

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
THE SOMERSET VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
AUGUST 24, 2026**

DATE: August 24, 2026

PLACE: The Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority

TIME: 7:01 P.M.

Minute 1 - Opening of Meeting

The Board Meeting of the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority was called to order at 7:01 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	Present (Teams)	Philip Petrone	Absent
Vincent Dominach	Present	Reinhard Pratt	Present
Rocco Ganta	Present*	Frank Scarantino	Present
Michael Impellizeri	Present	Edward Machala	Present
Joseph Lifrieri	Present		

Mr. Ganta joined the meeting at 7:04p.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
Kevin Groff, Maintenance Supervisor	Absent
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
Diane Alexander, Esq., Maraziti Falcon, LLP	Present (Teams)

Minute 4 - Pledge of Allegiance

All in attendance saluted the flag.

Minute 5 - Approval of Minutes

(1) July 27, 2026 Open Session Meeting

Ms. Borek indicated that the time to return to open session and adjournment of the July 27, 2026 meeting was incorrect. They should be 7:51 p.m. and 7:52 p.m., respectively. After confirmation, the Minutes are amended to reflect the change in these times.

Upon the Motion of Mr. Lifrieri, Second of Mr. Albano, the amended Minutes of the July 27, 2026, Meeting (Open Session), were approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

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

(2) July 27, 2026 Closed Session Meeting

Upon the Motion of Mr. Impellizeri, Second of Mr. Lifrieri, the Minutes of July 27, 2026 Meeting (Closed Session), as amended, were approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

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

Minute 6 - Public Hearings - NONE

Minute 7 - Public Participation –

Mr. Robert Berlant appeared regarding a **TWA permit application** for a 28-unit development in Warren Township that will connect to SRVSA through Bridgewater Township. Approximately 42% of the units are affordable housing, exceeding the applicable 20% requirement. The TWA permit requires SRVSA's sign-off for DEP to deem the application complete. However, the applicant is currently in litigation with Bridgewater over its refusal to sign the TWA. Mr. Berlant believes recent legal developments may strengthen his position and asked the Authority to review the matter and help move the application forward.

Mr. Berlant explained that his company, Gardens at Warren, LLC, previously owned the property at 30 Mountain Boulevard and remains responsible for completing the TWA permits despite having sold the property. He emphasized that the project would add only approximately 6,800 gallons per day to a sewer line currently handling **about** 1 million gallons per day, describing the increase as *de minimis*. The Authority has also issued a Will Serve letter.

The matter is complicated by the ongoing dispute between Warren and Bridgewater, and there was discussion that SRVSA could potentially become involved in the litigation. Authority representatives indicated that the issue would require further consideration, potentially in Executive Session, and that they hope to resolve it as soon as possible. Ms. Diane Alexander, Esq., had nothing further to add to the discussion.

Minute 8 - Consent Agenda - Resolutions for Consideration and Possible Formal Action

- 1) **Res. No. 26-0824-1** – Resolution Authorizing the Use of the Competitive Contracting Process to Procure Outside Wastewater Treatment Plant Laboratory Testing Services
- 2) **Res. No. 26-0824-2** – Resolution Authorizing Permanent Status of John Devito as Inventory Control Clerk in the Maintenance Department
- 3) **Res. No. 26-0824-3** – Resolution Authorizing the Reissuance of a Non-Domestic Wastewater Discharge Permit to Henkel Corporation
- 4) **Res. No. 26-0824-4** - Resolution Authorizing the Administrative Termination of the Non-Domestic Wastewater Discharge Permit 1E GW Issued to Aspen Hill Holdings, LLC
- 5) **Res. No. 26-0824-5** – Resolution Authorizing the Administrative Termination of the Non-Domestic Wastewater Discharge Permit 52B Issued to Lycored Corporation
- 6) **Res. No. 26-0824-6** – Resolution Authorizing an Energy Agent Contract with Gabel Associates, Inc., and Authorizing the Executive Director Ronald Anastasio or In His Absence the Assistant Executive Director/Manager of Engineering Sherwin Ulep to Award a Contract and/or Reject Bids in Response to the Request for Bids for Electric Generation Service Issued on Behalf of The New Jersey Sewerage and Municipal Utility Authority Electrical Supply Aggregation

