

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING  
THE SOMERSET RARITAN VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY  
JANUARY 26, 2026  
(RESCHEDULED TO FEBRUARY 2, 2026)**

**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 Edward Machala.

**Minute 2 - Open Public Meetings Announcement**

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

**Minute 3 - Roll Call**

Robert Albano	Present	John Murphy	Present
Pamela Borek	Present	Michael Pappas	Present*
Daniel Croson	Absent	Philip Petrone	Absent
Gary DiNardo	Present (Teams)	Reinhard Pratt	Present
Vincent Dominach	Present	Frank Scarantino	Present
Michael Impellizeri	Present	Edward Machala	Present
Joseph Lifrieri	Present (Teams)		

\*Mr. Pappas arrived at the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

**Authority Staff**

Ronald Anastasio, P.E., Executive Director	Present
Sherwin Ulep, P.E., Asst. Executive Director/Manager of Engineering	Present
Anthony Tambasco, Plant Superintendent	Present (Teams)
Timothy Wojcicki, Chief Plant Operator	Present (Teams)
Ellie Hoffman, P.E., Regulatory Compliance Engineer	Present (Teams)
Linda Hering, Human Resources Manager	Present
Robin Taylor, Human Resources Manager (Successor)	Present
Christian Santiago, Staff Engineer	Present (Teams)
Gerry Zielonka, Maintenance Supervisor	Absent
Peter Wozniak, Chief Financial Officer	

**Professional Staff**

Thomas Schoettle, P.E., CDM Smith	Present
Brad Carney, Esq., Maraziti Falcon, LLP	Present
Matthew Giacobbe, Esq., Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobsk, LLC	Absent

**Minute 4 – Pledge of Allegiance**

All in attendance saluted the flag.

**Minute 5 – Approval of Minutes**

**1. Board Meeting Open Session Minutes – December 15, 2025**

Upon a Motion of Mr. Albano, Second of Mr. Impellizeri, the Minutes of the December 15, 2025 Meeting (Open Session) were approved by the following Roll Call Vote:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Robert Albano	Yes	John Murphy	Yes
Pamela Borek	Yes	Michael Pappas	Yes
Daniel Croson	Absent	Philip Petrone	Absent
Gary DiNardo	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Yes	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Edward Machala	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes		

**2. Board Meeting Closed Session Minutes – December 15, 2025**

Upon a Motion of Mr. Impellizeri, Second of Ms. Borek, the Minutes of the December 15, 2025 Meeting (Closed Session) were approved, by the following Roll Call Vote:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Robert Albano	Yes	John Murphy	Yes
Pamela Borek	Yes	Michael Pappas	Abstain
Daniel Croson	Absent	Philip Petrone	Absent
Gary DiNardo	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Yes	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Edward Machala	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes		

**Minute 6 - Public Hearings - NONE**

**Minute 7 – Public Participation - NONE**

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

Mr. Machala asked if there were any questions or concerns about the consent agenda.

Mr. Albano stated he noticed in the bid that there are differences in the breakout between hauling the sludge and the weekend hauling and it is possible for us to reward the two lowest of the bidders in each of those categories and then we have a backup just in case. Mr. Anastasio responded, no because the bid is judged on the sum of the two. Mr. Albano replied ok. Mr. Anastasio explained there is a Sunday/Holiday rate. Mr. Machala added there is a weighted average with the assumption that the weekdays are one rate. Mr. Anastasio responded that yes, we might play around with that to avoid the Sunday rate. We made that change and got a better response, for bidding instead of getting a blended rate. Mr. Albano added we still went with the lowest bidder; I did notice that one component.

Mr. Albano also had a question on #6. How much did we spend on sludge hauling while the Incinerator was down: Mr. Anastasio responded: I do have that answer for you, I know I was supposed to have that to you a little earlier, any other question while I am looking for that? Mr. Anastasio responded with \$190,000 to-date for that outage. Mr. Albano said keeping it working is a sensible thing to do.

Ms. Borek asked about Res. No. 26-0126-1, the resolution authorizing the destruction of the checks. Is that even necessary? Mr. Anastasio responded that it has been our past practice that it is necessary. We have not done it in long time, but we have done it in the past and it keeps our auditors happy

- 1) **Res. No. 26-0126-1** – Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Accounts Payable Checks for the Operating Fund Account
- 2) **Res. No. 26-0126-2** – Resolution Awarding Contract B-26-4 for the Liquid Sludge Hauling Service to Russell Reid Waste Hauling and Disposal Service Co., Inc.
- 3) **Res. No. 26-0126-3** – Resolution Authorizing the Reissuance of a Non-Domestic Wastewater Discharge Permit to RB Manufacturing LLC
- 4) **Res. No. 26-0126-4** – Resolution Authorizing the Reissuance of a Non-Domestic Wastewater Discharge Permit to Symrise Inc.
- 5) **Res. No. 26-0126-5** – Resolution Authorizing Additional Funds to General/ Environmental Counsel Maraziti Falcon to Cover Addition Costs Related to the Proposed 3M & Dupont PFAS Settlements
- 6) **Res. No. 26-0126-6** - Resolution Affirming the Emergency Procurement for the Repairs of the R2 Incinerator Primary Heat Exchanger Inlet Plenum

