MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING THE SOMERSET RARITAN VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY July 25, 2016

Minute 1 – Opening of Meeting

The Board Meeting of the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority was called to order at 7:42 P.M. by the Chairman, Joseph Lifrieri.

Minute 2 - Open Public Meetings Announcement

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

Minute 3 – Roll Call

Present/Absent		Present/Abse	nt
X	Todd Hay	X	Richard Mathews
X	Richard DeLuca	X	Louis Esposito, Jr.
X	Philip Petrone	X	Joseph J. Lifrieri
X	Edward Machala	X	Michael Impellizeri
X	Carolann Garafola	X	Gail Quabeck
X	Steven Mlenak	X	Robert Albano
		X	Peter Stires

Professional Staff

Ronald Anastasio, P.E., Executive Director	Present
Sherwin Ulep, P.E., Facility Engineer	Present
Anthony Tambasco, Plant Superintendent	Present
Michael Ingenito, Chief Plant Operator	Present
Linda Hering, Human Resources Manager	Present
Peter Wozniak, Chief Financial Officer	Present
Donna O'Shea, Administrative Assistant	Present

Others

Thomas Laustsen, P.E. CDM Smith	Present
Joseph Maraziti, Esq., Maraziti Falcon, Gen'l. Counsel	Absent

Minute 4 - Pledge of Allegiance

All in attendance saluted the flag.

Minute 5 – Approval of Minutes

A. Board Meeting – June 27, 2016 Regular Session

Upon Motion of Mr. Mathews, Second of Mr. Albano., the Minutes of the June 27thMeeting (Open Session) were approved by the following roll call vote:

	<u>Yes</u>	No	Abstain	Absent
Todd Hay			-	X
Richard DeLuca				X
Philip Petrone	_x_			
Edward Machala				X
Carolann Garafola	X			
Steven Mlenak	_X_			
Richard Mathews	_ X_			
Louis Esposito, Jr.				x
Joseph Lifrieri	X			
Michael Impellizeri	X			
Gail Quabeck	(-1)(-1)		-	x
Robert Albano	X		·	
Peter Stires	_^v			-
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B. Board Meeting – June 27, 2016 – Closed Session

Upon Motion of Mr. Mathews, Second of Ms. Garafola, the Minutes of the June 27th, 2016 (Closed Session) were approved by the following roll call vote:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	Abstain	Absent
Todd Hay	-			X
Richard DeLuca				X
Philip Petrone	_X_			
Edward Machala	-			X
Carolann Garafola	_X_			
Steven Mlenak	_x_			
Richard Mathews	_X_			
Louis Esposito, Jr.				X
Joseph Lifrieri	_X_			
Michael Impellizeri	X			
Gail Quabeck				X
Robert Albano				
Peter Stires	_x_			

<u>Minute 6 – Public Hearing</u>: None

Minute 7 – Resolutions for Consideration and Possible Formal Action:

A. <u>Res. No. 16-0725-01</u> – Sewer Extension – Krausch Road Pump Station, Krausche Road; Block 71, Lot 78 in Warren Township

A question was asked as to who would maintain the sewer line (the forcemain and the 8-inch main). Executive Director Anastasio answered that it would be the Township of Warren.

Upon Motion of Mr. Mlenak, Second of Mr. Mathews, the above Resolution was approved by the following roll call vote:

	Yes	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	Absent
Todd Hay				x
Richard DeLuca				X
Philip Petrone	X		-	
Edward Machala				X
Carolann Garafola	_X_			
Steven Mlenak	_X_			
Richard Mathews	_X_		<u> </u>	
Louis Esposito, Jr.				x
Joseph Lifrieri	_X_			
Michael Impellizeri	_X_		-	
Gail Quabeck				X
Robert Albano	_X_			
Peter Stires	_x_			-

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

B. Res No 16-0725-2 – Sewer Extension – Proposed 10-Lot Single-Family Dwelling Subdivision, Old Church Road; Block 96, Lot 20 in Warren Township

Upon Motion of Mr. Mlenak, Second of Mr. Mathews, the above Resolution as amended was approved by the following roll call vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Todd Hay				x
Richard DeLuca				x
Philip Petrone	_X_			-
Edward Machala				X
Carolann Garafola	_X_			
Steven Mlenak	_X_			
Richard Mathews	X			
Louis Esposito, Jr.				X
Joseph Lifrieri	_X_			
Michael Impellizeri	X			
Gail Quabeck	= 1=			X
Robert Albano	X			
Peter Stires	_x_			

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

C. Res. No. 16-0725-3 — Resolution Authorizing a Loan of Funds from Magyar Bank SRVSA General Fund Account to Magyar Bank Construction Checking Account in the Amount of \$290,000.00 for the Cash on Hand Necessary to Pay for Equipment Procurement Costs on the Mercury Emission System Project

Upon Motion of Mr. Mlenak, Second of Mr. Mathews, the above Resolution as amended was approved by the following roll call vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Todd Hay	-			X
Richard DeLuca				x
Philip Petrone	_X_			4
Edward Machala				x_
Carolann Garafola	_x_			
Steven Mlenak	X			
Richard Mathews	_X_			
Louis Esposito, Jr.				X
Joseph Lifrieri	X			5
Michael Impellizeri	X			
Gail Quabeck				X
Robert Albano	X			
Peter Stires	X		·	

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<u>Minute 8 – Public Participation:</u> Seeing no one in attendance from the public, the Public Participation portion of the meeting was closed.

