

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING  
THE SOMERSET RARITAN VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY  
MAY 23, 2022**

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

\*\*Mr. Pappas joined the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

**Authority Staff**

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

**Professional Staff**

Robert Albright, P.E., CDM Smith	Present
Joseph J. Maraziti, Jr., Esq., Maraziti Falcon, LLP	Present (Teams)
Robert Beinfield, Esq., Hawkins, Delafield & Wood	Present (Teams)
Michelle Loucopolos, Esq., Hawkins, Delafield & Wood	Present (Teams)

**Minute 4 – Pledge of Allegiance**

All in attendance saluted the flag.

**Minute 5 – Approval of Minutes:**

- 1. Board Meeting Open Session Minutes – April 25, 2022

With the Motion of Mr. Stires, Second of Mr. Machala, the Minutes of the April 25, 2022 Meeting (Open Session), were approved by the following roll call vote:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Robert Albano	Absent	Philip Petrone	Abstain
Louis Esposito, Jr	Abstain	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. Mr. Mathews requested that Resolution No. 22-0523-3 be pulled from the Consent Agenda vote. Mr. Impellizeri indicated we will vote on that resolution separately.

1. **Res. No. 22-0523-1** – Resolution Authorizing the Modification of a Non-Domestic Wastewater Discharge Permit to Avantor Performance Materials, Inc.
2. **Res. No. 22-0523-2** – Resolution Authorizing the Reissuance of a Non-Domestic Wastewater Discharge Permit to Aspen Hill Holdings, LLC
3. **Res. No. 22-0523-4** – Resolution Affirming the Awarding of an Emergency Contract for the Repairs to the R2 Incinerator to Iron Hills Construction, Inc.
4. **Res. No. 22-0523-5** – Resolution Authorizing Chavond-Barry Engineering to Conduct Proposed R2 Sludge Incinerator Emission Compliance Testing as Proposed by Gammie Air Monitoring, LLC
5. **Res. No. 22-0523-6** – Resolution Authorizing the Chairman, The Vice-Chairman and One (1) Commissioner, the Executive Director, the Plant Superintendent, the Chief Plant Operator and the Manager of Engineering to Attend the Water Environment Federation

(WEFTEC) 95th Annual Water Environment Federation Technical Exhibition and Conference in New Orleans, La

6. **Res. No. 22-0523-7** – Resolution Consenting to the Proposed Revision to the Upper Raritan Water Quality Management Plans Mount Horeb Road (Block 78 Lot 25), Warren Township
7. **Res. No. 22-0523-8** – Resolution Consenting to the Proposed Revision to the Upper Raritan Water Quality Management Plans 31 Geiger Lane (Block 71 Lot 85), Warren Township

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

**Roll Call Vote:**

Robert Albano	Absent	Philip Petrone	Yes
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

8. **Res. No. 22-0523-3** – Sewer Extension Resolution - Mount Pleasant Avenue Sanitary Sewer Extension; Block 249 Lots 18, 38 And 39; Bridgewater Township

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

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

**Minute 9 – Board Committees**

**A. Planning Committee:** (MACHALA) Lifrieri, Smith, Stires, Impellizeri

1. Report on 2020 Recommendation on the Selected Restoration Option of the 1958 Main Interceptor Pipe

Mr. Machala stated that the Planning Committee met last Monday once again discussing some ongoing issues and at that point, we've come up with recommendations for two proposed items that we are going to be forwarding to the Finance Committee. Ron has attached the paperwork regarding these two issues into our books for today so everyone can review them. I am going to let Ron elaborate a little further on where we are at with these two particular projects.

Mr. Anastasio stated we will discuss the 1958 Main Interceptor Pipeline Rehabilitation project first. As you know, we have been discussing in detail and studying this for about a year now. CDM Smith performed a condition assessment based on our 2014 internal video. We were able to get to a point where the Planning Committee felt comfortable making a selection of the rehabilitation method and what they came up with was a project that is a hybrid. It is a combination of excavating and replacing 60% of the length of the pipeline and the remaining 40% would be lined in place with a cured in place pipeline liner system. As the Board knows, about a year, they authorized CDM Smith to proceed with this condition assessment and you'll see the final report of that assessment is behind the memo. There is an 11-page summary from Mr. Schoettle, who is not here tonight, and then there is the report in great detail. It is all there for the Board to read as they see fit. After a lot of careful consideration, that is what the Planning Committee came up with.

The Planning Committee is formally referring it and recommending it to the Finance Committee. Now the Finance Committee, Gail and also our CFO Peter Wozniak, will all be putting our heads together on discussing and financing this project.

## 2. Report on the Recommendation on the Plantwide Mechanical Rehabilitation Project.

The second project for consideration is what we are calling the Proposed Plantwide Mechanical Rehabilitation Project. We are wrapping up the Plantwide Electrical Rehabilitation Project, so it is a similar name and a similar idea, just replacing a lot of replacements of existing systems and rehabilitation of existing systems and buildings. The project is laid out in great detail behind my memo, in an in-depth memo put together by our Manager of Engineering Sherwin Ulep who did a great job with this, along with his Staff Engineer Christian Santiago, who helped him out with this. Sherwin does put together a preliminary cost estimate for this work and also for the engineering work. There is a lot of detail and components to this project, and it is a very comprehensive project. The Planning Committee is also referring this and recommending it to the Finance Committee.

