

# The Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority

# MINUTES OF THE 813<sup>th</sup> MEETING THE SOMERSET RARITAN VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY MAY 19, 2014

## Minute 1 - Opening of Meeting

The 813<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority was called to order at 7:32 P.M. by the Chairman, Peter Stires.

# Minute 2 - Open Public Meetings Announcement

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

## Minute 3 - Roll Call

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

#### Professional Staff

Glen D. Petrauski, Executive Director	Present
Ronald Anastasio, P.E., Assist. Exec. Dir./Facility Engineer	Present
Sherwin Ulep, P.E., Facility Engineer	Present
Anthony Tambasco, Plant Superintendent	Present
Michael Ingenito, Supervisor-Wet End	Present
Thomas Laustsen, CDM Smith, Consulting Engineer	Present
Joseph J. Maraziti, Jr., Esq. MFH, General Counsel	Present
Norma A. Smullen, Office/Human Resources Manager	Absent
Peter Wozniak, Chief Financial Officer	Present
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Roberta Lake, Administrative Assistant Linda Hering, Secretary/Receptionist

Prior to the Pledge, Mr. Anastasio introduced Sherwin Ulep who started his first day as the Authority's newly appointed Facility Engineer and Linda Hering who will be taking over for Roberta Lake.

# Minute 4 - Pledge of Allegiance

All in attendance saluted the flag.

# Minute 5 - Approval of Minutes

a. 812<sup>th</sup> Meeting - April 28, 2014 - Regular Session

Upon motion of Mr. Impellizeri, second of Mr. Mathews, the Minutes of the 812<sup>th</sup> Meeting (Regular Session) were approved, as corrected (Page 6, Paragraph 2 word should be "contingency") by the following roll call vote:

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

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

b. 812<sup>th</sup> Meeting - April 28, 2014 - Closed Session

Upon motion of Ms. Quabeck, second of Mr. Impellizeri, the Minutes of the 812<sup>th</sup> Meeting (Closed Session) were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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Minute 6 - Public Hearing (Including Public Notice/Support Information) None

<u>Minute 7 - Public Participation</u> - Seeing no one from the Public, the Public Participation Portion of the meeting was Closed.

#### Minute 8 - Board Committees

- a. Personnel Committee (PETRONE, Albano, DeLuca, Mathews, Quabeck)
  - (1) Report on Appointment of new Executive Director (CLOSED SESSION-CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS)

Mr. Stires stated that the meeting would be adjourned to Closed Session to discuss the Closed Session items.

#### Minute 9 - Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session

Upon motion of Ms. Quabeck, second of Mr. Machala, the meeting was Adjourned from Open Session at 7:35 p.m. and Reconvened in Closed Session. Attorney Maraziti stated the reasons for Closed Session were to discuss Contract Negotiations and Litigation in the Carbro Constructors Corp. vs SRVSA matter. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

#### Minute 10 - Closed Session

#### Minute 11 - Motion to Reconvene in Open Session

Upon motion of Mr. Machala, second of Ms. Quabeck, the Closed Session was Adjourned at 7:50 p.m. and the meeting Reconvened in Open Session by the following roll call vote:

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

At this point, Chairman Stires turned the meeting over to Mr. Joseph Maraziti, Esq. for a presentation to Mr. Glen Petrauski, retiring SRVSA Executive Director.

Attorney Maraziti stated that it was a privilege and honor to present a chart from the Board of Commissioners reflecting Mr. Petrauski's performance and outstanding achievements since his arrival at the Authority over 20 years ago.

Attorney Maraziti stated that when Glen arrived here, (and he came on board as the Authority's General Counsel approximately 4 months later) the Authority was in dire straits in terms of its relationship with the NJDEP and on the verge of signing a very strict Administrative Consent Order with the NJDEP. He remembers that Glen's first major Project/Challenge, in conjunction with Harry Smith (former Commissioner) and the remainder of the Board was going to NJDEP Enforcement and requesting that they issue the Authority a Memorandum of Understanding but not under an injunction of an Administrative Consent Order which would impose strict penalties for any failures.

