Engineer Report is in the packet.
- Industrial Pre-Treatment Report is in the packet.
- Electrical Engineer Report is in the packet.

#### **Lawyers Report – Diane Alexander**

- **No Report**

#### **Old Business**

- **Report-** JoAnn Mondsinini stated that the chair lift is installed.

#### **New Business**

- **No Report**

#### **Public Portion- 6:54 PM**

- **No Public**

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

Meeting ended 6:55PM.

The next scheduled meeting is January 9, 2025.

  
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Janice Fox  
Assistant Board Secretary