



The
Somerset Raritan Valley
Sewerage Authority

**MINUTES OF THE 827th MEETING
THE SOMERSET RARITAN VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
July 27, 2015**

Minute 1 – Opening of Meeting

The 827th Meeting of the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by the Chairman, Peter Stires.

Minute 2 – Open Public Meetings Announcement

The Open Public Meeting Announcement was read by the Executive Director, Ronald S. Anastasio.

Minute 3 – Roll Call

Todd Hay	Present	Richard Mathews	Present
Richard DeLuca	Absent	Michael Merdinger	Present
Philip Petrone	Present	Joseph Lifrieri	Present
Edward Machala	Present	Michael Impellizeri	Present
Carolann Garafola	Present	Gail Quabeck	Present
Steven Mlenak	Present	Robert Albano	Absent
		Peter Stires	Present

Professional Staff

Ronald Anastasio, P.E., Executive Director	Present
Sherwin Ulep, P.E., Facility Engineer	Absent
Anthony Tambasco, Plant Superintendent	Present
Michael Ingenito, Supervisor-Wet End	Present
Thomas Laustsen, P.E., CDM Smith, Consulting Engineer	Present
Brent Carney, Esq., Maraziti Falcon, General Counsel	Absent
Peter Wozniak, Chief Financial Officer	Present
Linda Hering, Human Resources Manager	Absent

Others

Donna O'Shea, Administrative Assistant

Minute 4 – Pledge of Allegiance

All in attendance saluted the flag.

Minute 5 – Approval of Minutes

A. 826th Meeting – June 22, 2015 Regular Session

Upon motion of Ms. Quabeck, second of Mr. Hay, the Minutes of the 826th Meeting (Regular Session) were approved by the following roll call vote:

Todd Hay	Yes	Richard Mathews	Yes
Richard DeLuca	Absent	Michael Merdinger	Yes
Philip Petrone	Yes	Joseph Lifrieri	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Michael Impellizeri	Yes
Carolann Garafola	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Steven Mlenak	Yes	Robert Albano	Absent
		Peter Stires	Yes

B. 826th Meeting – June 22, 2015 Closed Session

Upon motion of Ms. Quabeck, second of Mr. Mathews, the Minutes of the 826th Meeting (Regular Session) were approved by the following roll call vote:

Todd Hay	Yes	Richard Mathews	Yes
Richard DeLuca	Absent	Michael Merdinger	Yes
Philip Petrone	Yes	Joseph Lifrieri	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Michael Impellizeri	Yes
Carolann Garafola	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Steven Mlenak	Yes	Robert Albano	Absent
		Peter Stires	Yes

A copy of the Minutes are attached hereto and made part of the Official Minutes.

Minute 6 – Resolutions for Consideration and Possible Formal Action

A. Res. No. 15-0727-1 – Sewer Extension – Grey Oaks, LLC, Garretson Road, Block 408, Lots 2.01 and 2.02; Bridgewater Township

Upon Motion of Mr. Merdinger, Second by Ms. Quabeck, the above resolution was approved by the following roll call vote:

Todd Hay	Yes	Richard Mathews	Abstain
Richard DeLuca	Absent	Michael Merdinger	Yes
Philip Petrone	Yes	Joseph Lifrieri	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Michael Impellizeri	Yes
Carolann Garafola	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Steven Mlenak	Yes	Robert Albano	Absent
		Peter Stires	Yes

A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto and made part of the Official Minutes.

B. Res. No. 15-00727-2 – Sewer Extension – Senior Housing Development, LLC

Commissioner Quabeck pointed out an error in the Resolution, where the word “Restaurant” should be “Extended Care Facility.” Executive Director indicated that this would be corrected in the official copy.

Upon Motion from Mr. Hay, Second of Mr. Impellizeri, the above resolution was approved by the following roll call vote:

Todd Hay	Yes	Richard Mathews	Yes
Richard DeLuca	Absent	Michael Merdinger	Yes
Philip Petrone	Yes	Joseph Lifrieri	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Michael Impellizeri	Yes
Carolann Garafola	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Steven Mlenak	Yes	Robert Albano	Absent
		Peter Stires	Yes

A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto and made part of the Official Minutes.

Minute 7. -- Board Committees:

A. Personnel Committee (PETRONE, Albano, DeLuca, Mathews, Quabeck)

(1) Res. No. 15-00727-4 – Martin Trener’s Payout for Retirement

Commissioner Petrone states that Mr. Trener’s retirement will be July 31st, 2015 and in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Union, everything was calculated (unused sick days, unused vacation days, unused safety time) –total payout was \$9,234.54.

