

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
THE SOMERSET RARITAN VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
JANUARY 23, 2023
(Rescheduled to February 6, 2023)**

Minute 1 - Opening of Meeting

The Board Meeting of the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority was called to order at 7:06 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

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| Robert Albano | Present | Philip Petrone | Absent |
| Louis Esposito, Jr | Present | Reinhard Pratt | Present |
| Joseph Lifrieri | Present | | |
| Edward Machala | Present | Randy Smith | Present |
| Richard Mathews | Present | Peter Stires | Present |
| Michael Pappas | Present (Teams) | Michael Impellizeri | Present |

Authority Staff

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| Ronald Anastasio, P.E., Executive Director | Present |
| Anthony Tambasco, Plant Superintendent | Present (Teams) |
| Michael Ingenito, Chief Plant Operator | Present (Teams) |
| Dennis Smith, Supervisor Liquid Division | Present |
| Sherwin Ulep, P.E., Manager of Engineering | Present (Teams) |
| Ellie Hoffman, P.E., Regulatory Compliance Engineer | Present (Teams) |
| Linda Hering, Human Resources Manager | Present |
| Peter Wozniak, Chief Financial Officer | Present (Teams) |
| Christian Santiago, Staff Engineer | Present (Teams) |
| Joseph Loughlin, A/P Clerk | Present |

Professional Staff

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| Thomas Schoettle, P.E., CDM Smith | Present |
| Joseph Maraziti, Esq., Maraziti Falcon, LLP | Present |

Minute 4 – Pledge of Allegiance

All in attendance saluted the flag.

Minute 9 – Consent Agenda: Resolutions for Consideration and Possible Formal Action

- 1) **Res. No. 23-0123-1** – Resolution Authorizing the Reissuance of a Non-Domestic Wastewater Discharge Permit to ADESA New Jersey
- 2) **Res. No. 23-0123-2** – Resolution Authorizing the Reissuance of a Non-Domestic Wastewater Discharge Permit to EMD Performance Materials Corp.
- 3) **Res. No. 23-0123-3** – Resolution Authorizing the Modification of Non-Domestic Wastewater Discharge Permit 7G Issued to Janssen Pharmaceuticals
- 4) **Res. No. 23-0123-4** – Resolution Authorizing the Reissuance of a Non-Domestic Wastewater Discharge Permit to Avantor Performance Materials, Inc.
- 5) **Res. No. 23-0123-5** – Sewer Extension Resolution - Township of Warren; Four (4) Existing Single-Family Dwellings; Old Stirling Road; Block 86.01 Lots 11, 12, 13.01 and 13.02
- 6) **Res. No. 23-0123-6** – Sewer Extension Resolution - Proposed Three (3) Single-Family Dwelling Subdivision; Subdivision at Farm Road; Hillsborough Township; Block 152 Lots 3.01, 3.02, 3.03 (Formerly Lot 3)
- 7) **Res. No. 23-0123-7** – Resolution Accepting Ash Disposal Services Agreement Between the Pollution Control Financing Authority (PCFA) of Warren County and the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority Regarding Disposal of the Authority’s Incinerator Ash
- 8) **Res. No. 23-0123-8** – Resolution Appointing Brown & Brown Metro, Inc. As Risk Management Consultant
- 9) **Res. No. 23-0123-9** – Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director, Chief Financial Officer, Staff Engineer, Chairman, Vice-Chairman and One Commissioner to Attend the AEA Utility Management Conference in Atlantic City – March 14th & 15th 2023.
- 10) **Res. No. 23-0123-10** – Sewer Extension Resolution - Pump Station and Force Main - Hamilton Road; Hillsborough Township; Block 183 Lot 38.01 and Block 183.01 Lot 1
- 11) **Res. No. 23-0123-11** – Sewer Extension Resolution - Residential Development Gravity Sewer; Hamilton Road; Hillsborough Township; Block 183 Lot 38.01 and Block 183.01 Lot 1

Mr. Impellizeri asked if there were any questions or comments. Mr. Pratt asked, regarding Resolution 23-0123-7, it is proposed that we accept ash from Warren County. Mr. Anastasio indicated that we send it to them. Mr. Pratt continued, a couple pages later it reads that someone else wants to send ash to us. Maybe I misread these items. It sounded like somebody wanted to

- a) **Res. No. 23-0123-12** -Resolution Authorizing the Proposal from CDM Smith for Task Numbers 1 to 6 for Engineering Design Services for the Plantwide Mechanical Rehabilitation Project.