Mr. Albano had a question regarding Res. No. 27-0824-4, directed towards Ellie Hoffman. In the Aspen Hill resolution, I think there needs to be a little more explanation as to why they are ceasing sending the water. I discussed it with Ron and if no one else has any concerns, I am OK with it. Mr. Pratt asked if it was the same question regarding Res. No. 27-0824-5 for Lycored. Mr. Anastasio stated that Aspen Hill is in a pause right now because the DEP is watching the pollutant levels. Ms. Hoffman said they have been a pause for several years and there are no plans to restart the system at this time. The DEP monitors them, and they don't foresee needing to reset it but if they do, they do know they need to apply for a permit again. As to Lycored, they have not closed the facility, but they have closed all manufacturing and are using it as a warehouse. It is occupied so you may see vehicles going in and out of it. I did their inspection and can confirm it is closed down.

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

Minute 9 - Board Committees:

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

- a. Linda Hering – Change to Part-Time Employment (**Closed Session – Personnel Matters**)

Minute 10 - Chairman: Mr. Machala had nothing further to add.

Mr. Albano stated that he and Mr. Lifrieri attended a presentation by the Bridgewater sewage utility. Tom Genova outlined their plans for improving the entire system. It was interesting to see that someone had taken it seriously. Mr. Lifrieri stated that I&I was a big factor, and I am a big proponent of fixing the I&I because nobody wants to treat clean water.

Minute 11 - Reports:

A. Executive Director's Report

1. Reschedule September 28th Regular Board Meeting to September 21st (due to WEFTEC conflict)

Mr. Anastasio asked the Board to consider rescheduling the September 28th meeting for one week prior, to September 21st. He and a few other staff members, as well as a few commissioners, will be attending WEFTEC in New Orleans. Everyone agreed.

Upon a Motion of Mr. Pratt, and a Second of Ms. Borek, the Motion to reschedule the September Board meeting to September 21, 2026 was approved by the following all in favor vote:

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

2. Update on the Proposed Administration Building Project
 - a) NJDEP Request for a 30-Day Permit Review Extension
 - b) DRG Finalizing Bid Specification Front-End

The architect and Sherwin are finalizing the front-end specifications for the project. DEP has requested a 30-day extension for permit review. Mr. Gunta indicated he is on the Board of the NJLSRPA so I can take it if you need me to. The team received the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control permit last week and is now nearing the point of advertising the project for bids, which is expected to remain open for approximately 6–8 weeks. They hope to receive the remaining DEP permit before the next meeting.

3. Update on the Plantwide Mechanical Rehabilitation Project
 - a) C. Change Order No. 5
 - b) CDM Change Order No. 7
 - c) PS&S Change Order No. 2
 - d) New Headworks Bldg./Odor Control System Electrical Re-Feed

The Planning Committee discussed several change orders related to the project:

- **Change Order No. 5** covers major civil and process mechanical work. The committee wants additional discussions with Mr. Schoettle.
- **CDM Change Order No. 7**, involving additional electrical work, will be included in those discussions.

- **PS&S Change Order No. 2** for the Headworks Building involves rerouting two lines and is a relatively small change order. The Planning Committee plans to recommend it to the Finance Committee.
- The committee also discussed an alternative electrical approach to avoid costly and complicated temporary power during construction. The proposal is to repurpose the old R1 incinerator electrical feed to provide power to the existing administration building, the new Headworks Building, and the existing Headworks Building, which will eventually become the odor control system.
- The Planning Committee voted to recommend awarding the electrical design work to PS&S, subject to Finance Committee review.

