

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
THE SOMERSET RARITAN VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

Minute 1 - Opening of Meeting

The Board Meeting of the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority was called to order at 7:02 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	<i>Absent</i>	Philip Petrone	Present
Louis Esposito, Jr	<i>Absent</i>	Reinhard Pratt	Present
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

Authority Staff

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

Professional Staff

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

Minute 4 – Pledge of Allegiance

All in attendance saluted the flag.

Minute 5 –Approval of Minutes

1. Board Meeting Open Session Minutes – January 24, 2022, rescheduled to February 7, 2022

With the Motion of Mr. Machala, Second of Mr. Mathews, the Minutes of the January 24, 2022 Meeting (Open Session), were approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Absent	Philip Petrone	Yes
Louis Esposito, Jr	Absent	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

2. Board Meeting Closed Session Minutes – January 24, 2022, rescheduled to February 7, 2022

With the Motion of Ms. Quabeck, Second of Mr. Lifrieri, the Minutes of the January 24, 2022 (Closed Session), were approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

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

3. Reorganization Meeting Minutes – February 7, 2022

With the Motion of Mr. Mathews, Second of Mr. Lifrieri, the Minutes of the February 7, 2022 Reorganization Meeting Minutes, were approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Absent	Philip Petrone	Yes
Louis Esposito, Jr	Absent	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

Minute 6 – Public Hearing – NONE

Minute 7 – Public Participation: No public present.

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

Mr. Impellizeri asked if there were any questions or comments with any of the Resolutions. Hearing none.

1. **Res. No. 22-0228-1** - Resolution Authorizing Permanent Status of Robert Ferraro as Incineration Division Working Leader
2. **Res. No. 22-0228-2** - Resolution Authorizing Permanent Status of Mark Hardgrove as Laboratory Technician
3. **Res. No. 22-0228-3** – Resolution Authorizing Permanent Status of John Devito as Operator in the Incineration Division
4. **Res. No. 22-0228-4** – Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director, Chief Financial Officer, Staff Engineer, Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Two Commissioners to Attend the AEA Spring Conference in Atlantic City, March 22nd & 23rd, 2022
5. **Res. No. 22-0228-5** – Resolution Authorizing Additional Funds to CDM Smith for Additional Consulting Engineering Services for the Storm Control Treatment Facility Project

With no further questions or comments, and upon Motion of Mr. Lifrieri, Second of Mr. Mathews, the above Resolutions were approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Absent	Philip Petrone	Yes
Louis Esposito, Jr	Absent	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

Minute 9 – Board Committees: NONE

Minute 10 – Chairman – Nothing to add.

Minute 11 - Reports

A. Executive Director's Report

1. Update on Storm Control Treatment Facility Construction Project

We will talk about the Construction Delay Claim that was filed in Closed Session. As we discussed previously, we have operated the facility. We are still in the process of finalizing the contract close-out documents and such. There are a few small things, i.e., a couple of lighting fixtures we are waiting to receive and will be installed soon. There is also some ornamental sheet metal work that will be redone by the company that provided the clarifier cover. Other than that, we continue to wrap up these few things and are working towards a final completion. We will talk about the Construction Claim in Closed Session, which will fit into the contract close-out change order, when we get there. We are ready to operate at any time.

I have received a request from the Somerville Borough Environmental Commission for a tour of that facility. We will be giving them a tour of that facility on March 8th at 7:00 pm. I was asked for a tour, but I actually think it might be part of their Council Meeting so we're not sure what to expect but we'll show up ready to tour. Mr. Pratt asked if he could join the tour as it has been on his list to do. Anyone else is welcome to join in.

