

WANAQUE VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

October 23, 2024

Regular Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENT – 6:14pm

Vice -Chairman Conlon read the following announcement:

This is meeting of the Wanaque Valley Regional Sewerage Authority, Wednesday, March 27, 2024, shall serve has both the Regular meeting 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

Vice -Chairman Conlon asked the Commissioner to stand and Salute to the Flag for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice -Chairman Conlon asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present – In-Person: Matthew Conlon, Michael Levine, Ted Taukus,

Commissioners Present - ZOOM: Michael Gerst Herb Allen

Commissioner Absent: - Frank Covelli

Professionals: Mr. John Eskilson – Business Consultant – Civitas of New Jersey, LLC - Zoom  
Michael Roeder–Interim Executive Director/Licensed Operator–WVRSA–Chapman ES  
William Bailey, Esq. – Huntington Bailey, LLP - Zoom  
Giselle Diaz – Boswell Engineering  
Elizabeth Parrinello – Absent  
Justin Leslie – Absent

CORRESPONDENCE – Highlands Exemption Received – 10/17/2024

REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – September 25, 2024

Special Meeting Minutes - October 7 2024

Vice-Chairman Conlon asked the Commissioners if they have reviewed the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2024, and October 7, 2024

The following motion was made:

MOTION Moved by Mr. Levin, 2nd by Mr. Taukus to approve and accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2024, and October 7, 2024

Vice-Chairman Conlon asked all those in favor to signify so by stating Aye.

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

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Roeder presented his report in a PowerPoint presentation stating that the plant is running well, and the budget is tracking on target.

Mr. Eskilson did an analysis of the past year, FY2024 year-end electric costs are consistent with earlier tracking.

Mr. Roeder stated that FY2025 Projected payroll is projected to be under budget by \$128,383.00 if the rest of the year trends the same.

Plant Operations Supervisor

**Work Completed Since September 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.
- Clarifiers 1, 2, and 3 have been drained and cleaned. The new valves for clarifiers 2 and 1 were replaced and are operating well.
- Influent Pump #3 reinstalled and maintenance completed on Pumps 1 and 2.
- Beasts updated and have gone through full maintenance.
- Numerous smaller projects completed throughout the facility.



ENGINEERING REPORT

Ms. Diaz reported that the I Bank requires an Administration Service, see Resolution 24-64 authorizing an agreement for Contract Administration Services.

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LEGAL REPORT -

Mr. Bailey said awaiting a response from hauler's attorney, regarding coverage.

Vice - Chairman Conlon asked Mr. Roeder to give a brief explanation of the Resolution's

**Resolution 24-64-** Authorizing an Agreement for Contract Services Resolution #24—64

MOTION Moved by Mr. Taukus, 2nd by Mr. Levine to Authorizing an Agreement for Contract Services Resolution #24—64

Vice -Chairman Conlon asked for all those in favor to signify so by stating Aye.  
Commissioners: Allen, Conlon, Gerst, Levine, Taukus, all stated Aye  
Commissioner Absent Covelli

MOTION CARRIED

**Resolution 24-65-** Accepting and Authorizing Payment of Bills Resolution #24—65

MOTION Moved by Mr. Taukus, 2nd by Mr. Gerst to approve and accept Resolution #24-65 in the amount of \$ 490,080.99

Vice -Chairman Conlon asked for all those in favor to signify so by stating Aye.  
Commissioners: Allen, Conlon, Gerst, Levine, Taukus, all stated Aye  
Commissioner Absent Covelli

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT – Vice Chairman stated no one is present from the public.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION Moved by Mr. Taukus, 2nd by Mr. Levine to adjourn this portion of the meeting.

Vice -Chairman Conlon asked for all those in favor to signify so by stating Aye.  
Commissioners: Allen, Conlon, Gerst, Levine, Taukus, all stated Aye  
Commissioner Absent Covelli

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19PM

Commissioner Conlon took minutes.

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Transcribed by:

*Elizabeth Parrinello*

Elizabeth Parrinello, Recording Secretary

MOTION CARRIED  
APPROVED 12-04-24 REGULAR MEETING

Commission	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Allen		X	X			
Conlon	X		X			
Levine						X
Gerst			X			
Taukus						X
Covelli			X			

All minutes and resolutions can be found on our website: [www.wvrsa.com](http://www.wvrsa.com)