MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
THE SOMERSET VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
JUNE 22, 2026 (rescheduled to June 29, 2026)

DATE: June 29, 2026 PLACE: The Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

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
Gary DiNardo	Absent	Philip Petrone	Absent
Vincent Dominach	Present (Teams)	Reinhard Pratt	Absent
Rocco Ganta*	Present	Frank Scarantino	Present
Michael Impellizeri	Present	Edward Machala	Present
Joseph Lifrieri	Absent**		

*Mr. Ganta was sworn in prior to the start of the meeting.
**Mr. Lifrieri joined the meeting at 7:32 pm

Authority Staff

Ronald Anastasio, P.E., Executive Director	Present
Sherwin Ulep, P.E., Asst. Executive Director/Manager of Engineering	Absent
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
Kevin Groff, Maintenance Supervisor	Present (Teams)
Christian Santiago, Staff Engineer	Present (Teams)
Peter Wozniak, Chief Financial Officer	Absent

Professional Staff

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

Minute 4 - Pledge of Allegiance
All in attendance saluted the flag.

Minute 5 – Motion to Ratify Rescheduling of Regular Meeting

Upon the Motion of Mr. Albano, Second of Ms. Borek, the Motion to Ratify Rescheduling of the Regular Meeting of June 22, 2026 to June 29, 2026, was approved by the following all-in-favor Vote

Roll Call Vote:

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

Minute 6 – Oath of Office:

a) Rakesh Ganta – Member – Warren Township – Appointed to replace Daniel Croson. Term to Expire on 2/1/2027

Mr. Ganta was sworn in prior to the meeting. All in attendance welcomed Mr. Ganta to the Board Meeting.

Minute 7 - Approval of Minutes

(1) May 18, 2026, Regular Open Session

Ms. Borek indicated that she was missing page 5 of the Minutes. Upon review of all the other copies of the Minutes, all were missing page 5, likely due to a printer malfunction. Mr. Anastasio stated we will recopy the Minutes and they will be presented at the July 29th, 2026 meeting for formal action.

Upon the Motion of Ms. Borek, Second of Mr. Impellizeri, the Minutes of May 18th, 2026, Meeting (Open Session), **were tabled**, by the following all-in-favor Vote

Roll Call Vote:

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

(2) May 18, 2026, Closed Session

Upon a Motion of Mr. Albano, Second of Mr. Impellizeri, the Minutes of May 28th, 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
Gary DiNardo	Absent	Philip Petrone	Absent
Vincent Dominach	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Absent
Rocco Ganta	Abstain	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Edward Machala	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Absent		

(3) June 1, 2026, Special Meeting

Upon a Motion of Ms. Borek, Second of Mr. Impellizeri, the Minutes of June 1, 2026 Special Meeting were approved by the following Roll Call Vote

Roll Call Vote:

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

Minute 8 - Public Hearings - NONE

Minute 9 - Public Participation - NONE

Minute 10 - Consent Agenda - Resolutions for Consideration and Possible Formal Action

1) **Res. No. 26-0629-1** – Sewer Extension Resolution - One (1) Existing Single-Family Dwelling - 45 Weston Road - Hillsborough Township, Block 183 Lot 11

2) **Res. No. 26-0629-2** – Resolution Accepting Cost Proposal from One Water Consulting, LLC Dated May 19, 2026 to Conduct Additional In-Stream Monitoring in the Raritan River

3) **Res. No 26-0629-3** – Resolution Awarding the Contract for Field Sampling and Laboratory Testing Services for the Industrial Pretreatment Program - Contract B-26-5 to ALS Environmental

Mr. Albano asked, with regard to the sewer extension for the single-family house, if we are so concerned about swimming pools being discharged into our system, why aren't we concerned about discharge from laundry facilities, etc. Mr. Anastasio explained that it has to do with the level of chlorination with the swimming pools. There are chloramines that form when you use chlorination for disinfection and chloramines that come into the Authority create a problem for us because they put out trihalomethanes. We prevent the formation of chloramines through our ammonia system and that is a regulated thing. Because we did such a good job of it, they took the limit away.

Mr. Albano asked, regarding the lab testing bid, where Pace was the low bidder but failed to comply with the RFP, how could they have missed that? It seems so obvious. Mr. Anastasio stated that we can only go on the documents that were included in the proposal. It wasn't just one or two, it was a lot. That put them in the category of being non-responsive.

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

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

Minute 11 - Board Committees:

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

1. Plantwide Mechanical Rehabilitation Project (PWMRP) - Discussion of Additional Design Work Scope Items – CDM Smith

In Mr. Lifrieri's absence, Mr. Anastasio stated that this project has been running for three years and is a large project. We have kept score of all of the impacts that have occurred throughout the project. For instance, DEP changed their regulations where they raised the flood elevation by 3', which is significant and triggered a lot of structural issues. We had to change around some structures because of code changes from the original bid.