2. Update on the Electromagnetic/Visual Condition Assessment of the Storm Control Pumping Station 36-inch PCCP (Prestressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe) Forcemain

This work is starting tomorrow, March 1, 2022. Our maintenance crew, our managerial crew, and our operations people, all worked together to get the forcemain in a position where it can be inspected. It might not seem all that obvious what that is, but there is a lot of uncovering of manholes that have been buried for years. The forcemain is not something we routinely look at. It is a closed pipe that is capped and under pressure all the time and we don't do much with it. So now to dewater it, it is not in its natural state. Fortunately, the weather cooperated, and we haven't needed to run it since we have been preparing it. We had a couple of hiccups getting it ready, but everybody is good and the pipe is mostly dewatered and ready for the inspection to start early tomorrow morning. That will happen throughout the week, and they will get all the field work done with the internal inspection and then there will be weeks of analysis back at their home office and working with CDM Smith. We will get a report at some point. Sherwin Ulep indicated it will be a couple of weeks. We look forward to receiving favorable results. We will update that next month.

3. Update on Hurricane Ida Recovery Effort

Obviously, the plant has recovered. The Storm Control Pump Station has been restored and we did it in an efficient way. This time we were able to salvage a lot of equipment, replacing circuit breakers and such, and also electronic drives which control the pumps. The third pump, its drive, is held up with supply chain issues but we got the idea to rent one. We had it installed and have full capabilities back at the Storm Control Pump Station which we are happy about. Except for the remote control, where for now we have to go there to turn it on. Its not the end of

the world and we're happy to at least have it. We came a long way in a short amount of time, getting that station back up.

We have also been working with FEMA and also CNA Insurance and Axis Insurance, who provides the flood insurance policy for the Storm Control Pumping Station. We met with the various representatives and have weekly meetings with FEMA. Sherwin is leading the effort for the paperwork and filling out the forms for FEMA. Tony Tambasco, Christian Santiago, Sherwin Ulep, Peter Wozniak, Gerry Zielonka (our Maintenance Supervisor) and I and we discuss with FEMA what they need next and gather data. Linda Hering, Mike Ingenito and Dennis Smith have also pitched in to get the information together. We are moving ahead on all of those things. We did get a partial payout from CNA about a month ago, in the amount of \$200,000. That is against the payout of the final claim. It is probably not going to be much bigger than that, but we thought that was very good and a good early sign that we got money for recovery out of the insurance company.

Mr. Anastasio indicated he nothing else to add unless anyone had any questions.

Mr. Lifrieri would like to mention that the Authority sends its prayers and support to the freedom fighters in Ukraine, protecting their county from aggressors.

B. Engineer/Consultants – Mr. Schoettle stated he would be happy to answer any questions with regard to his report. None were stated.

C. Attorney – Maraziti Falcon, LLP – Mr. Maraziti indicated there are no other pressing legal issues this month, but always happy to answer any questions. He will be in the discussion in the Closed Session.

D. Department Reports:

1. Operations
2. Regulatory Compliance
3. Laboratory
4. Maintenance/Electrical

E. Facility Engineer Reports:

1. Facility Engineers Monthly Report
2. Capacity Allocation
3. Capacity Assurance
4. Monthly Flow Report

Minute 12 – Communications – Standard monthly communication submittals to the State were submitted on time but not in time to make it into the Board book.

Minute 13 - Res. No. 22-0228-6 - Payroll

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

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Absent	Philip Petrone	Yes
Louis Esposito, Jr	Absent	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

Minute 14 - Res. No. 22-0228-7 – Cancellation of Checks

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

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Absent	Philip Petrone	Yes
Louis Esposito, Jr	Absent	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

Minute 15 - Res. No. 22-0228-8 - Bills

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

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Absent	Philip Petrone	Yes
Louis Esposito, Jr	Absent	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

Minute 16 – Res. No. 22-0228-9 - Adjourn to Closed Session - Resolution Authorizing Closed Session for the Purposes of Discussions Regarding the PKF Mark III Construction Delay Claim.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Absent	Philip Petrone	Yes
Louis Esposito, Jr	Absent	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

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 7:17 pm.

Open Session reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

Minute 16 - Adjournment

Upon Motion of Mr. Quabeck, Second of Mr. Lifrieri, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Absent	Philip Petrone	Yes
Louis Esposito, Jr	Absent	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

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
MARCH 28, 2022**