<u>Minute 9 – Board Committees</u>

- A. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (PETRONE, Albano, DeLuca, Mathews, Quabeck)
 - (1) Report on the hiring of Regulatory Compliance Officer/Assistant Engineer. All Commissioners in attendance agreed to the hiring Eleanor Hoffman (no Resolution necessary).

Commissioner Petrone reported that the Executive Director spoke to the Personnel Committee members individually to discuss the hiring of Eleanor Hoffman. We received approximately 50 applications and it was reduced to a short list of five people. The person who was recommended was Ms. Eleanor Hoffmann as the outstanding candidate. She has the required licenses and knowledge of sewer lines as well as a well-rounded background including engineering.

The recommendation was to start her at a salary of \$68,000.00 and then after her sixmonth probation and review, her salary would increase to \$72,000.00. Chairman Lifrieri

also added that she is a member if "Chi Epsilon" which is a prestigious Civil Engineering Honor Society.

A motion was made and seconded to have the Executive Director make the offer of employment to Ms. Eleanor Hoffman. By show of hands, all in favor said Aye to hiring Ms. Eleanor Hoffman.

Minute 10 – Reports:

(1) Update on SSO Project:

We've spoken at length about the land associated with this project. There hasn't been any progress from the County. We were waiting to assess a forested parcel to see if we could go that route by purchasing parcels to compensate for the trees. The County is still waiting on signed contracts. Also, we are going to be submitting subdivision applications probably in August to Bridgewater Township for the two sites, which are "courtesy reviews". We're going to move ahead with the subdivision maps for the plant site, where we have to carve off about 2.75 acres of the site of our river frontage as part of the land compensation package.

Looking at an overhead slide, Executive Director Anastasio explains that we had an in-depth technical meeting with the vendor regarding the heart of the SCTF plant which is called a compressible media filter or "fuzzy filter" (which is basically a filter using a media that consist of thousands of small fuzzy balls).

Our flow is rated for a flow of average daily 10 MGD with a peak of 14 MGD. Looking at overhead slide, it showed a wet-weather treatment facility that is rated for 100 MGD. Their main treatment plant is rated for 40 MGD and (where there is a circled area on the slide) their wet weather facility is a large version of what we're going to construct which is ten times the size.

This facility is located in Springfield, Ohio. Executive Director Anastasio explained that he would like for he and his staff to take a ride out to Ohio to see this plant in person. He said that we learned from the vendor that they would be able to run this plant for us to show us how it operates and speak to the Operators and pick their brains.

This plant went on-line in March of 2015 and they have had 41 instances where they have operated it due to storms, so they have a lot of experience with this technology. Mr. Anastasio said that he would like to have the Chief Plant Operator, Plant Superintendent and Facility Engineer go out to Ohio with him to tour the facility. A discussion ensued about flying versus driving. It was agreed that driving would work out best.

Executive Director Anastasio talked further about the project and said that we're getting close to the 90% design level and we're really drilling down on a lot of things operationally. We had an in-depth meeting on the steps of how this thing goes through its processes Looking again at overhead slide, he said that you can see that there are eleven boxes that are the filter cells; we're going to have ten cells and each

cell has seven valves associated with it with different modes of operation and different steps. There is a lot of detail to this process, so we want to see one in person.

There is one other plant of this type that is under construction along with way to Ohio that we may stop and look at as well.

(2) Update on Incinerator Project:

So far, this project is moving along nicely. Hankin has submitted their second round of shop drawings on Friday, July 15th. We hope to get the construction specifications to the State in early Fall so that we get an authorization to advertise for this project and get it out to bid.

We were just told that the EPA is going to be a little longer in getting back to us due to summer vacations.

Executive Director Anastasio mentioned one more item – he said that we are finalizing the Loan Closing for the equipment portion of this project. We're looking at August 17th for that and I'll have documents for the Chairman and Secretary to sign as part of that. Once that's closed, we can apply for reimbursement of payments to Hankin.

Our third resolution is not for a "Transfer of Funds" but instead it is a "Loan" from the General Fund account to the Construction account. When the reimbursement comes back from the State, we will pay back the General Fund.

Commissioner Garafola asked about the interest rate. Executive Director Anastasio answered that during the construction phase, the interest rate is "peanuts" – approximately 15 or 20 basis points (.15% or so). This is the first year of the Construction Loan Program where they loan their own money with repayments after 20 or 25 years. They have cash on hand to lend out for short-term. Then, once the construction is completed, they do a long-term plan to get reimbursed back the construction monies.

Question was raised about who the bank is and Mr. Anastasio answered that he believes it's a group of banks associated through the Infrastructure Trust.

