

**ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 10, 2019**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority was held on Thursday, October 10, 2019.

Chairman Schorno, Vice Chairman Cegelka, Treasurer Corbett, Secretary Guadagno were present. Records Clerk III, Colleen Hunter, 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 Borough of Wharton, Guadagno of Township of Randolph, Isselin of Town of Dover, Lowell of Township of Boonton, Recchia of Town of Boonton, Rossi of Borough of Rockaway, Schorno of Township of Rockaway, and Zuppa of City of Jersey City.

All board members were present.

Also present was Joseph Maraziti, Esq. of Maraziti Falcon.

Authority staff present was JoAnn Mondsini, Sandy Thai, and Colleen Hunter.

**Correspondence List**

No Correspondence.

**Public Portion**

The meeting was open to the public for comment.

There was no public present.

The meeting was closed to the public for comment.

Commissioner Corbett offered the Consent Agenda.

Minutes of September 12, 2019 board meeting.

Closed Minutes of September 12, 2019 board meeting.

Resolution 19-089 – Authorizing Endorsement of Morris Commons TWA

Resolution 19-090 – Authorizing Sourcewell Co-Op Agreement

Second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (10) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Guadagno, Isselin, Lowell, Recchia, Rossi, Schorno, Zuppa  
Nays: (0) None  
Abstain: (0) None  
Absent: (0) None

The Consent Agenda passed on 10 yeas.

### **Executive Committee**

Commissioner Schorno offered Resolution 19-091 – Resolution Rescinding Resolution 19-069 and Authoring Temporary Construction Agreement for the Town of Boonton Pocket Park. Second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows;

Yeas: (10) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Guadagno, Isselin, Lowell, Recchia, Rossi, Schorno, Zuppa  
Nays: (0) None  
Abstain: (0) None  
Absent: (0) None

Resolution 19-091 passed on 10 yeas.

Commissioner Schorno offered Resolution 19-092 – Resolution to Authorize 24-Month Electric Supply Agreement through Energy Aggregation Public Bid. Second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows;

Yeas: (10) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Guadagno, Isselin, Lowell, Recchia, Rossi, Schorno, Zuppa  
Nays: (0) None  
Abstain: (0) None  
Absent: (0) None

Resolution 19-092 passed on 10 yeas

Commissioner Schorno offered Resolution 19-093 – Resolution to Authorize Professional Service Advise Contract to Gabel Associates for Consultation regarding RVRSA Electric Metering. Second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows;

Yeas: (10) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Guadagno, Isselin, Lowell, Recchia, Schorno, Rossi, Zuppa  
Nays: (0) None  
Abstain: (0) None  
Absent: (0) None

Resolution 19-093 passed on 10 yeas

### **Planning Committee**

There was no meeting, no report.

### **Operations Committee**

Commissioner Schorno discussed the first IBT Union Contract Negotiation meeting that was held on September 20, 2019. Commissioner Schorno stated that the meeting went well and it is a more cooperative group than whom they dealt with in the past. Some items need to be resolved but are in the works towards being resolved.

Plant Manager, Assistant Plant Manager/Trunkline Manger Reports are in the Meeting package that was sent to the Commissioners before the Meeting ("Package")

### **Infrastructure Committee**

Commissioner Andes stated there was a meeting held on October 10, 2019 and the following items were discussed; Contract 35 Rebid II and Contract 41. Ms. Mondisini stated that they would discuss the elevator repairs at the next Infrastructure Committee Meeting because she and Mr. Bocchino needed to review additional information that was presented to them from the last vendor, Otis. Ms. Mondisini suggested the removal of the "update on Elevator Repairs" from the Agenda, as it is to be discussed next time. Commissioner Schorno asked if the elevator is still having problems. Ms. Mondisini stated that the elevator keeps slipping and the elevator repair company is at the facility on a regular basis. The elevator is old and is in need of repair.

Commissioner Andes introduced Resolution 19-094 – Authorizing Contract Amendment to Design/CSRI Engineering Contract to Mott MacDonald for Contract 35 Re-Bid II – Washington Avenue Interceptor Project. Second by Commissioner Lowell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Guadagno, Isselin, Lowell, Rossi, Schorno, Zuppa

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Recchia

Absent: (0) None

Resolution 19-094 passed on 9 yeas.

Ms. Mondisini suggested that Resolution 19-095 - Authorizing Contract for Contract Amendment to Design Engineering Contract to Mott MacDonald for Contract 41 – Filtration and Phosphorus Project be pulled from the Agenda based on the discussion of the Infrastructure Committee.