Upon Motion from Mr. Petrone, Second of Mr. Mathews, the above resolution was approved by the following roll call vote:

Todd Hay	Yes	Richard Mathews	Yes
Richard DeLuca	Absent	Michael Merdinger	Yes
Philip Petrone	Yes	Joseph Lifrieri	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Michael Impellizeri	Yes
Carolann Garafola	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Steven Mlenak	Yes	Robert Albano	Absent
		Peter Stires	Yes

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B. Chairperson

No further report

Minute 8 – Public Participation - NONE

Minute 9 – Reports

A. Executive Director's Report

(1) Update on SSO Project

As I mentioned before, we are waiting for a letter from NJDEP that is the trigger to kick off the next phase of the SSO Project. I understand that letter is coming very soon. We've seen a draft of that letter and the final one can arrive at any time.

Commission Quabeck asked if we liked the draft. Mr. Anastasio indicated that it's a good letter; it's well written and includes preliminary limits that the proposed plant can handle. The draft permit mentions that the construction of the plant would take place under the existing ACO and wouldn't need a negotiation of a new ACO. That would speed up the process. It took about eight months to negotiate the first one. It would kick off the next phase of this project, which would be the design phase. When we receive that letter we want to meet with the Planning and Finance Committees and we want to reconcile all the monies that we have authorized to date which are still remaining for this project. Then we want to dust off the proposal from February/March of 2013 and look to begin the second phase of the project. I've also had other meetings with the County talking about land, and we've been kicking around some ideas. When we do get that letter, it will get serious when we discuss land acquisition. As you remember, we completed the appraisals of the two subject properties that we're looking at, and one for the County land was given to the County. This letter will allow a lot of things to go forward. Once we receive it, we're going to get busy discussing with the Committees and updating the Board on where we are with dollars and schedules.

(2) Update on Lease of Carbon Tower Site to Pfizer

Last Monday, we met with representatives from Pfizer and walked through the site discussing some issues and ideas for that site. They are going to have some contractors look at it for the demolition work with the concrete. When I get something back from them, I'll be meeting with the Planning Committee first to talk about what Pfizer is proposing and then speak with the Board.

Chairman Stires asked if they had talked about any dollar figures. Executive Director Anastasio said at this time, they do not know what it will cost. Sherwin Ulep, our Facility Engineer, took a look at the existing plans as to what is there for a foundation now and it's not as bad as I thought it would be. The slabs go below grade between two- to five-feet deep, and most of them are two- to three-feet below ground. I thought they would be a little bit deeper but it's not so bad. It makes it less prohibitive but it is still a big job and we'll see what they come up with.

Commissioner Quabeck asked if Pfizer had given any indication as to timeframe (how long is it going to take to build their plant?). If they are talking about ten years...

Mr. Anastasio expressed to them that the Board is looking at three years with a possible two, 1-year extensions (so, five years at most). The Board does not want it to go as long as ten years. We might need it in ten years. So, they understand that and believe it will work with their schedule. They're still working with EPA who is overseeing their site. They have a schedule that gets them to where they're constructing a plant and operating around 2018 we now hear. We'll have to see what they come up with and we'll go from there.

They (Pfizer) mentioned that there is an adjacent site (the Horner property) which is where they recycle their concrete. Part of that site used to be used for wood recycling as well. That is the site that is the alternative that we've been hearing about located at East Main Street. They like ours better.

(3) Update on FEMA Claims

As you remember from the last meeting, we were prepared to report to the Board that Washington was reviewing the claims and things were moving along. At the last minute, we heard that there were a number of questions regarding some things being in doubt. We had received some questions and we took the approach that we needed the help of Brent Carney's office to help us articulate a response. We worked on that and that response letter is in the beginning of the Report Section of the Board Book, which we sent to FEMA.

About one week ago, we received a response from a consultant that works for FEMA and it indicated that the additional funds have been approved and that they are processing it. So, that was great news and it looks like it's getting moved along and finalized.

I had Norma follow up with them to see if we could get an idea of a schedule. Norma will retire at the end of September, and she asked if SRVSA would see the funds before then. The person wasn't sure, which tells me that it might be ready later in the Fall. You'll also see the e-mail there behind the letter. So, we did get a response stating that we mutually satisfied all of their requirements.

