

**ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
May 9, 2024**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority was held on Thursday, May 9, 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, Cegelka of the Borough of Victory Gardens, Corbett of the Borough of Wharton, Farrell of Township of Boonton, Howarth of Borough of Rockaway, Isselin of Town of Dover, Lavery of Town of Boonton, and Schorno of Township of Rockaway.

The following Board Members were absent: Potter of Township of Randolph 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 Mondisini, Janice Fox, Pamela Fernandez-Smith and Robert Bocchino.

Correspondence:

- 1st Quarter Capacity Assurance Report
- 2024 Board Packet (distributed at meeting)

Public Portion – Agenda Items Only.

- No public present.

Consent Agenda

- **Approval of Minutes** of April 11, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.

- **Resolution 24-046** – Authorizing the Issuance of A Public Notice Prior To Renewal Of An Industrial Sewer Connection Permit And Issuance Of A Variance for Cibao Meat Products.
- **Resolution 24-047** – Authorizing The Issuance of A Public Notice Prior To Renewal Of An Industrial Sewer Connection Permit For Gannet Corporation, dba North Jersey Media Group.
- **Resolution 24-048** – Authorizing The Execution of A Contract With POSM Software, For Procurement Of Computer Services Relevant To RVRSA Interceptor TV Inspection Software.

Resolution 24-049 – Authorizing the Execution Of A Contract for Sludge Hauling Services.

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

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Potter and Zuppa.

The Resolutions contained in the Consent Agenda passed on 8 yeas, with the exception of the approval of the meeting minutes, which passed on 7 yeas, and 1 abstention of Commissioner Andes.

Executive Committee – Hector Schorno, Chairman – No meeting held.

- **Report-** JoAnn Mondisini gave an explanation of the Russia-Belarus Certification Threshold to raise the threshold from \$1,000.00 a year to \$6,600.00 a year.

Commissioner Howarth offered **Resolution 24-050** – Establishing Russia Belarus Certification Threshold and second by Commissioner Farrell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Potter and Zuppa.

Resolution 24-050 passed on 8 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 – No meeting held.

- **No Report**

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

- **No Report**

Sewer User Committee – Donald Farrell, Chairman – Meeting held April 29, 2024.

- **Report - (1)** Discussed the 1st Quarter Capacity Assurance Report, **(2)** Mine Hill approved WQM Amendment and TWA application for Iron Mountain, **(3)** Refresco AO-NOCAPA, **(4)** Cibao Meat Products Variance Request, **(5)** McWilliams Forge Co. AO-NOCAPA, **(6)** Request for a direct connection by homeowner to RVRSA Interceptor and **(7)** Request for a Will Serve letter for project on Thurmont Road in Denville.
- Joann Mondsini reviewed the 1st Quarter Capacity Report for 2024.
- JoAnn Mondsini showed a draft copy of the Will Serve letter to the Board.

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 24-051** – Denying Endorsement of TWA for Iron Mountain Road Project, Mine Hill and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Potter and Zuppa.

Resolution 24-051 passed on 8 yeas.

Finance Committee – Glenn Corbett, Chairman –No Meeting Held.

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

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 24-052** – Resolution for Fixed Assets Deletion and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Potter and Zuppa.

Resolution 24-052 passed on 8 yeas.

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 24-053** – Resolution Authorizing Appropriation Transfer and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None
Abstain: (0) None
Absent: (2) Potter and Zuppa.

Resolution 24-053 passed on 8 yeas.

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 24-054** – Resolution Authorizing Payment of Vouchers for \$841,966.75 and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Andes

Absent: (2) Potter and Zuppa.

Resolution 24-054 passed on 7 yeas.

Executive Director's Report

- **Report** – RVRSA has hired a new HR/Safety Coordinator, her name is Katherine Kopek, and she starts on April 29th.
- HR/Safety Coordinators Report is in the packet.
- Executive Directors Report is in the packet.

Engineers Report- Robert Bocchino

- **Report-** Contract 41, the Clarifier Project, we are preparing for mediation and will have a meeting on May 22nd. The contractors continuing to work on punch list items. Contract 43, the trunkline through Washington Street Crossing and the Canal Side Park work, materials are on site and contractors are preparing to start work on the bypass around the syphon inlet next week. Contract 44, the Generator Project, the contracts came in today and we will get them a notice to proceed.
- 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

- **No Report**

New Business

- **No Report**

Public Portion

The public portion was open at 6:59 PM. No public was present.

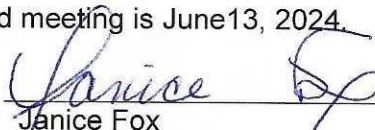
The public portion ended at 6:59PM.

Closed Session

- **None**

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

Meeting ended 7:00 PM. The next scheduled meeting is June 13, 2024.



Janice Fox
Assistant Board Secretary