



The  
Somerset Raritan Valley  
Sewerage Authority

**MINUTES OF THE 819<sup>th</sup> MEETING  
THE SOMERSET RARITAN VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY  
November 24, 2014**

**Minute 1 - Opening of Meeting**

The 819<sup>th</sup> 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          | Absent  | Richard Mathews     | Absent  |
| Richard DeLuca    | Present | Michael Merdinger   | Present |
| Carlos Mosquera   | Present | Joseph J. Lifrieri  | Absent  |
| Philip Petrone    | Present | Michael Impellizeri | Present |
| Edward Machala    | Present | Gail Quabeck        | Present |
| Carolann Garafola | Absent  | Robert Albano       | Present |
| Steven Mlenak     | Present | Peter Stires        | Present |

Professional Staff

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Ronald Anastasio, P.E., Executive Director         | 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 | 7:35PM  |
| Peter Wozniak, Chief Financial Officer             | Present |
| Linda Hering, Administrative Assistant             | Present |

Others

Brent Carney, Esquire

**Minute 4 - Pledge of Allegiance**

All in attendance saluted the flag.

**Minute 5 - Approval of Minutes**

**a. 818<sup>th</sup> Meeting - October 27, 2014 - Regular Session**

Upon motion of Ms. Quabeck, second of Mr. Machala, the Minutes of the 818<sup>th</sup> Meeting (Regular Session) were approved. Roll call vote:

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

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

**b. 818<sup>th</sup> Meeting - October 27, 2014 - Closed Session**

Upon motion of Mr. Mosquera, second of Mr. Mlenak, the Minutes of the 818<sup>th</sup> Meeting (Closed Session) were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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**Minute 6 - Public Hearing(s) - (Including Public Notice/Support Information)**

Upon motion of Mr. Albano, second of Mr. Machala, the Public Hearing was Opened by the following roll call vote:

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

Seeing no one from the public, upon motion of Mr. Albano, second of Mr. Machala, the Public Hearing was Closed by the following roll call vote:

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

**a. Res. No. 14-1124-1 - Resolution Adopting FY 2015 Budget**

Upon Motion of Mr. Machala, Second of Mr. Mosquera, the above resolution was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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**b. Res. No. 14-1124-2 - Resolution Authorizing the Wire Transfer of Funds from Investors Bank SRVSA Connection Fee Savings Account to Magyar Bank Connection Fee Checking Account In The Amount of \$300,000 for the Cash On Hand Necessary to Pay For Implementation of Various Capital Projects and Litigation Settlement**

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

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

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**c. Res. No. 14-1124-9 - Resolution Awarding Change Order No. 1 for Additional Repairs to Multi-Media Pump #3 to A.C. Schultes**

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

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

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**Minute 7 - Public Participation** - 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) **Res. No. 14-1124-3 - Resolution Authorizing Payment of Benefit Time to Arthur F. Wildgoose, Wet End Operator, Upon his Retirement**

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

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

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

(2) **Res. No. 14-1124-4 - Resolution Endorsing and Approving Permanent Status of Donna O'Shea as Secretary/Receptionist**

Upon Motion of Mr. DeLuca, Second of Mr. Mosquera, the above resolution was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

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

(3) **Res. No. 14-1124-5 - Resolution Granting Permanent Status to Sherwin Ulep, P.E., as the Authority's Full Time Facility Engineer**

Based on his performance over the past 180 days, and the recommendation of our Executive Director, it is recommended that Mr. Ulep be approved for permanent status. 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     | Absent |
| Richard DeLuca    | Yes    | Michael Merdinger   | Yes    |
| Carlos Mosquera   | Yes    | Joseph Lifrieri     | Absent |
| Philip Petrone    | Yes    | Michael Impellizeri | Yes    |
| Edward Machala    | Yes    | Gail Quabeck        | Yes    |
| Carolann Garafola | Absent | Robert Albano       | Yes    |
| Steven Mlenak     | Yes    | Peter Stires        | Yes    |

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**b. CHAIRPERSON**

- (1) Chairman Stires reminded the Board that the next Board meeting was scheduled to be on December 15<sup>th</sup>. However, we are proposing to move it one more week to December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Ms. Linda Hering will be contacting everyone for their availability.
- (2) Chairman Stires also reminded the Board that the Holiday Luncheon is December 19<sup>th</sup> and to also let Ms. Hering know if you will be attending.

## Minute 9 - Reports

### a. Executive Director's Report

#### 1. Update on SCTF (Storm Control Treatment Facility)

Executive Director Anastasio indicated that based on the presentation made to the Board last month, we are preparing the final reports now. CDM Smith and Kleinfelder are working very diligently to complete their respective reports and the archeology report is currently being written and will be incorporated into the final report. As indicated previously, we have reduced the size of the proposed lot that we are taking. Now that is finalized, we will be moving forward with the appraisal process. The documents are due by December 31<sup>st</sup> and we are working with a date of December 15<sup>th</sup> for the Engineering team.

#### 2. Update on Demolition of ACCO Carbon Towers

Executive Director Anastasio announced that tomorrow, November 25<sup>th</sup>, the bid will be publicly advertised in the newspaper and on our website, for the demolition of this facility. Our plan date to open bids is December 17<sup>th</sup> and that is the reason for the date change of the December Board meeting. If the bids all come in ok, everything checks out, and there is an awardable lowest bid, we can get it on the agenda for the meeting on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Machala asked if there is a time frame in the specifications, within which to complete the job. Executive Director Anastasio stated that it is 150 days, without any delays. With all things being favorable, that is a good time frame for them to complete the job.