(3) <u>Discussion Regarding Providing Sewer Service for Millstone Borough</u> (Closed Session – Contract Negotiations)

(4) Headworks Barscreen Replacement Project:

Executive Director Anastasio gave an update on this project. He reminded everyone that at the last Board Meeting we discussed a Resolution that had to be approved for a Change Order to pay for the repair of the channels and it's a lot more work than what they originally envisioned. They did one of the two channels and they had about six days of work on just the one. The cost of the materials was approximately \$8,000. They're making good progress on the electrical side of it. The Motor Control Centers (MCC's) are installed and the wiring is getting done. They are planning to mobilize tomorrow, July 26th, for the installation of the first Barsereen.

On another note, Commissioner Albano wanted to point out that Anthony Tambasco, his staff and Anamia Myhre are to be congratulated for the Compliance Inspection from DEP as well as the Annual Water Quality Report where we received good marks on that from DEP.

Commissioner Albano also wanted to know how the plans for the renovated conference room are coming along. Executive Director Anastasio said that when we met with the Planning Committee last time, we spoke about having an architect review the plans and guide us to make sure everything is in accordance with codes, etc. Our Facility Engineer, Sherwin Ulep, met with several architects and we have one that we're looking to get on board. I believe the cost is \$3,000. They will work with our drawings and review them. They will also be sealed. The architect is located in Somerville. Sherwin indicated that the name of the firm is Architecture Plus.

We'll be having another Planning Committee Meeting in early August and wrap up the plans. Executive Director Anastasio let Commissioners know that we're working on our Budgets with the staff for 2017 and the conference room will be included in the budgeting.

- **B.** Engineer/Consultants Thomas Laustsen, P.E. (CDM Smith) Engineer's Report for June, 2016–No additional comments.
- C. Attorney Joseph J. Maraziti, Jr., 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 11 – Communications – No additional comments.

- A. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Residual Transfer Report; Re: Reporting Period: 05/01/16-05/31/16
- B. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Surface Water Discharge Monitoring Report; Re: Reporting Period: 05/01/16-05/31/16
- C. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Residuals DMR; Re: Reporting Period: 05/01/16-05/31/16

Minute 12 - Res. No. 16-0725-6 - Payroll

Upon Motion of Mr. Mlenak, Second of Mr. Albano, the above Resolution was approved by the following roll call vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	<u>Absent</u>
Todd Hay				X
Richard DeLuca				x
Philip Petrone	X			
Edward Machala				X
Carolann Garafola	X		:	
Steven Mlenak	_x_		÷	
Richard Mathews	X		-	*
Louis Esposito, Jr.			÷	X
Joseph Lifrieri		-	-	^_
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Michael Impellizeri	_X_		-	
Gail Quabeck				x
Robert Albano	X			
Peter Stires	X			

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Minute 13 - Res. No. 16-0725-7 - Cancellation of Check(s)

Upon Motion of Mr. Mathews, Second of Mr. Stires, the above Resolution was approved by the following roll call vote:

	Yes	<u>No</u>	Abstain	Absent
Todd Hay				x_
Richard DeLuca			=======================================	X
Philip Petrone	X			
Edward Machala				X
Carolann Garafola	X			
Steven Mlenak	X			
Richard Mathews	X			
Louis Esposito, Jr.				X
Joseph Lifrieri				
Michael Impellizeri			3	5
Gail Quabeck			-	X
Robert Albano	X	-	*	
Peter Stires	_^		*	*
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Minute 14 - Resolution No. 16-0725-8 -- Bills

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

	Yes	No	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
Todd Hay				x	
Richard DeLuca				X	

Philip Petrone	_X_		:	
Edward Machala				X
Carolann Garafola	X			
Steven Mlenak	X			
Richard Mathews	_X_			
Louis Esposito, Jr.				X
Joseph Lifrieri	_X_			
Michael Impellizeri	_X_	-		
Gail Quabeck				x
Robert Albano	_X_			
Peter Stires	_x_	-		

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Minute 15 - Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session

Upon Motion of Mr. Mlenak, Second of Mr. Petrone, the Regular Session was adjourned at 8:08 p.m. by the following roll call vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Todd Hay				x
Richard DeLuca				x
Philip Petrone	_X_			
Edward Machala				x
Carolann Garafola	_X_			
Steven Mlenak	_X_			
Richard Mathews	_X_			
Louis Esposito, Jr.	872 ES			x_
Joseph Lifrieri	_x_			
Michael Impellizeri	X			
Gail Quabeck				X
Robert Albano	_x_			
Peter Stires	_X_			

Minute 16 - Motion to Reconvene to Open Session

Upon Motion of Mr. Albano, Second of Mr. Impellizeri, Meeting was reconvened to Open Session at 8:26 p.m. by the following roll call vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Todd Hay				x
Richard DeLuca			-	X
Philip Petrone	_X_	S		
Edward Machala				X
Carolann Garafola	_X_			
Steven Mlenak	X	2		

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Minute 17 -- ADJOURNMENT

Upon Motion of Mr. Mlenak, Second of Mr. Stires, the Regular Session was adjourned at 8:28 p.m. by the following roll call vote:

<u>Absent</u>
X
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NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING –August 22, 2016