

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
THE SOMERSET RARITAN VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
DECEMBER 20, 2021**

Minute 1 - Opening of Meeting

The Board Meeting of the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Michael Impellizeri.

Minute 2 - Open Public Meetings Announcement

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

Minute 3 - Roll Call

Robert Albano	Present (Teams)	Spencer Pierini	<i>Absent</i>
Louis Esposito, Jr	Present	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Present	Gail Quabeck	Present (Teams)
Edward Machala	Present	Randy Smith	<i>Absent</i>
Richard Mathews	Present	Peter Stires	Present(Teams)
Michael Pappas	<i>Absent</i>	Michael Impellizeri	Present
Philip Petrone	Present		

Authority Staff

Ronald Anastasio, P.E., Executive Director	Present
Sherwin Ulep, P.E., Facility Engineer	Present (Teams)
Anthony Tambasco, Plant Superintendent	<i>Absent</i>
Michael Ingenito, Chief Plant Operator	<i>Absent</i>
Dennis Smith, Supervisor Liquid Division	Present
Ellie Hoffman, P.E., Regulatory Compliance Engineer	<i>Absent</i>
Linda Hering, Human Resources Manager	<i>Absent</i>
Peter Wozniak, Chief Financial Officer	<i>Absent</i>

Professional Staff

Thomas Schoettle, P.E., CDM Smith	Present
Joseph J. Maraziti, Jr., Esq., Maraziti Falcon, LLP	Present (Teams)

Minute 4 – Pledge of Allegiance

All in attendance saluted the flag.

Minute 5 – Approval of Minutes

1. Board Meeting Open Session Minutes – November 22, 2021

Upon Motion by Mr. Albano, Second of Mr. Mathews, the Minutes of the November 22, 2021 Meeting (Open Session), were approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	Spencer Pierini	Absent
Louis Esposito, Jr	<i>Abstain</i>	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Randy Smith	Absent
Richard Mathews	Yes	Peter Stires	Yes
Michael Pappas	Absent	Michael Impellizeri	Yes
Philip Petrone	Yes		

2. Board Meeting Closed Session Minutes – November 22, 2021

Upon Motion by Ms. Quabeck, Second of Mr. Mathews, the Minutes of the November 22, 2021 Meeting (Closed Session), were approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	Spencer Pierini	Absent
Louis Esposito, Jr	<i>Abstain</i>	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Randy Smith	Absent
Richard Mathews	Yes	Peter Stires	Yes
Michael Pappas	Absent	Michael Impellizeri	Yes
Philip Petrone	Yes		

Minute 6 – Public Hearings - None

Minute 7 – Public Participation -No Public Present

Minute 8 – Consent Agenda: Resolutions for Consideration and Possible Formal Action

- 1) **Res. No. 21-1220-1** – Resolution Authorizing the Reissuance of a Non-Domestic Wastewater Discharge Permit to RathGibson North Branch, LLC

- 2) **Res. No. 21-1220-2** – Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Commodity Resale Agreement Between the County of Somerset and the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority
- 3) **Res. No. 21-1220-3** – Resolution Authorizing Change Order No 8 – Additional Work for the Maintenance Shop Electrical System Replacement – Contract C-19-2 – Plantwide Electrical Rehabilitation Project
- 4) **Res. No. 21-1220-4** – Resolution Endorsing and Approving Permanent Status to Joseph Loughlin as Incineration Division Assistant Operator

Mr. Albano had a question on Res. No. 21-1220-2: Since we have this commodity Agreement with the County, why don't we use their fuel depot, which is on East Main Street, probably a quarter-mile away. We would get out of the hassle of maintaining our own fuel depot. Mr. Anastasio stated that he doesn't think it is accessible 24-hours/day. Mr. Petrone stated that it was accessible 24-hours/day with a card access. Mr. Albano stated that Bridgewater Township uses it for the Rescue Squad, and they have a bar code scanner that identifies the vehicle. You put in your code and who you are. We use the both of them; The one on Chimney Rock Road we use more because it is closer to the Rescue Squad building, but we can also use the one on East Main Street. We got out of the whole business of worrying about fuel. Mr. Anastasio indicated that they could do that. We have the incinerator above-ground fuel tank so we will never be out of the business of worrying about that but that is something that we could perhaps look at, when we are looking at a replacement of the gasoline and diesel tanks. Right now, the equipment is still certified and in good shape. It is so convenient to have it on-site for our guys and quite frankly, we are used to it. However, you are right. It is right around the corner, and it is something we could look at in the future. When the times comes that we need to make a decision about a new fuel tank, we can certainly consider that. But yes, this agreement would allow us to do that.