Commissioner Garafola asked a question about how we get FEMA to retroactively consider the current insurance coverage for this flood event. Director Anastasio replied that we were told that all we had to do was obtain flood insurance for the amount of the claim. The total amount was \$1.2 million. So, we had to get insurance quotes and take it to the Finance Committee and the Board. After that, we didn't receive an answer and that led us to where we are today. I think that FEMA just wanted to see that we had flood insurance in place. I'm not sure what criteria they are operating by, but we're doing what we're told. This has now been going on since the Fall of 2011. There was nothing that FEMA was not told right from the outset as far as our status with insurance. After Hurricane Floyd, no one was offering insurance – you couldn't get it. Once we get past this issue, we'll see what our insurance needs are in the future to make sure that we're maintaining the status that we need to have.

(4) Report on Labor Contract Negotiations (Closed Session)

(5) Update on Carbro Litigation (Closed Session)

B. Engineer/Consultants – Thomas Laustsen, P.E. (CDM Smith) Engineer’s Report for June, 2015– No additional comments.

C. Attorney – Brent Carney, Esq., Maraziti Falcon, LLP – No additional comments.

D. Department Reports –

E. Facility Engineer Reports – No additional comments.

(1) Capacity Allocation

(2) Capacity Assurance

(3) Monthly Flow Report

(4) Facility Engineer’s Monthly Report

Minute 10 – Communications – No additional comments.

A. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Residual Transfer Report; Re: Reporting Period: 6/1/15-6/30/15

B. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Surface Water Discharge Monitoring Report; Re: Reporting Period: 6/1/15-6/30/15

C. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Residuals DMR; Re: Reporting Period: 6/1/15-6/30/15

Minute 11 – Res. No. 15-0727-5 - Payroll

Upon motion of Ms. Quabeck, second of Mr. Machala, the above Resolution was approved by the following roll call vote:

Todd Hay	Yes	Richard Mathews	Yes
Richard DeLuca	Absent	Michael Merdinger	Yes
Philip Petrone	Yes	Joseph Lifrieri	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Michael Impellizeri	Yes
Carolann Garafola	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Steven Mlenak	Yes	Robert Albano	Absent
		Peter Stires	Yes

A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto and made part of the official Minutes.

Minute 12 – Res. No. 15-0727-6 – Resolution – BILLS

Upon Motion of Mr. Impellizeri, Second of Ms. Quabeck, the above Resolution was approved by the following roll call vote:

Todd Hay	Yes	Richard Mathews	Yes
Richard DeLuca	Absent	Michael Merdinger	Yes
Philip Petrone	Yes	Joseph Lifrieri	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Michael Impellizeri	Yes
Carolann Garafola	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Steven Mlenak	Yes	Robert Albano	Absent
		Peter Stires	Yes

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Minute 13 – Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session

Upon Motion of Ms. Garafola, Second of Mr. Mlenak, the Regular Session was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. and the meeting was reconvened in Closed Session to discuss pending litigation and contract negotiations by the following roll call vote:

Todd Hay	Yes	Richard Mathews	Yes
Richard DeLuca	Absent	Michael Merdinger	Yes
Philip Petrone	Yes	Joseph Lifrieri	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Michael Impellizeri	Yes
Carolann Garafola	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Steven Mlenak	Yes	Robert Albano	Absent
		Peter Stires	Yes

Minute 14 – Motion to Reconvene to Open Session

Upon Motion of Mr. Garafola, Second of Mr. Mlenak, the Closed Session was Adjourned at 8:02 p.m. and the meeting was Reconvened in Open Session by the following roll call vote:

Todd Hay	Yes	Richard Mathews	Yes
Richard DeLuca	Absent	Michael Merdinger	Yes
Philip Petrone	Yes	Joseph Lifrieri	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Michael Impellizeri	Yes
Carolann Garafola	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Steven Mlenak	Yes	Robert Albano	Absent
		Peter Stires	Yes

Minute 15

Before Adjournment of Board Meeting, Commissioner Quabeck requested that the Board vote on Agreeing to the terms of the Labor Negotiation Contract between SRVSA and the AFL-CIO, Local 423.

Roll Call Vote:

Todd Hay	Yes	Richard Mathews	Yes
Richard DeLuca	Absent	Michael Merdinger	Yes
Philip Petrone	Yes	Joseph Lifrieri	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Michael Impellizeri	Yes
Carolann Garafola	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Steven Mlenak	Yes	Robert Albano	Absent
		Peter Stires	Yes

Minute 16 - Adjournment

Upon a motion of Mr. Lifrieri, Second of Mr. Impellizeri, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. by the following roll call vote:

Todd Hay	Yes	Richard Mathews	Yes
Richard DeLuca	Absent	Michael Merdinger	Yes
Philip Petrone	Yes	Joseph Lifrieri	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Michael Impellizeri	Yes
Carolann Garafola	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Steven Mlenak	Yes	Robert Albano	Absent
		Peter Stires	Yes