# ROCKAWAY VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY MINUTES OF A BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 09, 2017

A regular meeting of the Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority was held on Thursday November 09, 2017.

Vice-President Cegelka, and Treasurer Lowell were present. Assistant Board Secretary Roman 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 Township of Denville, Cegelka of Borough of Victory Gardens, Corbett of Borough of Wharton, Laverty of Town of Dover, Lowell of Township of Boonton, Recchia of Town of Boonton, Rossi of Borough of Rockaway and Vincitore of Jersey City.

Absent were Secretary Guadagno of Township of Randolph and Chairman Schorno of Rockaway Township.

Also present was Joseph Maraziti of Esq. of Maraziti Falcon, LLP. Mr. Maraziti arrived at 7:20 pm.

Authority staff present was JoAnn Mondsini, Robert Bocchino and Mickie Roman.

#### Correspondence List

NJ Water Member of the Year – Thomas Andes
Oct. 27, 2017 Daily Record Article re: Jersey City Litigation Plant Tour with Judge Minkowitz
Oct. 30, 2017 Letter from Commissioner Laverty – Resignation from the RVRSA board
2017/2017 Information on Elected/Appointed Official Liability Seminar – Atlantic City – NJ

The board congratulated Mr. Andes on his achievement.

Ms. Mondsini told Mr. Laverty that the chairman was sorry he could not attend the meeting tonight but he had prepared a letter for her to read to thank him for his service and his input and ideas.

Mr. Laverty told the board that he was going to be leaving his job with the Town of Dover. He told the board he enjoyed his time on the board.

The board wished him well in his future endeavor.

#### Public Portion

Public portion open at 7:15 pm on the Amendment to Local Limits.

There were no public present.

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Public portion closed at 7:16 pm on the Amendment to Local Limits

Mr. Corbett offered the Consent agenda

Minutes of Meeting of October 12, 2017

Closed Session Minutes of October 12, 2017 regarding Mine Hill..

Closed Session Minutes of October 12, 2017 regarding Jersey City.

Resolution 17-134 Authorizing Execution of an Industrial Sewer Connection Permit Modification to Howmet Castings & Services, Inc., Block 10101, Lots 1&4, Township of Rockaway.

Second by Joseph Lowell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (7) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Laverty, Lowell, Recchia, Rossi

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Vincitore

Absent: (2) Guadagno and Schorno

The consent agenda passed on 7 yeas.

## **Executive Committee**

There was no report or meeting held.

## Planning Committee

There was no meeting or report.

# Operations Committee

No report or meeting held.

Operations Report/Maintenance Report is in the package.

Plant Operators Report is in the package.

## Infrastructure Committee

No meeting or report.

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Mr. Corbett told the board two meetings were held November 1 and November 9, 2017. Mr. Corbett told the board the topics discussed was Contract 38 Change Order Number 8 and Morris Avenue Gravity Main and Monroe Street Lateral. A resolution is on the agenda tonight for Change Order Number 8.

Mr. Corbett Offered Resolution 17-133 To Authorize the Execution of Change Order 8 to Contract Number 38, Monroe Street Pumping Station and Force Main and Morris Avenue Gravity Sewer second by John Cegelka

And approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (7) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Laverty, Lowell, Recchia, Rossi

Nays (0) None

Abstain: (1) Vincitore

Absent: (2) Guadagno and Schorno

Resolution 17-133 passed on 7 yeas.

## Jersey City Committee

A report will be given in closed session.

## User Charge System Committee

No meeting or report

#### Finance Committee

Mr. Corbett said a meeting was held this evening. The topic was the Capital Budget Amendment for Contract 38.

A resolution is on agenda.

The next resolution is for adoption of the budget

Mr. Corbett Offered Resolution 17-129 adopted budget resolution fiscal year from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018 second by John Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (7) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Laverty, Lowell, Recchia, Rossi,

Nays: (0) None

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Abstain: (1) Vincitore

Absent: (2) Guadagno and Schorno

This resolution passed on 7 yeas,

The next resolution is to amend the 2017 budget.

Mr. Corbett offered Resolution 17-130 to Amend the 2017 Annual Budget second by Joseph Lowell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (7) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Laverty, Lowell, Recchia, Rossi,

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Vincitore

Absent: (2) Guadagno and Schorno

This resolution passed on 7 yeas,

The next resolution is for the 2017 Annual Budget Amendment due to the legal cost associated with the Jersey City trial.

Mr. Corbett offered Resolution 17-131 Rockaway Valley Regional Sewerage Authority second by Joseph Lowell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (7) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Laverty, Lowell, Recchia, Rossi

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Vincitore

Absent: (2) Guadagno and Schorno

This resolution passed on 7 yeas,

The next resolution is to pay the bills in the amount of \$639,286.99.

Mr. Corbett offered Resolution 17-135 to Authorize Payment of Vouchers second by Joseph Lowell and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (7) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Laverty, Lowell, Recchia, Rossi

Nays: (0) None

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Abstain: (1) Vincitore

Absent: (2) Guadagno and Schorno

Resolution 17-135 passed on 7 yeas.

#### **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

Mr. Corbett told the board that Refresco has been bought by PAI partners.

## **Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Mondsini said her report is in the package.

Safety report is also in the package.

## **Engineering Report**

The Engineers report is in the package

## Lawyer's Report

Ms. Maraziti arrived at 7:20 pm. and his report will be given in closed session regarding Jersey City.

The next resolution is for a closed session.

Mr. Corbett offered Resolution 17-132 Authorizing Closed Session Pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act to discuss pending litigation in the matter of Jersey City vs. Town of Dover second by John Cegelka and approved on a roll call vote as follows:

Yeas: (7) Andes, Cegelka, Corbett, Laverty, Lowell, Recchia, Rossi

Nays: (0) None

Abstain: (1) Vincitore

Absent: (2) Guadagno and Schorno

This resolution passed on 7 yeas.

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The Closed session portion was held at 7:25 p.m.

Mr. Vincitore was recused at this time.

The Closed session portion was over and re-opened to the public at 8:12 pm. on a voice vote of all members present.

# Public Portion

The meeting was open at 8:13 p.m.

There was no public present.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be December 14, 2017.

Mary Roman

**Assistant Board Secretary**