There is Change Order No. 6 for CDM Smith which relates to what I previously mentioned. The Change Order for PS&S relates more to what we envisioned as the new headworks building and the improvements that will benefit the authority if we incorporate them now into the design. Both of these change orders arose out of the evolution of the design. We will have a better outcome. All of these improvements will square away a lot of things that have been loose items for a lot of years.

I mentioned in my memo that there is an electrical change order for CDM that is coming our way but we had questions on some things so we will bring that to the Planning Committee at another time.

Mr. Albano, on behalf of the Finance Committee, examined everything and determined that all the changes were necessary. I asked Peter Wozniak to look into the financing, specifically to make sure we weren't going into our reserve for future projects, and he said we were ok and that some of it will be funded out of those accounts and some will be funded out of the operating account. All in all, we have the money.

a. **Res. No. 26-0629-4** – Resolution Authorizing Additional Funds to CDM Smith for Change Order No. 6 - Additional Structural Engineering Services for the Plantwide Mechanical Rehabilitation Project

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

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

Mr. Ganta asked how long is the duration of the construction, what is the timeframe? Mr. Anastasio stated the overall project of the Plantwide Mechanical Project, it will be one set of contract documents even though it is two separate engineering firms. With the availability of materials, it could easily be three years. Supply chains have eased up a little bit. Mr. Schoettle confirmed that that is true, except for electrical equipment. Because of the impact of the data centers and motor control centers, there are a lot of delays.

2. Proposed New Headworks Building – Discussion of Additional Design Work Scope Items and Change Order – PS&S

    a. **Res. No. 26-0629-5** – Resolution Authorizing Additional Funds to PS&S for a Change Order for Additional Engineering Services for the New Headworks Building as Part of the Plantwide Mechanical Rehabilitation Project

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

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

B. Personnel Committee: (BOREK, Albano, Machala, Lifrieri, Dominach)

1. Hiring of a Successor Human Resources/Office Manager **Closed Session – Personnel Matters)**

    a) **Res. No. 26-0629-6:** Hire Successor HR/Office Manager Candidate

Mr. Anastasio indicated that we would discuss this matter in Closed Session.

Res. No. 26-0629-6 will be Tabled. Upon a Motion of Ms. Borek and a Second of Mr. Impellizeri, the Motion was approved by the following all-in-favor Vote:

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

Minute 12 - Chairman: Mr. Machala had nothing further to add but did want to mention that Mr. Anastasio passed his QPA and we now have another Qualified Purchasing Agent.

Minute 13 - Reports:

A. Executive Director's Report

1. Update on the Proposed Administration Building Project

Mr. Anastasio stated that we have everything done but are waiting for the DEP stormwater permit. They've had it for a couple of months and hopefully we will get that soon. Mr. Ulep and I were discussing that we may be ready to go out to bid soon, as well as the realities of the project administration and inspection work. Our thought was to propose to the Board that we consider putting out an RFP for inspection. Depending on the inspection, that person wouldn't have to be here every day. Obviously building the foundations and all of the underground work, we would want that inspected all the time. Once the base slab is constructed, we wouldn't require eight hours of inspection every day. We may have an inspection budget similar to the Storm Control Pumping Station project. Once Mr. Ulep returns from vacation, we will start to frame out a scope of work and will run it by the Planning Committee and bring it to the Finance Committee and the Board. Because Sherwin, Christian and I are involved in so many projects, we just cannot commit our time to this.

2. Update on Main Interceptor & Forcemain Rehabilitation Project

Mr. Anastasio stated that we had a breakthrough with Duke Farms. We got what we needed from them in an email, which is all the federal government needed. The federal government asked three questions they wanted responses to. We prepared those responses months ago and we sent our responses and Duke's greenlight as well. It is pending depending what the terms are and what type of mitigations might be needed from the federal government. Today, I received a response from the feds and they have four more things they are looking for. For instance, procedure of what the abandonment of the sewer would be.

We had put everything on hold due to this property issue. Hopefully this is the beginning of a good trend, and we can keep moving forward.

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

Mr. Anastasio stated it is taking longer than we wanted but when we put that project out, we put a very long timeline on it because we thought we were in the running for a Federal grant. We are not in a construction delay situation. We are waiting delivery of a structure that they will receive and then install all of the electrical switchgear. We are working with PSE&G on a transformer. Mr. Santiago indicated that the structural steel arrived and Coppola is in the process of installing it right now. We are almost through being reimbursed for our Somerset County American Rescue Plan Funds Grant, and we are a couple hundred thousand dollars away from the completion of that.