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| Robert Albano | Yes | Philip Petrone | Absent |
| Louis Esposito | Yes | Reinhard Pratt | Yes |
| Joseph Lifrieri | Yes | Frank Scarantino | Yes |
| Edward Machala | Yes | Randy Smith | Yes |
| Richard Mathews | Yes | Peter Stires | Yes |
| Michael Pappas | Yes | Michael Impellizeri | Yes |

2) Storm Control Pumping Station Relocation Project – Engineering Proposal

Mr. Anastasio explained that this project is smaller yet still a significant project. We received proposals from five (5) engineering firms, the lowest one being from Morehouse Engineering, who we just finished up a huge electrical rehabilitation project with and that went very well. The Finance Committee, as well as the Planning Committee also recommended to not award the construction inspection to the design firm. Here we have a suitable candidate in Hazen Engineering, that would provide the inspection services. Resolution #23-0123-13 is for the award of the Engineering Services, Design and Engineering Services during construction, and Resolution #23-0123-14 is just the Resident Project Representative, or the construction field inspection portion, to Hazen.

- a) **Res. No. 23-0123-13** – Resolution Accepting the Proposal from Morehouse Engineering, Inc. for Task Numbers 1 Through 4 Engineering Design Services for the Storm Control Pumping Station Relocation Project
- b) **Res. No. 23-0123-14** – Resolution Accepting the Proposal from Hazen for Task Number 5 Engineering Services for the Storm Control Pumping Station Relocation Project

With no further questions or comments, the above two Resolutions, upon a Motion of Mr. Machala, and seconded by Mr. Stires, were approved by the following roll call vote:

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| Robert Albano | Yes | Philip Petrone | Absent |
| Louis Esposito | Yes | Reinhard Pratt | Yes |
| Joseph Lifrieri | Yes | Frank Scarantino | Yes |
| Edward Machala | Yes | Randy Smith | Yes |
| Richard Mathews | Yes | Peter Stires | Yes |
| Michael Pappas | Yes | Michael Impellizeri | Yes |

Minute 11 – Chairman –

Chairman Impellizeri asked for a moment of silence to remember Gail Quabeck. She was a fine commissioner and an amazing human being. I've been on the Board for about 9 years and every time there was an issue, she got into it with such detail and she was aware of everything. I know we will all miss her.

Following the moment of silence, Mr. Maraziti added that as he looks around the table, I'm the one that has known Gail the longest. In fact, she was very instrumental with Randy Smith's father in hiring me to sit in this seat. I knew Gail long before I was hired to represent the Authority because Gail was leader in the wastewater industry. When Congress adopted the 1972 Water Pollution Control Amendments and created the construction grants program which set forth a Federal investment in wastewater facilities, she together with a number of other people created what was then called The Authorities Association of New Jersey, which is now the Association of Environmental Authorities. She was one of the founding charter members of that organization. She was a leader in that effort of educating authorities about how to go about following all the rules and regulations to obtain the construction grants to build the facilities that now serve all of the citizens of New Jersey. I was a member of the AA of New Jersey from the earliest time and that's when I got to know Gail. She was a giant in this industry. She was one of the originators but more importantly, in many ways, she was a woman leading in this industry, one of the first and one of the most accomplished. She did her homework and knew everything there was to know, she had all of the answers and she garnered respect from all of the members of this Board for as long as I've been representing this Board, since 1994. I am enormously saddened that she is gone. She used to tease me about being late for the meetings and we had this going, so when I got here early I would say "Gail I want you to deposit that into my lateness bank the 10 minutes I was early". I will personally miss her very much.

