

**ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING  
August 08, 2024**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority was held on Thursday, August 08, 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, Schorno of Township of Rockaway, and Zuppa of City of Jersey City.

The following Board Member was absent: Commissioner of Township of Randolph.

Board Member: Commissioner Lavery joined by ZOOM at 6:40 PM and Commissioner Andes left the meeting at 6:55 PM.

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:**

- Letter from Murphy McKeon P.C. Counselors-at-Law, RE: 128 Iron Mountain Rd, Mine Hill, NJ.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Capacity Assurance Report.
- Revised 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Capacity Assurance Report to NJDEP.
- Engineer's Five-Year Planning Report, March 2023

## **Public Portion** – Agenda Items Only.

- Public Present: Dennis Toft, Esq. for Brookdale Properties, Tyler Mordas, Vice President of Development for Brookdale Properties, John Wyciskala, Representative for Brookdale Properties, Brian Barros, Engineer, and Will Pasik.
- Tyler Mordas introduced the project to the Board Members with a PowerPoint Presentation explaining the benefits of the project.
- Brian Barros, Engineer, explained the flow data on PowerPoint slides 8-10 for the 374,500 SF warehouse and how the project can comply with a flow of 6,000 gpd.
- John Wyciskala discussed how the project remains the same as what has been approved by Mine Hill and that they have been working with Mine Hill and the Community. This is a transformative project for Mine Hill; it is within the industrial Iron Mountain Park, which was zoned years ago for economic development purposes. The 6,000 gpd that still remains available to Mine Hill works for this project and that is what they are seeking for the project. Randolph approved the resolution relevant to TWA endorsement for this project in May, and endorsed the TWA at the original request of 9,200 Gallons Per Day.
- The representatives asked that RVRSA to endorse the TWA application on this project.

## **Consent Agenda**

- **Approval of Minutes** of July 11, 2024, Regular Board Meeting
- **Resolution 24-069** – Authorizing Execution of an Industrial Sewer Connection Permit Renewal to Dimensional Merchandising, Inc.
- **Resolution 24-070** – Authorizing Execution of an Industrial Sewer Connection Permit Renewal to Picatinny Arsenal Department of the Army United States Installation Management Command
- **Resolution 24-071** – Authorizing the Issuance of a Public Notice Prior to Renewal of an Industrial Sewer Connection Permit and Issuance of Variance for Refresco US, Inc.

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

Yeas: (9) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Schorno, and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Commissioner of Randolph.

Commissioner Zuppa abstained from the Minutes.

**Consent Agenda passed on 9 yeas.**

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

- **No Report**

**Planning Committee – Donald Farrell, Chairman** – Meeting held July 30, 2024.

- **Report** – Discussed 5-year Engineering Report and issuance of Public Notice.
- Operation and Maintenance and Trunkline Reports are in the packet.

Commissioner Farrell offered **Resolution 24-072** – Accepting Engineer’s Report Regarding Five Year Plan and Authorizing Publication of Notice of Public Hearing and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Schorno, and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Commissioner of Randolph.

**Resolution 24-072 passed on 9 yeas.**

**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** – Meeting held August 5, 2024

- **Report** – Discussed Mott MacDonald proposal for Close Out Services for Contract 41 – Filtration Facilities and Phosphorus Removal Facilities Project.

Commissioner Andes offered **Resolution 24-073** – Authorizing 7<sup>th</sup> Amendment of Contract to Mott-MacDonald to Provide Construction Phase Engineering and Resident Project Representative (RPR) Services for the Filtration and Phosphorus Removal Facilities Project – Contract 41 and second by Commissioner Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Schorno, and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Commissioner of Randolph.

**Resolution 24-073 passed on 9 yeas.**

Commissioner Andes offered **Resolution 24-074** – Authorizing Execution of Contract for Design and CSRI Services for Installation of Effluent Flow Meter with One Water Consulting, LLC and second by Commissioner Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Schorno, and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Commissioner of Randolph.

**Resolution 24-074 passed on 9 yeas.**

Commissioner Andes offered **Resolution 24-075** – Authorizing Endorsement of Application for Treatment Works Approval North Main Street (CR-634) & Harry Shupe Parkway Block 903, Lot 2.03 Borough of Wharton and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Schorno, and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Commissioner of Randolph.

**Resolution 24-075 passed on 9 yeas.**

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

- **No Report**

**Sewer User Committee – Donald Farrell, Chairman** – Meeting held July 22, 2024.

- **Report** – Discussed (1) Letter received from Murphy McKeon, P.C., (2) Draft Will Serve letter re Scrub Oaks Road, (3) Flow to RVRSA from Jersey City, (4) TWA Amendment for Wharton Development A, (5) Industrial Permit Renewal and Variance Application for Refresco, (6) Status of Contract 43 – Boonton Siphon Chambers and Washington Street Pipe Replacement Project.

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

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

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 24-076** – Authorizing Transfer of Funds and second by Commissioner Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Farrell, Howarth, Isselin, Lavery, Schorno, and Zuppa.

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (1) Commissioner of Randolph.

**Resolution 24-076 passed on 9 yeas.**

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 24-077** – Resolution Authorizing Payment of Vouchers for \$1,707,413.93 and second by Commissioner Howarth and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Andes

Absent: (1) Commissioner of Randolph.

**Resolution 24-077 passed on 8 yeas.**

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

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

6:55 PM Commissioner Andes left the meeting.

### **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** - Infrastructure Committee meeting held on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Discussed settlement regarding Contract 41 – Phosphorus Removal and Filtration Facilities Project.

### **New Business**

- **No Report**

### **Public Portion- 6:55-7:00 PM**

- John Wyciskala, Representative for Brookdale Properties, gave a closing statement: We appreciate RVRSA's consideration on our project, obviously back in June, this Board denied our request for a TWA, based on the WQMP number of 17,000+ gallons per day. We were actually in at 9,384 gallons per day. A letter went in at 8,200 gallons per day. This Authority recognizes that there are at least 6,000 gallons per day. We would request that the Authority revoke its prior denial resolution, and authorize a resolution on this that will allow for an endorsement of a TWA application, that would permit a connection for this project at 128 Iron Mountain Road, for 6,000 gallons per day. We will provide copies of endorsements from Mine Hill and Randolph.
- JoAnn Mondsini stated that we have a resolution put together to discuss in closed session.

**Closed Session - 7:00-7:15 PM**

Commissioner Corbett offered **Resolution 24-078** - Authorizing Closed Session and second by Commissioner Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Nays: (0) None

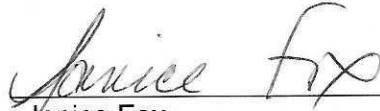
Abstain: (0) None

Absent: (2) Andes, and Commissioner of Randolph.

**Resolution 24-078 passed on 8 yeas.**

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

Meeting ended 7:17 PM. The next scheduled meeting is September 12, 2024.



Janice Fox

Assistant Board Secretary