

WANAQUE VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

January 22, 2025

Regular Public Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENT – 6:03 pm

Chairman Covelli, read the following announcement:

This is the Regular meeting of the Wanaque Valley Regional Sewerage Authority, Wednesday, January 22, 2025, is held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 adequate notice as defined by Section 3D of Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, and has been posted on the WVRSA website. A copy of said notice will be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Covelli asked everyone to stand for the flag salute and asked Mr. Roeder to led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Covelli asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present – In-Person Mr. Allen, Mr. Taukus and Mr. Covelli

Commissioner Present vis Zoom: Michael Gerst, Mr. Conlon

Also Present:

William Bailey, Esq. – Huntington Bailey, LLP - Zoom

Elizabeth Parrinello – Absent

Giselle Diaz, P.E. – Boswell Engineering

Michael Roeder – Chapman Environmental Services

Justin Leslie – Supervisor of Operations

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Roeder stated that there were no correspondences.

REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 4, 2024 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Chairman Covelli stated that the Commissioners were emailed a copy of the December 4, 2024 meeting minutes and asked if they all have had time to review them. Chairman Covelli asked for a motion for the December 4, 2024, meeting minutes.

The following motion was made:

MOTION

Moved by Mr. Conlon, 2nd by Mr. Allen to approve and accept the meeting minutes of December 4, 2024, Regular Minutes, Chairman Covelli asked if there were any discussion, of December 4, 2024, seeing and hearing none Chairman Covelli asked for all those in favor is signify so by stating Aye.

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Commissioners: Allen, Conlon, Gerst, Taukus and Covelli all stated Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT– Power Point Presentation

Mr. Roeder reported the plant is running well, and we are tracking on Budget.

LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Bailey of Huntington Bailey, LLP stated that he had nothing to report.

Chairman Covelli stated that we are at the Resolution portion of this meeting, Mr. Roeder gave a brief explanation of each resolution.

PLANT OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR –

Work Completed Since December Meeting-

- We are still dealing with the diesel discharge and the costs and potential recovery through JIF and Hauler's insurance. This will be a slow process.
- The maintenance team is down one person and is conducting primarily preventative maintenance and operating well.
- Beasts have been frozen in the mornings with low temperatures.
- Bought small heaters and put under units, seems to be working well this past week.
- Outfall inspection found several downed trees, clean-up will happen in the spring.
- RAS pump replacement works better than ever.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Ms. Diaz reported on the Capital Project, that they are about done with the Design portion of the project, will be submitting to the state, and we should be able to go out to bid very shortly.

6:20 PM – Mr. Conlon excused himself from the meeting.

Resolution 25-01 – Authorizing an Amendment to the Agreement with Boswell Engineering for Work Related to the WVRSA - CIP

MOTION Moved by Mr. Taukus, 2nd by Mr. Gerst - Authorizing an Amendment to the Agreement with Boswell Engineering for Work Related to the WVRSA - CIP

Chairman Covelli asked for all those in favor to signify so by stating Aye.
Commissioners: Allen, Gerst, Taukus and Covelli all stated Aye

MOTION CARRIED

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Mr. Roeder stated that Mr. Conlon reviewed the bills and everything was in order.

Resolution 25-02- Accepting and Authorizing Payment of Bills Resolution #25-02

MOTION Moved by Mr. Gerst, 2nd by Mr. Taukus to approve and accept Resolution #25-02 in the amount of \$ \$575,629.22

Chairman Covelli asked for all those in favor to signify so by stating Aye.

Commissioners: Allen, Gerst, Taukus and Covelli all stated Aye

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Covelli asked if there was any old business to come before the Authority, seeing and hearing none Chairman Covelli asked if there were any new business to come before the Authority seeing and hearing, we open the floor to public comment.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – No one from the public was present or attended the video conference meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION Moved by Mr. Allen, 2nd by Mr. Taukus to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman Covelli asked for all those in favor to signify so by stating Aye.

Commissioners: Allen, Gerst, Taukus and Covelli all stated Aye

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Elizabeth Parrinello

Elizabeth Parrinello, Recording Secretary

MOTION WAS MADE at the 02-26-25 Public Meeting

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Allen						
Conlon						
Gerst						
VACANT						
Taukus						
Covelli						

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