#### 3. Update on Incinerator #2 Upgrade

Executive Director Anastasio stated that he and Plant Superintendent Tony Tambasco went to Virginia in early November, to visit a treatment plant in Prince William County. We made a contact with someone from that facility while we were at the WEFTEC Conference. Karl Moninger, our Thermal Engineer, and Lou Barry, our Incinerator Engineer, also attended. We were provided a tour of their

facility. They have a mercury removal system that is an alternative to the carbon system that we have been talking about. We are going to be looking to hold a Planning Committee meeting in early December to get into the details of it and talk with the Committee. We will have a more detailed report for the Board in December. It is very interesting. Carbon has some downsides to it and we're learning of bugs in that system. This is another alternative which is less expensive.

4. Update on Interceptor TV Project

Facility Engineer Sherwin Ulep stated that the contractor has already completed the field work and has done some restoration on the Dukes Farm area. We are waiting on the final deliverables which include the hard copies of the reports as well as the software, which is GIS based software. Hopefully by next month we will be done with the project.

Executive Director Anastasio indicated that we didn't find any major sources of I&I throughout the entire system that was TV'd. A couple seeping joints were found, but nothing major. All 9 miles of our pipes were TV'd. A condition of the ACO that the State put upon us, was to determine how our own system was running. We did the inspection required by the State and found nothing. That project went very well. Facility Engineer Ulep and Wet End Supervisor Mike Trent did an excellent job working with the contractor, working nights and weekends to get it done on time.

5. Update on the Hypochlorite Tank Replacement Project

Facility Engineer Ulep stated that we are still waiting for the tanks, which are scheduled to arrive in mid-December. The contractor has started doing small work inside the building. The demolition is all done and they already applied the chemical resistant coating inside the chemical pump containment areas. Right now, we are just waiting on the tanks and the processing piping.

Executive Director Anastasio stated that the contractor is working out very well. They are very organized. They got all the demolition done quickly and got the building sealed off temporarily, in a good way. Things are on track with this project.

6. Update on Polymer Tank Replacement Project

Facility Engineer Ulep stated that we are 95% done with the design of the Polymer tank replacement project. We hope to get it out to bid next week and if so, we can open the bids on December 17<sup>th</sup>, and hopefully we can award the bid at the December 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

Executive Director indicated that back in the summer and through the year, we were required under our DPCC plan, which is a spill containment and countermeasures plan required by the State, to test our tanks periodically. The hypochlorite tanks were due for inspection, along with some other tanks and this Polymer tank. In addition to the Hypo tank, the Polymer tank was also failing. The inspector allowed us to use the tank with a reduced capacity for six months and informed us that we should plan to go out for replacement. Facility Engineer Ulep is doing the design, drawings and specifications and it should hit the street soon.

7. Update on status of litigation with Carbro Constructors. **(CLOSED SESSION - LITIGATION)**

- b. Engineer/Consultants** - Thomas Laustsen, P.E. (CDM Smith) Engineer's Report for October 2014 - No additional comments.
- c. Attorney** - Joseph J. Maraziti, Jr., Esq., Maraziti, Falcon LLP (MFH) - No additional comments.
- d. Department Reports** - See comments below regarding Operations Report.
  - (1) Operations
  - (2) Laboratory
  - (3) Maintenance/Electrical
  - (4) Special Projects
- e. Facility Engineer Reports** - No additional comments.
  - (1) Capacity Allocation
  - (2) Capacity Assurance
  - (3) Monthly Flow Report
  - (4) Facility Engineer's Monthly Report

Mr. Albano inquired about the Operations Report, specifically it stated we had five minor fire code violations and asked what they were and if they were fixed. Plant Superintendent Anthony Tambasco stated two were exit lights, but they were all very minor and all have been mitigated.



Mr. Albano also inquired as to the Operations Report, specifically there were some dates that were "November" but it should have been October, since November 26<sup>th</sup> hadn't occurred yet. Mr. Tambasco indicated yes, they were merely typos.

**Minute 10 - Communications** - No additional comments.

- a. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Residual Transfer Report; Re: Reporting Period: 10/1/14-10/31/14
- b. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Surface Water Discharge Monitoring Report; Re: Reporting Period: 10/1/14-10/31/14
- c. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Residuals DMR; Re: Reporting Period: 10/1/14-10/31/14
- d. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Surface Water Discharge Waste Characterization Report; Re: Reporting Period 9/9/14-2/28/15.

**Minute 11 - Payroll (Res. No. 14-1124-7)**

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

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

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**Minute 12 - Cancelled Checks - None**

**Minute 13 - Bills (Res. No. 14-1124-8)**

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

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

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**Minute 14 - Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session**

1. Update on status of litigation with Carbro Constructors Corp. **(CLOSED SESSION-LITIGATION)**

Upon motion of Ms. Machala, second of Mr. Mlenak, the Regular Session was Adjourned at 7:50 p.m. and the meeting was Reconvened in Closed Session to discuss the Carbro Constructors Corp. Litigation, by the following roll call vote:

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

**Minute 15 - CLOSED SESSION**

**Minute 16 - Motion to Reconvene to Open Session**

Upon motion of Mr. Mlenak, second of Mr. Mosquera, the Closed Session was Adjourned at 8:12 p.m. and the meeting was Reconvened in Open Session by the following roll call vote:

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

- (1) **Res. No. 14-1124-6 - Resolution Authorizing Execution of Partial Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release By and Between Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority and Carbro Constructors Corp. and Filing of Partial Stipulation of Dismissal in Carbro Constructors Corp. v. Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority and Camp Dresser & McKee, Docket No. SOM-L-169-10.**

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

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

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**Minute 17 - Adjournment**

Upon a motion of Mr. Albano, second of Mr. Machala, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m. by the following roll call vote:

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