4. Update on the PSE&G Energy Efficiency Measures Project

Mr. Anastasio indicated that we are working with PSE&G and the consulting engineer. You may remember that there are two aeration blowers. PSE&G is giving us a grant towards a replacement of the blowers and other energy efficiency measures within the project. We told them we wanted to install the second blower and that we had planned to fund the cost of the second blower. To accommodate us, they rearranged the scoring of the project to where they actually got a slightly higher compensation that would cover the additional cost of the additional engineering. The incremental cost is not that much, maybe $74,000. Now that we are honing the numbers down, they get a slightly better score so we got a couple hundred thousand dollars more than we thought we would get in the grant. They will do their final score check once we go out to bid to make sure it is palatable. Both blowers will get replaced at the same time, they will be the same manufacturer, same age, same type. The control system will be installed once and there is factory support. It is better than having a hybrid system and leaving one of the old blowers in place. They modified the limited notice to proceed and are making some changes to accommodate the extra blower. This resolution will allow us to execute that amended resolution.

a. **Res. No. 26-0629-7** – Resolution Authorizing Execution of Revised Limited Notice to Proceed to Authorize PSE&G to Prepare Engineering Design Drawings and Procurement Ready Construction Documents for Identified Energy Efficient Measures, Including the Provision of an Extra Aeration Blower for the Purpose of Redundancy Backup

Mr. Ganta asked if they already approved the funding. Mr. Anastasio stated that we have been working on this for a couple of years so we have a customer agreement with them so it is pretty locked in. We already did a Notice to Proceed last year, where they proceeded with the design because that locks us in. If we wanted to get out now, we would have to reimburse them for that cost. They did an efficiency study on their own dime. If the numbers are off the charts high, the whole project goes away, and we don't pay a dime. They are estimating it based on the market and the cost of the blowers.

Mr. Carney wanted to address the grant question. Just to remind everybody that this is not 100% grant. There will be a payback period of five years with monthly payments that the Authority will be billed. This will increase those monthly payments by about \$20,000/month. The monthly payments will go to about \$80,000/month and you'll pay that for five years. The percentages are that the Authority is paying about 70% of the project and the grant covers 30%. The 70% loan is an interest free loan for five years paid back as part of our electric bill. It is a good deal.

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

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

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

B. Engineer/Consultants – Thomas Schoettle, P.E. (CDM Smith) Engineer's Report for May 2026 – No one had any other questions for Mr. Schoettle.

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

Mr. Albano had a question in the Regulatory Compliance Report, are we concerned about what Janssen is discharging because they are doing some biometric things. Are we concerned about any bugs they are putting into the effluent. Ms. Hoffman stated that they have limitations on that and everything has been reviewed by One Water. Their disinfection or heat treatments take care of that.

Minute 14 - Communications

A. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Residual Transfer Report; Reporting Period 3/1/26-3/31/26
B. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Surface Water Discharge Monitoring Report. Reporting Period 3/1/26-3/31/26
C. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Surface Water Discharge Monitoring Report – Storm Control Treatment Facility Reporting Period 3/1/26-3/31/26.
D. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Residuals Discharge Monitoring Report; Reporting Period 3/1/26-3/31/26 (**MARCH 2026 NOT INCLUDED – TO BE SUBMITTED BY 4/25/2026)**

Minute 15 - Res. No. 26-0629-8 – Payroll

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

<u>Minute 16 - Res. No. 26-0629-9</u>- Bills

Upon a Motion of Mr. Impellizeri, 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	Absent
Gary DiNardo	Absent	Philip Petrone	Absent
Vincent Dominach	Yes	Reinhard Pratt	Yes
Rocco Ganta	Yes	Frank Scarantino	Yes
Michael Impellizeri	Yes	Edward Machala	Yes
Joseph Lifrieri	Yes		

<u>Minute 17- Res. No. 26-0629-10</u>- Adjourn to Closed Session

Resolution Authorizing Closed Session for the Purpose of Pending Litigation and Attorney/Client Privileged Discussions Regarding the Proposed Judicial Consent Orders Related to PFAS with the 3M Company and DuPont and Personnel Matters Discussions Regarding the Hiring of the Successor HR/Office Manager

Upon a Motion of Ms. Borek, Second of Mr. Murphy, to above Resolution was approved by the following Roll Call Vote:

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

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:41 p.m.

<u>Minute 18 - </u>Reconvene in Open Session at 8:06 p.m.

Minute 19 - Adjournment of Meeting

Upon a motion of Mr. Albano, Second of Ms. Borek, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm, by the following **all in Favor Vote**:

Roll Call Vote:

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

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