This set the stage for everything that was going to happen between the SRVSA and the NJDEP; it developed a new credibility for the SRVSA with the NJDEP. And with this, the Comprehensive Strategic Plan (CSP)-Phase I Project was implemented.

Mr. Maraziti stated that another big achievement was the Relocation of the Plant Outfall; not only the physical location but getting the permit for it as well. Mr. Maraziti pointed out that the Relief Interceptor Sewer Project was another major capital project undertaken and accomplished under the direction of Mr. Petrauski. However, Mr. Maraziti felt that Mr. Petrauski's biggest accomplishment was his extensive background studies of the water quality in the Raritan River and his stewardship of the River and maintaining what is put in the River and the determination to prove that Benzene was seeping into the River for no one knows how long.

Mr. Petrauski stated that, as learned in 1988, that without the science and the facts you cannot get into discussions with environmental agencies and you cannot achieve your goals. He stated that it is hard to explain what we do. The chart shows what he tried to accomplish for this Board and for the SRVSA. He thanked everyone for giving him the opportunity to work with such wonderful people; the professionals, current board members and former board members. He went on to state that as a person he has grown tremendously as a result of his position. Mr. Petrauski stated that he always wondered what his purpose in life was, what do I do? Only within the past few weeks he realized that his purpose is critical understanding and strategic planning.

Ms. Quabeck stated that she was on the Board of Commissioners and one of the first chores of the SRVSA at that time was to hire an Executive Director; someone who would be willing to turn the Authority around. The Board felt that Glen could do this and she said "yes" to hiring him. Glen stated that his is proud of what a group working together can accomplish. Mr. Petrone stated that Mr. Petrauski always had a good working relationship with the employees and always truthful with the Authority.

Again, Mr. Petrauski thanked the Board for giving him the opportunity to serve them for the past 20 years.

Mr. Stires reported that the Board would move on to the item on the agenda accepting the resignation of Glen D. Petrauski and appointing Ronald S. Anastasio and the Executive Director.

(a) Res. No. 14-0519-1 - Resolution Accepting Resignation Of Glen D. Petrauski As Executive Director And Appointing Ronald S. Anastasio As Executive Director

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

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

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

(2) Report on retirement of Glen D. Petrauski as Executive Director

Mr. Petrone turned the floor over to Ms. Quabeck who in turn reported that Mr. Petrauski was retiring as of the end of the month and the following resolution was authorizing the payout of his accrued benefit time.

(a) Res. No. 14-0519-2 - Resolution Authorizing Payout Of Benefit Time To Glen D. Petrauski, Executive Director, Upon His Retirement

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

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

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

Prior to moving on to the Finance Committee Report, Ms. Quabeck stated that since Board Members were in agreement with accepting Mr. Petrauski's resignation as Executive Director and the appointment of Mr. Anastasio as his replacement as Executive Director, it was agreed that a Resolution authorizing the execution of the Employment Agreement With Ronald S. Anastasio as Executive Director be adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

Upon motion of Ms. Quabeck, second of Mr. Petrone, Res. No. 14-0519-3 Resolution Authorizing Execution Of An Employment Contract With Ronald S. Anastasio, Executive Director was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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(b) Finance Committee (QUABECK, Impellizeri, Machala, Mathews, Mosquera

Ms. Quabeck reported that the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report For The Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013 has been completed by CFO Wozniak and Suplee Clooney and that copies have been made available to all Commissioners for their review/comment.

Mr. Albano asked that this item be tabled until the June meeting so that he would have sufficient time to complete his review of the document. This item was tabled.