There were other various comments from other members that she stood up to anybody that had something to say. And didn't take any "crap" from anybody.

Minute 12 - Reports

A. Executive Director's Report

1. Storm Control Treatment Facility – UV Disinfection System Condition Update

I mentioned at the last meeting in December that we were wrestling with some issues with the Disinfection System, that we weren't getting the performance out of it that we had expected and was designed for. We've learned a lot about that and the reasons why that is. It is not structural reasons, it is just because of the unique nature of the plant. Normally where these UV systems are installed, they are installed at the end of treatment plants that run all the time and the water is relative clean and is on all the time. The nature of our plant, is that it is a start and stop plant, and mostly off. Whatever is on the bulbs can dry and form a film that the next time we need to run the plant, it is a little tough to get off for the wiping systems. There is actually an automated wiping system that will clean the bulbs. There are just some nuances. We had a field technician come out and we spent a whole day with him and learned a lot about the system and a lot about

the nuances of how it works and how to maintain it. We feel we can come up with some methods that will cause us to be able to leave the bulbs in a clean state, ready for the next time it needs to be into service. We did not have an appreciation for this and honestly, we weren't trained on it, even though we received some factory training at the startup of the plant. What we learned from the field technician far exceeded what we learned from the field training when we got the plant turned over to us. That is usually the way it is. You can't appreciate the nuances until you understand what problems are going to happen and you need to get into it to learn how to deal with things. We had a good experience and we feel we will be successful in the coming months. Our plan is to run it several times where we are not discharging to the river but doing all of the tests as if we were. We want to get several successful runs in where we know it is an absolute that it will disinfect properly, and it will reach a point where we are confident to discharge to the river during a storm.

2. Update on the Proposed Grit Collector Replacement

Mr. Anastasio stated that back at the December meeting, I briefed the Board on the fact that our Grit Collector System, which was installed around 1985, is well beyond its service life. We had planned to do a replacement of it in the Plantwide Mechanical Upgrade Rehabilitation Project but we know we can't wait that long. The unit stopped running, and there are two of them. They have been patched so many times over the years, that it is a testament to the Maintenance Department here. They are in need of replacement. We were entertaining that maybe this could be done under the PVSC Co-Op somehow, and we looked at the vendors that could possibly provide that, or even possibly in an emergency type situation. We are not going to pursue either of those. Sherwin Ulep and Tony Tambasco prepared plans and specifications. Tony and I are reviewing it now. We plan to go out to bid for the furnishing and delivery of these two units. If we spend the money earlier, we don't have to spend it in the big project. We need to get the units back up and running. It will probably take about 6-9 months to deliver and in the meantime, we can contain and trap the grit manually and protect the plant, and we are confident that we can do that. We plan to open bids in early March and at the March Board meeting, we will be looking to make an award. The value of both units is just under \$600,000. So that is the magnitude of what we are talking about and I'm not surprised. They are fairly large pieces of equipment even though they don't have a big footprint.

3. Discussion of Professional Staff Qualifications/Proposals for 2023

Mr. Anastasio commented that this is optional. If anyone would like to discuss the professional staff proposals that we received, then we can do that in Closed Session but it up to the Board. If everyone feels they don't have anything to discuss, we don't have to go into Closed Session. No one expressed any concerns.

- B. Engineer/Consultants – Mr. Schoettle stated that he had nothing further to add.
- C. Attorney – Maraziti Falcon, LLP – Mr. Maraziti indicated he had nothing further to add, unless anyone had any other questions of him.
- 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 13 – Communications – Standard monthly communication submittals to the State are in the Board book.

Minute 14 - Res. No. 23-0123-15– Payroll

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Minute 15 – Res. No. 23-0123-16 – Cancellation of Checks

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Minute 16 - Res. No. 23-0123-17 – Bills

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Minute 16 - Adjournment

Upon Motion of Mr. Smith, Second of Mr. Mathews, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
FEBRUARY 27, 2023**