Upon a Motion of Mr. Albano, Second of Ms. Borek, the above Consent Agenda was approved by the following Roll Call Vote:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Robert Albano	Yes	John Murphy	Yes
Pamela Borek	Yes	Michael Pappas	Yes
Daniel Croson	Absent	Philip Petrone	Absent
Gary DiNardo	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Yes	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Edward Machala	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes		

**Minute 9 – Board Committees –**

**A. Planning Committee:** (LIFRIERI, Machala, Scarantino, Pratt, Dominach, Murphy)

Chairman Machala asked Mr. Lifrieri if he had any report from the Planning Committee. Mr. Lifrieri responded no, I have no report for the Planning Committee. Mr. Anastasio responded that it is basically the one issue that was sent to both Planning and Finance. It was the dilution water pump, pump station. There were no comments about it. Bob had a couple of questions, and we discussed those and from what I heard couple members they were in favor of it, so I didn't hear any objections. Mr. Albano commented that all Finance wanted was just a recommendation from the Planning Committee which made sense and it's not a lot of money. Mr. Anastasio mentioned that it is an important system, as they all are. At this time, would someone like to move Res.No.26-0126-7

- 1) **Res. No. 26-0126-7** – Resolution Accepting the Proposal from Morehouse Engineering, Inc. for Engineering Design Services and Design Services During Construction for the WWTP Plant Water Pumping System Rehabilitation Project

Upon a Motion of Mr. Scarantino, Second of Ms. Borek, the following Consent Agenda was approved by the following Roll Call Vote:

**Roll Call Vote:**

Robert Albano	Yes	John Murphy	Yes
Pamela Borek	Yes	Michael Pappas	Yes
Daniel Croson	Absent	Philip Petrone	Absent
Gary DiNardo	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Yes	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Edward Machala	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes		

**Minute 10 – Chairman:** Mr. Machala had nothing to report, other than to thank everyone for making an effort to join our meeting, whether you are here in person, or online, it is very much appreciated.

## **Minute 11 – Reports**

### A. Executive Director’s Report

#### 1. Update on the Plantwide Mechanical Rehabilitation Project

Mr. Anastasio stated we continue to make good progress in this, in a variety of areas with this job. We are around 60 and 90 percent. There is a further breakdown in Sherwin’s report. We are making good progress, just working through more and more details. Things are on track. There are just many factors that are considered.

#### 2. Update on the Main Interceptor & Forcemain Rehabilitation Project

Mr. Anastasio stated we are kind of at a standstill right now with the design, until we get over the Duke Farms issue. We have gotten a response from them as the ball is in their court to discuss with their board whether or not there are in favor of this project. They did bring up the subject of compensation for the easements. We are going to have a meeting with Brad and discuss getting an appraiser hired. We did this 20 years ago when we built the other line. Getting an appraiser hired to get the value of those lands that we looking to get from them and also the value of the land we are looking to relinquish that would go back to them. They want to know what the landscape looks like and then we will see where things go. I don’t know why they wouldn’t be in favor of it but, they haven’t really given us their issues. From what we had understand, they were waiting for everything else to be taken care of before they addressed it with their board. Everything is at the point where we can’t do any more. We now need to get their buy-in on this, because the Federal Government is waiting for that. They want to know Dukes is on board. It sounds like they might not be the toughest part to deal with. Dukes seem to be taking a while, so this is going to take a little while. Meanwhile, we can’t progress with applying for DEP environmental permits because we don’t know the final pipe route. It doesn’t make sense to do part of the job and not do the other part. We are going to work through it as quickly as we can. Mr. Albano stated that we will also, being the fact that if we use this proposed easement, we save the swamp sycamore trees and the value they supposedly add. Mr. Anastasio responded with yes, it’s definitely a lighter footprint to go the way we want to go. I think it’s just a matter of working through their system and making the case. But the valuation of the land is part of it. We are going to look at getting that going and that process shouldn’t take all that long. We should have everything wrapped up in a month or two.

#### 3. Update on the Storm Control Pumping Station Flood Mitigation Project

Mr. Anastasio stated that we are making progress on that. What is the next step on that, we are waiting on the enclosures? Mr. Ulep responded yes, we are waiting for the enclosures and structural supports. We already repaired the main conduit in the electrical, so were waiting for

PSE&G to install the pads. That's where we are at. Mr. Anastasio responded with, we are doing the things that we can do and we are just waiting for the main structure. There are two boxes where the electrical equipment will be housed. One is going to be suspended on a steel frame that we need to get all the details worked out and get those fabricated before we can start moving forward with that. I think we are about 20% done already, so we are doing pretty good with that.