INTRODUCED BY: EDWARD MACHALA
 SECONDED BY: ROBERT ALBANO

Roll Call:

Robert Albano	Yes	Spencer Pierini	Absent
Louis Esposito, Jr	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Randy Smith	Absent
Richard Mathews	Yes	Peter Stires	Yes
Michael Pappas	Absent	Michael Impellizeri	Yes
Philip Petrone	Yes		

Minute 9 – Board Committees:

A. Finance Committee (QUABECK, Machala, Albano, Mathews, Impellizeri)

1) Report on the Electromagnetic/Visual Condition Assessment of the Storm Control Pump Station Pre-Stressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe (PCCP) Forcemain

Ms. Quabeck stated that this was discussed at the last meeting, following the meeting of the Planning Committee and Finance Committee. The material was provided to all the members for review. There were some questions and comments by one of the members, but they were addressed by Mr. Anastasio and as of Thursday, when the agenda was being prepared, there were no further questions or comments and no objections to recommending the project. The purpose of the Finance Committee reviewing these things is two-fold. One, to consider that the project is necessary or desirable for the Authority and two, are the funds available to finance the project.

The first question is that it is desirable for the Authority because the Planning Committee has recommended it. And number 2, our Finance Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available out of the 2022 Capital Budget. There being no objections from the Finance Committee, we give our recommendation for approval.

Mr. Albano commented that he was the one who raised the questions, and they were adequately answered by Mr. Anastasio. Some were technical, some were financial, and some were legal and all of them were answered appropriately. Mr. Albano thanked Mr. Anastasio and stated that there was one minor typo, but Mr. Anastasio stated it was a good catch.

a. Res. No. 21-1220-5 – Resolution Accepting a Proposal from CDM Smith for the Condition Assessment of the Storm Control Pumping Station Forcemain 36-inch Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe

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

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	Spencer Pierini	Absent
Louis Esposito, Jr	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Randy Smith	Absent
Richard Mathews	Yes	Peter Stires	Yes
Michael Pappas	Absent	Michael Impellizeri	Yes
Philip Petrone	Yes		

Minute 10 – Chairman – Mr. Impellizeri wished everyone a peaceful holiday and a great New Year. Some of us have lost family members but we have to get through things. He wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Minute 11 – Reports:

A. Executive Director’s Report

1. Update on Storm Control Treatment Facility Construction Project

The project is substantially complete. We have received a Certificate of Substantial Completion from CDM Smith, our Consulting Engineer, who has performed the construction inspection. We have also submitted a Certificate of Completion to NJDEP which is specifically Form WQM005. This is an important milestone because it was noted in the ACO (Administrative Consent Order) that we had to complete the project and submit that Certificate by December 24, 2021. We made it with a couple weeks to spare. The facility is operational now. We have the keys to it. There are some minor touchup things that the contractor is taking care of, which will get them to final completion. Most of those items are paperwork items, O&M Manuals and plan updates and things like that. If we had a storm of adequate size today, we are prepared to go operate the facility. So, we are up and running, which is a major milestone for us.

We did hear this morning, that the contractor was planning on filing a Delay Claim this afternoon, which I know we have been discussing over the past few months. We were told it would come this afternoon and it has not come yet. We will monitor the situation and will interact with them during the gap between now and the next Board meeting on February 7th and will report to the Board at that time and will discuss what needs to be discussed.

Mr. Pratt asked, are they asking for more time to complete the project? What does that mean? Mr. Anastasio stated that they are beyond the time to complete the project. What they are claiming is that, and Mr. Maraziti jump in here if I am out of line here, but generally speaking, they are claiming that they are delayed due to no fault of their own, due to actions of the owner or actions beyond their control such as PSE&G. We have to get their claim. We have been anticipating it and have done an analysis on all the possible scenarios so now we need to see their cards. Once we do, we will unpack that. Mr. Pratt asked, did they get an estimate of increased costs? Mr. Anastasio said they haven’t and that is the sixty-four-thousand-dollar question. We are waiting to see. They have been alluding to it but have not put a dollar figure on it, specifically in total and we are curious to see what they have. Other than that, we are very happy with the project and are excited to move on to the operational phase.

I should also mention that the temporary SSO bypass facility that we had constructed as part of this Administrative Consent Order was removed as part of this project once the plant was complete. Mr. Ulep stated that it was removed a week and a half ago.

