

**THE SOMERSET RARITAN VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
REGULAR SESSION AGENDA
March 23, 2026**

DATE: March 23, 2026

PLACE: The Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

1. Opening of Meeting by: Chairman Edward Machala at 7:00 P.M.

2. Open Public Meetings Announcement by: Executive Director, Ronald Anastasio

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this Regular Meeting of The Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority has been provided in accordance with Section 13 of the Act by adoption of the schedule of dates, times, and places of The Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority to be held between February 2, 2026 to February 1, 2027.

Matters discussed in Closed Session shall be released to the public at such time as is provided in the Resolution authorizing the Closed Session.

3. Roll Call:

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

Authority Staff

Ronald Anastasio, P.E., Executive Director	Present
Sherwin Ulep, P.E., Asst. Executive Director/Manager of Engineering	Present (Teams)
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	Absent
Robin Taylor, Human Resources Manager (Successor)	Present
Christian Santiago, Staff Engineer	Present (Teams)
Gerry Zielonka, Maintenance Supervisor	Present (Teams)
Peter Wozniak, Chief Financial Officer	Absent

Professional Staff

Thomas Schoettle, P.E., CDM Smith	Present
Brad Carney, Esq., Maraziti Falcon, LLP	Present

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Oath of Office:

- a) Reinhard Pratt – Member - (Branchburg Township) – Reappointed for a 5-Year Term to Expire 1/31/31.

6. Approval of Minutes:

1. Board Meeting Open Session Minutes –February 23, 2026

Upon a Motion of Mr. Pratt Second of Mr. Albano, the Minutes of February 23rd,2026, 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	Abstain
Daniel Croson	Abstain	Philip Petrone	Absent
Gary DiNardo	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Absent	Frank Scarantino	Abstain
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Edward Machala	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes		

2. Board Meeting Closed Session Minutes – February 23, 2026

Upon a Motion of Mr. Impellizeri, Second of Ms. Borek, the Minutes of February 23rd, 2026, 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	Abstain	Philip Petrone	Absent
Gary DiNardo	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Absent	Frank Scarantino	Abstain
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Edward Machala	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes		

Mr. Albano asked a question: There are several items with certain dates and meetings in the minutes, will you be updating the results of them? It was the March 10th meeting, it was in the minutes, there are things in the minutes that have occurred since the last time we met. When we go to closed sessions, we can follow up with them. Mr. Anastasio states, yes, they will be in Brad’s report. Mr. Albano said, Ok.

7. **Public Hearings: NONE**

8. **Public Participation: NONE**

9. **Consent Agenda - Resolutions for Consideration and Possible Formal Action:**

- 1) **Res. No. 26-0323-1** – Promotion of Liquid Division Working Leader Octaviano Leon to the Position of Wastewater Treatment Plant Working Leader (Day Shift)
- 2) **Res. No. 25-0323-2** – Resolution Authorizing the Addition of the Lincoln Alliance Plan to the Existing 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan
- 3) **Res. No. 26-0323-3** – Resolution Thanking Former Maintenance Supervisor Gerard Zielonka for His Service and Dedication to the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority
- 4) **Res. No. 26-0323-4** – Resolution Authorizing Payment of Benefit Time to Maintenance Supervisor Gerard Zielonka Upon His Retirement
- 5) **Res. No. 26-0323-5** – Resolution Accepting Letter Agreement with the Firm of Brown & Caldwell to Provide Incineration Engineering Services
- 6) **Res. No. 26-0323-6** – Resolution Authorizing the Use of the Competitive Contracting Process to Procure Outside Laboratory Testing Services

Mr. Albano asked a question; the Working Leader position is a that an exempt position? Mr. Anastasio asked to clarify, do you mean exempt non-union, it is Union. Mr. Albano said OK.

Mr. Albano second question was on the Deferred Compensation is that post tax contribution to the Roth, Mr. Anastasio clarified, yes, the Roth is post tax.