We have our work cut out for us in the next couple of months. To Gail and the Finance Committee, I will be reaching out to you to see about getting a Committee Meeting started in early to mid-June. Gail indicated that the Planning Committee has had these matters for months now. I, as well as the rest of the Finance Committee, just received this. We have to study it a little bit, but we also got input from our CFO Peter. What we are talking about here is we are projecting expenditures of about \$53,000,000. That is not peanuts. We need some projections from Peter as to how we're going to pay for this. Ron stated that he and Peter have been working on this internally and we are going to come to the Finance Committee with a package that we think we can finance this. Also, something to keep in

mind is the Planning Committee has been working on the first incarnation of that report from CDM since about September or October of 2021. We certainly wouldn't expect the Finance Committee to get this done in one meeting. We have a lot of work to do, and we have some good ideas. We'll get into them shortly at a Committee Meeting.

I have nothing further to add. Mr. Impellizeri asked if there are any questions for Mr. Machala. If not, we will move on.

**Minute 10 – Chairman** – Mr. Impellizeri has nothing to report.

### **Minute 11 - Reports**

#### A. Executive Director's Report

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##### 1. Update on Storm Control Treatment Facility Construction Project

Still more of the same. We are dotting some I's and crossing some T's regarding a couple of small hardware things on the project. The "as-built" drawings are being finalized and we are putting the finishing touches on any last-minute submittals. Sherwin are we still working on the Operations and Maintenance Manuals? Mr. Ulep stated yes. Kleinfelder is working on it. I should be getting an update by this week, and I will provide an update on that later.

As the Board knows, in the past we have discussed this in Closed Session, that PKF has submitted a claim to us. Our staff had a meeting with them. Sherwin and CDM Smith had their first face-to-face meeting with them to discuss this on Friday. I did not put it in Closed Session tonight. They are still hardened in their position. They agreed to meet again in two weeks. They are submitting some more information and we are waiting to get that and review it. We will have more for you next month. I didn't feel that there was anything to talk about in Closed Session.

##### 2. Update on the Electromagnetic Inspection of the Storm Control Pump Station Pre Stressed Concrete Cylinder Pipe (PCCP) Forcemain

If the Board will remember, the Board authorized this back in late fall of last year. We conducted the work around March 1<sup>st</sup>. The field work went very well and now we are in the process of getting the report for the results of this work. We had budgeted, in the authorization, there was a structural analysis component that we weren't sure that we would need. There are some sections of pipe that they want to take a closer look at and do a structural analysis on. We are waiting to get more detail on that. It sounds like, for the most part, it is ok but there are some areas of concern, I believe, and we are waiting on getting more detail on that. Sherwin do you have anything to add on that? Sherwin replied that we are supposed to get the draft report for this inspection this week. It will express more

information regarding the condition of the forcemain. Ron added that we will have more for the Board next month and we will let you know where we are at with that.

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

Not much to report here other than we have received a package from them. We had sent out a letter just before Christmas, asking a lot of questions. We got a package early last week with what are the answers to the questions we asked. We didn't get into it yet. I am sending it out to our profession team now as we've been busy with other things and getting ready for the Board meeting and also working on what we are going to discuss in closed session. For the moment, it was just sitting on my desk but we will have something more to report to you at the June meeting. I just wanted to report that they answered us. We also sent out an escrow agreement for the process of reviewing this and they posted funds for that so that had already been signed, the funds got posted and now we got this package from their Engineer and will get into that very soon.

4. Sale of the Somerville Borough Sanitary Collection System (Closed Session – Attorney/Client Privileged)

B. Engineer/Consultants – Mr. Albright appeared for Mr. Schoettle, and had nothing else to add.

C. Attorney – Maraziti Falcon, LLP – Mr. Maraziti indicated he will have things to say in 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 are in the Board book.

**Minute 13 - Res. No. 22-0523-7 – Payroll**

Upon Motion of Mr. Machala, 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	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Randy Smith	Absent
Richard Mathews	Yes	Peter Stires	Yes
Michael Pappas	Yes	Michael Impellizeri	Yes

**Minute 14 - Res. No. 22-0523-9 – Bills**

Upon Motion of Mr. Esposito, 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	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes	Gail Quabeck	Yes
Edward Machala	Yes	Randy Smith	Absent
Richard Mathews	Yes	Peter Stires	Yes
Michael Pappas	Yes	Michael Impellizeri	Yes

**Minute 15 –Adjournment to Closed Session - Resolution Authorizing Closed Session for the Purposes of Attorney/Client Privileged Discussions Regarding the Sale of the Borough of Somerville’s Sanitary Sewer Collection System.**

Upon Motion of Mr. Lifrieri, Second of Mr. Impellizeri, the above Resolution was approved.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Robert Albano	Absent	Philip Petrone	Yes
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	Yes	Michael Impellizeri	Yes

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 7:16 pm.

Open Session reconvened at 8:19 p.m.

**Minute 16 - Adjournment**

Upon Motion of Mr. Machala, Second of Mr. Stires, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Robert Albano	Absent	Philip Petrone	Yes
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	Yes	Michael Impellizeri	Yes

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON  
JUNE 27, 2022**