#### 4. Update on the Design of the New Administration Building

Mr. Anastasio stated we will be going to the Planning Committee this month. Everything is on track and we are at 90 plus percent with the design. The design looks very good, and we got input from Vince and Reinhart. There was a relic tank farm that was there left over from American Cyanamid. We removed those tanks in February 2012 and they didn't leak, everything was fine. There are concrete base slabs in the ground that we left in the ground. We didn't envision that we would be building the building there, but we thought we would deal with them sometime in the future. We now have to do additional amount of Geotechnical engineering work for that because the foundations are not as deep as the pads, but they have to remove soil to add soil in layers and compact it for the new building. So, we are going to encounter those. We are going to talk to the Planning Committee about a change for the engineers. We want to get all these details worked out and put everything in the contract, in the scope of work, so there are no surprises later. It's cheaper to deal with it now. We also had discussions about kicking our application off to the Bridgewater Township Planning Board as well, so we are working on these two processes now. We have a pending DEP approval we're waiting on. Our application is in for the stormwater management, so we have a few balls in air with that project.

The other three items are closed sessions, so if there are any more questions, we can move on.

5. Discussion regarding the Proposed Judicial Consent Orders (JCO's) Related to PFAS with the 3M Company & DuPont (**Closed Session – Pending Litigation & Attorney/Client Privileged**)
6. Update on the SRVSA/UWUA Local 423 CBA Negotiations within Labor Counsel Giacobbe (Closed Session – Personnel Matters)
7. Discussion of Professional Staff Qualifications/Proposals for 2026 (**Closed Session – Pending Litigation & Attorney/Client Privileged**)

- B. Engineer/Consultants – Thomas Schoettle, P.E. (CDM Smith) Engineer's Report for December 2025 – Nothing further to add

- C. Attorney – Brad Carney, Esq., Maraziti Falcon, LLP – There were no questions for Brad.

D. Department Reports:

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

E. Engineering Department Engineer Reports:

- 1 Capacity Allocation
2. Capacity Assurance
3. Monthly Flow Report
4. Manager of Engineering - Engineer's Monthly Report

**Minute 12 - Communications** – Standard monthly communication submittals to the State are in the Board Book.

**Minute 13 – Res. No. 26-0126-8 - Payroll**

Upon the Motion of Mr. Albano, Second of Mr. Murphy, the above Resolution was approved by the following Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	Joseph Lifrieri	Yes
Pamela Borek	Yes	John Murphy	Yes
Daniel Croson	Absent	Michael Pappas	Yes
Gary DiNardo	Yes	Philip Petrone	Absent
Vincent Dominach	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Frank Scarantino	Yes
		Edward Machala	Yes

**Minute 14 – Res. No. 26-0126-9 - Bills**

Upon the Motion of Mr. Pratt, Second of Mr. Albano, the above Resolution was approved by the following Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	Joseph Lifrieri	Yes
Pamela Borek	Yes	John Murphy	Yes
Daniel Croson	Absent	Michael Pappas	Yes
Gary DiNardo	Yes	Philip Petrone	Absent

Vincent Dominach	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Frank Scarantino	Yes
		Edward Machala	Yes

**Minute 15 – Res. No. 26-0126-10 - Adjourn to Closed Session**

Resolution Authorizing Closed Session for the Purposes of Contract Negotiations & Personnel Matters Regarding the Recommended 2026 Professional Appointments and for the Purposes of Contract Negotiations & Personnel Matters Regarding the SRVSA – UWUA Local 423 Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) Negotiations and for Pending Litigation and Attorney/Client Privileged Discussions Regarding the Proposed Judicial Consent Orders Related to PFAS with the 3M Company and DuPont

Upon the Motion of Mr. Albano, Second of Mr. Impellizeri, the above Resolution was approved by the following Roll Call Vote:

Robert Albano	Yes	Joseph Lifrieri	Yes
Pamela Borek	Yes	John Murphy	Yes
Daniel Croson	Absent	Michael Pappas	Yes
Gary DiNardo	Yes	Philip Petrone	Absent
Vincent Dominach	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Frank Scarantino	Yes
		Edward Machala	Yes

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:15 p.m.

**Minute 16 - Reconvene in Open Session at 7:50 p.m.**

Upon the Motion of Mr. Albano, Second of Mr. Impellizeri, the above Resolution was approved by the following Roll Call:

Robert Albano	Yes	Joseph Lifrieri	Yes
Pamela Borek	Yes	John Murphy	Yes
Daniel Croson	Absent	Michael Pappas	Yes
Gary DiNardo	Yes	Philip Petrone	Absent
Vincent Dominach	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Frank Scarantino	Yes
		Edward Machala	Yes

**Minute 17 – Adjournment of Meeting**

Upon a Motion of Mr. Albano, Second of Ms. Borek, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m. by the following **all in Favor Vote**:

Robert Albano	Yes	John Murphy	Yes
Pamela Borek	Yes	Michael Pappas	Yes
Daniel Croson	Absent	Philip Petrone	Absent
Gary DiNardo	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Yes	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Edward Machala	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes		

**NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON**  
**FEBRUARY 23, 2026**