Mr. Albano also asked, when we pay out time at the time of separation do we pay the time valued when that day was taken or is it at the current rate? Mr. Anastasio said yes at the current rate.

Mr. Anastasio wishes to point out; Gerald Zielonka who is on the TV screen, this is his last board meeting with us. Mr. Zielonka is retiring at the end of March. Board members congratulated Mr. Zielonka on his 44 years of service and thanked him for his services. Mr. Anastasio reminded Gerry if he wanted to attend the meeting it would be as a “public” and you are a rate payer. Everyone in room laughed.

Upon a Motion of Ms. Borek, Second of Mr. Albano, the above Consent Agendas 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	Yes	Philip Petrone	Absent
Gary DiNardo	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Absent	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Edward Machala	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes		

10. Board Committees: NONE

11. Chairman: Mr. Machala states he has nothing to report and that brings us to Ron for Executive report update. Mr. Anastasio thanked Mr. Chairman.

12. Reports:

A. Executive Director's Report

1. Update on the New Administration Building Project

The design is 100% done and what we are now focused on is a couple of things. Which is preparing the application to the Bridgewater Township Planning Board. Our attorneys have been in touch with their attorneys and the Board Secretary, and we are preparing that now. Everything is going smoothly. The other thing that we have in place right now is we have an application at the State DEP for storm water management. These are the two big items we are dealing with right now. There is also the matter of the slabs that we are going to do the excavation to do the test pitting just to make sure. We confirm the structural, Mr. Albano asked, did they do that yet? Mr. Anastasio, states No, they have not done that yet. So, we are preparing to do that shortly, Mr. Anastasio asked Mr. Ulep if we had a date on that, Mr. Ulep said no. Mr. Anastasio, commented the weather is now going to agree with us, so we should be able to get that done in a day. We are moving along, making application to Bridgewater soon, things are moving. Depending on when we get the DEP permit, at that time we would go out to bid. We will be reporting on this and keeping the Board posted. We will not go out to bid without that permit in hand. We want to make sure we have it. Mr. Albano states, yes, it might change you never know. Mr. Anastasio said you never know. We do not want a situation

where we issue something and something changes from the State. Then we must deal with it during construction time.

Mr. Albano asked a question to Mr. Carney, what is the authority of the Planning Board in making changes to our plan? Mr. Carney responded, this is considered a Capital Review project. Some planning Boards treat that more liberally than others. Bridgewater Township will have full hearing. It will be like a normal site plan application, although it is a Capital review. That is how it has been treated in the past. Mr. Albano asked, do they have the authority to make changes, or do they fully confirm? Mr. Carney answered, if they are fully confirming it should be approved. I will just leave it at that. Mr. Albano said OK, let me know when you are there. Mr. Anastasio states: yes, we will let you know. We will let everyone know when we are scheduled for that.

2. Update on the Plantwide Mechanical Rehabilitation Project.

Mr. Anastasio states we continue to make progress with this project. We have been in discussions with the Planning Committee about some structural item that resulted in a change order. Some of these items have been waiting for a while. There are some additional charges that we are looking at and bringing back to the Planning Committee. Related to additional scoop for CDM Smith. We are sifting through; Sherwin and I met this Friday. Sherwin will be talking to CDM Smith about that and bringing that back to the Planning Committee and then back to the Board. We will keep you all posted once we get all our numbers together.

3. Update on the Main Interceptor & Forcemain Rehabilitation Project.

We have hired an appraiser through Brad's office to appraise the land that we are looking to obtain, and also the easement that we will vacate and turn over to Duke's farm. We are going to evaluate all the values of land and that is the next step. The new attorney for Dukes has indicated they want to get this wrapped up by June. We are going to get these numbers as fast as we can, we will turn over the package to them, and we will see if we can get them to agree in a letter for the Federal Government. That is what we are working towards. The Feds seem be amendable to moving quickly but they want to see Dukes Farm is on board. Mr. Carney commented, "We do not know what the Federal Government will require in terms of compensation, Mr. Anastasio states that is true and we do not know that yet. They understand the concept and it makes sense, they have their regulations and we must see what compensation they may want for making this change. It is a swap of land, so we will see what they require and report back.