4. Update on Main Interceptor & Forcemain Rehabilitation Project

The project is awaiting the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control permit from the Somerset-Union County Soil Conservation District. The plans are considered approvable, and CDM is obtaining the required signed and sealed drawings so the permit can be finalized.

Securing this permit is important because it is the final step needed for the federal government to draft a Subordination Agreement allowing the new Duke Farms sewer easement to cross existing federal wetlands easements. This represents a significant milestone for the project.

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

The project is progressing, with electrical enclosures expected in September. Once delivered, the electrical contractor will assemble IPA #1 on-site, install the switchgear, and then place the enclosure on its permanent pedestals. IPA #2, located near the river on a steel structure, is also in production but is running behind schedule. Once the enclosures arrive, the team will determine the next steps for the pump station. The station is realistically expected to be completed by the end of next spring, with the contract allowing for a long lead time. PSE&G has already installed the site transformer.

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

Mr. Anastasio explained that the team is evaluating a new air piping system with approximately 3,000 stone diffusers per basin. A major concern is the significant amount of accumulated sludge in Basins 5 and 6, which could cost approximately \$2 million to remove and would require extensive drying before disposal. To avoid this expense and potentially make the project financially unviable, the team is considering upgrading Basins 3 and 4 instead, making them the primary operating basins after the project. This would require much less sludge cleaning and could preserve the project's financial benefits, including the \$2.1 million PSE&G funding. The team considers the alternative highly viable and has discussed it with the design engineers. Since the design is currently only 60% complete, the basin switch can be made without affecting the engineering budget.

Mr. Lifrieri asked what would happen to the other basins. The remaining basins would be addressed through the future capital budget, with the work placed toward the end of the five-year planning window beyond 2027. The accumulated sludge is substantial—estimated at 100,000–150,000 cubic feet (approximately 800,000 gallons). The proposed process would involve liquefying and pumping the sludge to a thickening tank, then using a belt filter press to produce a dry “cake” for disposal. The operation would be costly and labor-intensive, although the sludge is not considered hazardous. The group also discussed the sludge’s weight before and after treatment.

7. Discussion Regarding the Proposed Judicial Consent Orders (JCOs) Related to PFAS with the 3M Company & DuPont **(Closed Session – Pending Litigation & Attorney/Client Privileged)**
8. Fox Hollow Litigation - **(Closed Session – Pending Litigation and Attorney/Client Privileged)**
9. Issues Related to Treatment Works Approvals **(Closed Session – Attorney/Client Privileged)**

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

Minute 12 - Communications

A. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Residual Transfer Report; Reporting Period

6/1/26-6/30/26

- B. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Surface Water Discharge Monitoring Report. Reporting Period 6/1/26-6/30/26
- C. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Surface Water Discharge Monitoring Report – Storm Control Treatment Facility Reporting Period 6/1/26-6/30/26.
- D. NJDEP, Division of Water Quality; Residuals Discharge Monitoring Report; Reporting Period 6/1/26-6/30/26.

Minute 13 - Res. No. 26-0824-9 – Payroll

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

Minute 14 - Res. No. 26-0824-10- Bills

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

Minute 15- Res. No. 26-0824-11 - Adjourn to Closed Session

Resolution Authorizing Closed Session for the Purposes of Personnel Matters Discussions Regarding HR/Office Manager Linda Hering Switching to Part-Time Employment and Pending Litigation and Attorney/Client Privileged Discussions Regarding the Proposed Judicial Consent Orders Related to PFAS with the 3M Company and Dupont and Pending Litigation and

Attorney/Client Privileged Discussions Regarding the Fox Hollow Litigation and for Attorney/Client Privileged Discussions Regarding Issues Related to Treatment Works Approvals

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

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:35 p.m.

Minute 16 - Reconvene in Open Session at 8:12 p.m.

Minute 17 - Adjournment of Meeting

Upon a motion of Mr. Albano, Second of Ms. Borek, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm, by the following **all in Favor Vote**:

Roll Call Vote:

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

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
September 21, 2026