- (1) Report on Comprehensive Annual Financial Report For The Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013 (Front Cover)
  - (a) Res. No. 14-0519- Resolution Accepting Comprehensive Annual Financial Report For The Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013
- (c) Chairperson

# <u>Minute 12 - Resolutions for Consideration and Possible Formal</u> Action

a. Res. No. 14-0519 - 4 - Sewer Extension-Borough of Somerville; 117 Unit Apartment Building; Block 61.01, Lots 10-16

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

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

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#### Minute 13 - Reports

#### a. Executive Director's Report

(1) Report on Main Interceptor Sewer & Manhole No. 9 Protection

Mr. Anastasio reported that the Authority completed construction of the Interceptor Relief Sewer Project in 2008 which consisted of an additional interceptor sewer pipe and manholes parallel to the original interceptor pipe and manholes. He went on to state that during periods of flooding, the Raritan River is causing erosion at the Authority's Manhole No. 9 creating a channel alongside the Interceptor Relief Sewer pipeline requiring erosion protection to prevent damage to its sewerage facilities.

- Mr. Anastasio reported that the project was publicly advertised and two (2) bids were received; Adamsville Maintenance, Inc., Hillsborough, NJ and Montana Construction, Inc., Lodi, NJ. with Adamsville Maintenance, Inc. being the low bidder and that the resolution was to award the contract.
  - (a) Res. No. 14-0519-5 Resolution Awarding A Contract For Furnishing And Installing Main Interceptor Sewer And Manhole No. 9 Protection Project To Adamsville Maintenance, Inc.

Upon motion of Mr. Albano, second of Mr. Lifrieri, the above Resolution was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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(2) Report on a proposal submitted by Hatch Mott MacDonald for Professional Environmental Services For Remedial Investigation of Groundwater Sodium Plume

Executive Director Anastasio reported that the following resolution as for the acceptance of a proposal from Hatch Mott MacDonald for additional environmental services for work related to the removal of the sodium hydroxide underground storage tank located at the SRVSA Treatment Plant.

Mr. Anastasio further reported that this proposal will cover the remedial investigation work related to this project for the next two years. The proposal covers four (4) tasks related to the monitoring phase of the investigation. The four (4) tasks are: surface water sampling and analysis, a survey of the monitoring wells, eight (3) quarters of groundwater sampling and analysis of all nine (9) wells and data reduction and reporting of the analytical results.

> (a) Res. No. 14-0519-6 - Resolution Accepting Proposal From Hatch Mott MacDonald Services Professional Environmental Remedial Investigation of Groundwater Sodium Plume

Upon motion of Mr. Mathews, second of Mr. Merdinger, the above resolution was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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#### (3) Update on WQRF Project

Mr. Anastasio gave a brief update on the WQRF Project explaining that Kleinfelder/Omni is looking to have one more significant storm for recording purposes and then they will be able to finalize their documentation and prepare a summary report of their findings.

- Update on status of litigation with Carbro Constructors Corp. (CLOSED SESSION-LITIGATION)
- Thomas Laustsen, P.E. (CDM Smith) Engineer's Report for b. April 2014 - No questions or comments.
- Attorney Joseph J. Maraziti, Jr., Esq., Maraziti, Falcon C. & Healey, LLP (MFH) - No additional questions or comments.
- d. Department Reports
  - (1) Operations
- (3) Maintenance/Electrical
- (2)
- Laboratory (4) Special Projects

Commissioner Albano had a question on the Operations Report regarding the pumpover from Lagoon #7.

- e. Facility Engineer Reports No Comments
  - (1) Capacity Allocation
  - (2) Capacity Assurance
  - (3) Monthly Flow Report
  - (4) Facility Engineer's Monthly Report
- f. Budget Reports No Comments

#### Minute 14 - Communications - No Comments

- a. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Residual Transfer Report; Re: Reporting Period: March 2014
- b. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Surface Water Discharge Monitoring Report; Re: Reporting Period: March 2014
- c. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Residuals DMR; Re: Reporting Period: March 2014

#### Minute 15 - Payroll (Res. No. 14-0519-7)

Upon motion of Mr. Machala, second of Mr. Albano, the above resolution was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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# Minute 16 - Cancellation of Checks - None

#### Minute 17 = Bills (Res. No. 14-0519-8)

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

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

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# Minute 18 - Adjournment

Upon a motion of Mr. Albano, second of Ms. Quabeck and unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.