4. Update on the Storm Control Pumping Station Flood Mitigation Project

We are making progress with the Storm Control Pumping Station. We have been regularly getting reimbursed from the County for the \$3.8 million grant that we have received from The American Rescue Plan Funds. We are up to about \$3.2 million. We are happy about that. We are working with the Contractors and Subcontractors on several issues. Working on getting enclosure for the power assemblies finalized and delivered to the site. Then things can go very quickly. They are going to construct a structure and place these independent power assembly closures on top of the structure down near the river. Once we get these things in place, they are going to install various electrical switches inside them and build them on site in place. They have the switch gears in place and waiting on the enclosures. Once we see them show up things will move faster. We are shy of about 30% complete.

5. Update to the PSE&G Energy Efficiency Measures Project.

Since we last had a Board and Planning Committee meeting, we found there are a couple of various kinds of blowers. The one we have now is a Centrifugal blower. The ones we are looking at are Turbo blowers. The Turbo blowers we looked at while at Weftec and they are interesting; there are several large manufacturers. There are some space restraints that limit the size of the Turbo blowers that we can put in the existing building. The Centrifugal blowers are plug and play. They would replace what we have, they are similar to what we have now. The energy projection was based on the Centrifugal blowers and seems to be the one we are leaning towards. We do not want to see the building modified. We can address the flood concerns by raising the blower within the building; yet still not having to modify the building. There are some attractive aspects of that. We want to visit so site where they are installed and then go from there. That has been a change since we last spoke. Making progress and moving along.

6. Update on the SRVSA/UWUA Local 423 CBA Negotiations – Mediator Assigned

This is not in closed session there is nothing to discuss other than we have a mediator assigned to the matter. We do not have a date yet though, we just learned this and I thought I would pass it along. That is progress.

Mr. Anastasio states: Mr. Chairman I have nothing else to add unless there are questions. Mr. Albano asked is the next Board Planning Committee meeting. Mr. Anastasio stated we must set a date and are looking forward to doing that soon.

Mr. Chairman asked if everyone had the Engineer consultant report. Mr. Schoettle is here if you have any questions. Mr. Albano had a question; Tom, what is the DPCC Plan? Mr. Schoettle responded; It is the spill prevention plan. Discharge Prevention Control and Counters measures; Mr. Anastasio responded with. Mr. Albano says, "Thank you, now I know. Mr. Chairman asked if there were any other questions. The next is Mr. Carney, does anyone have any question for him that will not be discussed in closed session?"

Mr. Albano, Mr. Tambasco's report, stated one of the blower failure and called someone to restart it but it has happened several times. Do we know what is going on there? Mr. Tambasco responded; there is no update. I have in touch with Burlington Electric Co. and they are aware of it. They have had emergencies and will come out on Wednesday to look at them, just to see what kind of system we have. So far it has not tripped off since then, so we are on a good streak. Mr. Albano said OK and I was surprised there were no sprinklers in Building 600. Mr. Anastasio states: they are now in the basement. It was not required for the longest time, so now we are brought up to the latest fire codes. We added some monitoring stations and the sprinkler system. That contract worked out well. We did it under one of the Co-ops and we are happy with the results. Mr. Albano states in one of the reports that the Headworks Building has an issue with the pumps and whether they are in the right position or have the right flow things. Mr. Albano states he will follow up with you later. Mr. Anastasio states, I think you might be talking about the discharge forcemain is going to be extended. Mr. Albano states: I will find that part of the report, it was in your report. Mr. Anastasio states: it just might be part of the evaluation and CDM Smith wants to verify that. Mr. Schoettle commented, yes, we wanted to evaluate that and all the pump stations and it forced me to go into Headworks Building to make sure that the hydraulics. Mr. Anastasio states, yes that is it. Mr. Albano asked, you guys went up to Rockaway Valley to look at the channel covers. Mr. Anastasio, respond, yes, we did. Mr. Albano states, what was that for? Mr. Anastasio responded, as part of the new Headworks Building construction we are planning to cover the channel with grading, instead of fiber glass reinforce planks, like plastic planks. So, we can walk on top of the planks. The odor control system will suck most of the odors out from the enclosed channels. It is not airtight but a lot of it is confined under those covers, it just helps keep what is above the covers. Mr. Albano mentions; keep the corrosion under control? Mr. Anastasio states we will be moving a lot of air from there so we should not have a moisture issue like we have had in the old Headworks Building for years. We wanted to see them, so we took a ride. Mr. Albano, says OK, that is it.