### **Jersey City Committee**

Commissioner Corbett said there was no meeting. Mr. Maraziti stated he would give his report during the closed session tonight.

### **Sewer Use Committee**

There was no meeting or report.

### **Finance Committee**

Commissioner Corbett discussed the meeting held on October 1, 2019, including the topics of the

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2020 Proposed Budget, 2019 Capital Budget Amendment, 2019 Transfers, and Bond Resolution for Contract 41.

The CFO report is in the Package.

Commissioner Corbett offered Resolution 19-096 – Introduction of 2020 Budget. Second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (10) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Guadagno, Isselin, Lowell, Recchia, Rossi, Schorno, Zuppa  
Nays: (0) None  
Abstain: (0) None  
Absent: (0) None

Resolution 19-096 passed on 10 yeas.

Commissioner Corbett offered Resolution 19-097 – 2019 Capital Budget Amendment. Second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Guadagno, Isselin, Lowell, Recchia, Rossi, Schorno, Zuppa  
Nays: (0) None  
Abstain: (1) Andes  
Absent: (0) None

Resolution 19-097 passed on 9 yeas.

Commissioner Corbett offered Resolution 19-098 – Bond Resolution for Contract 41 – Filtration and Phosphorus Removal Project. Second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (10) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Guadagno, Isselin, Lowell, Recchia, Rossi, Schorno, Zuppa  
Nays: (0) None  
Abstain: (0) None  
Absent: (0) None

Resolution 19-098 passed on 10 yeas.

Commissioner Corbett offered Resolution 19-099 – Approval of Vouchers for \$865,353.80. Second by Commissioner Guadagno and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (9) Cegelka, Corbett, Guadagno, Isselin, Lowell, Recchia, Rossi, Schorno, Zuppa  
Nays: (0) None  
Abstain: (1) Andes  
Absent: (0) None

Resolution 19-099 passed on 9 yeas.

Commissioner Lowell requested that the total paid amount of vouchers paid be read into the Minutes when offering the Resolution. Ms. Mondsini stated that the amount would be given verbally on the night of the board meeting because the amount is not available until then. Ms. Mondsini stated that the Executive Director, HR and Safety, and Engineering Reports are all in the Package.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

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

Ms. Mondsini said her report and the HR and Safety Report were in the Package.

### **Engineers Report**

Engineering Report is in the Package.

### **Lawyers Report**

Mr. Maraziti updated the Board on the Fireman's Home. Mr. Maraziti stated his report on Jersey City would be given during closed session.

### **Public Portion**

The public portion was open at 7:13 pm.

There was no public present.

The public portion ended at 7:14 pm.

### **Closed Session**

Commissioner Schorno Offered Resolution 19-100 – Resolution Authorizing Closed Session Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law to discuss litigation concerning Jersey City. Second by Commissioner Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows;

Yeas: (9) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Guadagno, Isselin, Lowell, Recchia, Rossi, Schorno  
Nays: (0) None  
Abstain: (0) None  
Absent: (1) Zuppa

Resolution 19-100 passed on 9 yeas.

Commissioner Zuppa recused himself at 7:15 pm.

The closed session was held at 7:15 pm.

The closed session ended and meeting returned to Open Session at 7:31 pm by a vote of all present.

Commissioner Guadagno stated that a copy of the agenda and resolutions are no longer needed for each commissioner at the board meeting because all the commissioners bring their mailed copy with them. Guadagno requested two extra copies of the Agenda and Resolutions be made and placed on the rear table of the boardroom, in case a Board Member needed one or if any public was present.

Commissioner Guadagno commented on the 2 Mine Hill Properties requesting to connect to sewer system. He expressed his concerns toward fairness of other possible properties outside the sewer service area, in other towns, that may want to connect to the service area, but were not given the opportunity to. RVRSA should reach out to the towns to see if they have properties outside the service area that are in need of connecting. Ms. Mondsini stated that she notified by email and spoke to town administrators requesting their numbers for their future buildout housing. She has received several responses. Ms. Mondsini will revise the email and distribute to the towns requesting if they have any properties requesting to come into the service area. The email will be reviewed by Joseph Maraziti, Esq. of Maraziti, Falcon, to reflect that this is not a promise of service. The email will also contain basic process information regarding wetland waivers information if necessary, as requested by Commissioner Andes. Commissioner Guadagno restated he wanted to make sure the towns were aware of their option to bring in areas outside the current RVRSA service area.

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

The next scheduled meeting is November 14, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

  
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Janice L. Fox  
Assistant Board Secretary