2. Update on the Plantwide Electrical Rehabilitation Project

This project is also complete. They are basically doing cleanup around the site. We are very happy with the result. Tonight, in the Consent Agenda, the Board approved Change Order #8 which will take care of the electrical system for the Maintenance Shop, which is a good price. Other than that, they are mostly demobilizing and cleaning up as they go, and the Plant is looking better as a result of it. It has been torn up for almost two years for this work and we're very happy with the result. Everything went well in large part to Sherwin and Tony Tambasco.

3. Update on Inquiry of a Connection to the SRVSA Facilities of the Proposed Fox Hollow Affordable Housing Residential Development in Readington Township, Hunterdon County (Closed Session – Attorney/Client Privileged)

Mr. Anastasio indicated that we will discuss this in Closed Session and has nothing further to add unless there are questions, and there were none.

B. Engineer/Consultants – CDM Smith

Mr. Schoettle stated that he has one brief amendment to make to his report and that is that the representatives of CDM Smith conducted the Facility Inspection back in November. I failed to include that update in my report. The Inspection Report will probably be delivered in draft form to the Authority in the next couple of weeks.

C. Attorney – Brad Carney, Esquire for Maraziti Falcon, LLP

Mr. Maraziti indicated he had nothing until we go into Closed Session. Until then, there is nothing else to say unless there are any questions.

D. Department Reports:

1. Operations
2. Laboratory
3. Maintenance/Electrical
4. Special Projects

E. Facility Engineer Reports:

1. Capacity Allocation
2. Capacity Assurance
3. Monthly Flow Report
4. Facility Engineer's Monthly Report

12. Communications

- A. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Residual Transfer Report; Reporting Period 11/1/21-11/30/21 (NOVEMBER 2021 NOT INCLUDED – TO BE SUBMITTED BY 12/25/21)
- B. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Surface Water Discharge Monitoring Report; Reporting Period 11/1/21-11/30/21 (NOVEMBER 2021 NOT INCLUDED – TO BE SUBMITTED BY 12/25/21)
- C. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Residuals Discharge Monitoring Report; Reporting Period 10/1/21-10/31/21 (NOVEMBER 2021 NOT INCLUDED – TO BE SUBMITTED BY 12/25/21)

13. Payroll – Res. No. 21-1220-6

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

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	Spencer Pierini	Absent
Louis Esposito, Jr	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Randy Smith	Absent
Richard Mathews	Yes	Peter Stires	Yes
Michael Pappas	Absent	Michael Impellizeri	Yes
Philip Petrone	Yes		

14. Cancellation of Checks – Res. No. 21-1220-7

Upon Motion by Mr. Lifrieri, Second of Mr. Petrone, said Resolution was approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	Spencer Pierini	Absent
Louis Esposito, Jr	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Randy Smith	Absent
Richard Mathews	Yes	Peter Stires	Yes
Michael Pappas	Absent	Michael Impellizeri	Yes
Philip Petrone	Yes		

15. Bills – Res. No. 21-1220-8

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

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	Spencer Pierini	<i>Absent</i>
Louis Esposito, Jr	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Randy Smith	<i>Absent</i>
Richard Mathews	Yes	Peter Stires	Yes
Michael Pappas	<i>Absent</i>	Michael Impellizeri	Yes
Philip Petrone	Yes		

16. Adjournment to Closed Session

Res. No. 21-1220-9 – Resolution Authorizing Closed Session for the Purposes of Attorney/Client Privileged Discussion Regarding the Inquiry of a Connection to the SRVSA Facilities of the Proposed Fox Hollow Affordable Housing Residential Development in Readington Township, Hunterdon County

Upon Motion of Mr. Machala, Second of Mr. Impellizeri, the meeting went into Closed Session at 7:17 p.m., with the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	Philip Petrone	Yes
Louis Esposito, Jr	Yes	Spencer Pierini	<i>Absent</i>
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Randy Smith	<i>Absent</i>
Richard Mathews	Yes	Peter Stires	Abstain
Michael Pappas	<i>Absent</i>	Michael Impellizeri	Yes
Reinhard Pratt	Abstain		

Opened Session reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

17. Adjournment

Upon Motion of Mr. Albano, Second of Mr. Mathews, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	Philip Petrone	Yes
Louis Esposito, Jr	Yes	Spencer Pierini	<i>Absent</i>
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Randy Smith	<i>Absent</i>
Richard Mathews	Yes	Peter Stires	Yes
Michael Pappas	<i>Absent</i>	Michael Impellizeri	Yes
Reinhard Pratt	Yes		

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
FEBRUARY 7, 2022**