Mr. Chairman states everyone has their communication skills so we will move on to the Payroll Resolution and Bill Resolution.

Mr. Anastasio moved the meeting to closed session at 7:25pm. Some of the Authority's staff were released to leave. Only the members that signed the PFAS Protective order will attend closed session.

7. Discussion Regarding the Proposed Judicial Consent Orders (JCOs) Related to PFAS with the 3M Company & DuPont (**Closed Session – Pending Litigation & Attorney/Client Privileged**)

*****BOARD MEMBERS TO SIGN PFAS PROTECTIVE ORDER FOR CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION (see front pocket) *****

B. Engineer/Consultants – Thomas Schoettle, P.E. (CDM Smith) Engineer’s Report for February 2026

C. Attorney – Brad Carney, Esq., Maraziti Falcon, LLP

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

13. Communications

- A. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Residual Transfer Report; Reporting Period 1/1/26-1/31/26
- B. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Surface Water Discharge Monitoring Report; Reporting Period 2/1/26-2/28/26
- C. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Surface Water Discharge Monitoring Report – Storm Control Treatment Facility Reporting Period 2/1/26-2/28/26
- D. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Residuals Discharge Monitoring Report; Reporting Period 1/1/26-1/31/26 (**JANUARY 2026 NOT INCLUDED – TO BE SUBMITTED BY 3/25/2026**)

14. Payroll – Res. No. 26-0323-7

Upon a Motion of Mr. Impellizeri, Second of Mr. Albano, the above Resolution 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	Yes	Philip Petrone	Absent
Gary DiNardo	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Absent	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Edward Machala	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes		

15. Bills – Res. No. 26-0323-8

Upon a Motion of Mr. Albano, Second of Mr. Scarantino, the above Resolution 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	Yes	Philip Petrone	Absent
Gary DiNardo	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Absent	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Edward Machala	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes		

17. Adjourn to Closed Session

Upon a Motion of Mr. Scarantino, Second of Ms. Borek, the above Resolution 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	Yes	Philip Petrone	Absent
Gary DiNardo	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Absent	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Edward Machala	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes		

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:25pm

Res. No. 26-0323-9 – Resolution Authorizing Closed Session for Pending Litigation and Attorney/Client Privileged Discussions Regarding the Proposed Judicial Consent Orders Related to PFAS with the 3M Company and DuPont

18. Reconvene in Open Session: at 8:06pm All in favor

Upon a Motion of Mr. Albano, Second of Mr. Impellizeri, the above Resolution 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	Yes	Philip Petrone	Absent
Gary DiNardo	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Absent	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Edward Machala	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes		

19. Adjournment: All in favor

Upon a Motion of Mr. Albano, Second of Mr. Scarantino, the above Resolution 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	Yes	Philip Petrone	Absent
Gary DiNardo	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Vincent Dominach	Absent	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Edward Machala	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes		

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
April 27, 2026