

WANAQUE VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

August 28, 2024

Regular Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENT – 6:07pm

Chairman Covelli 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

Chairman Covelli asked Councilperson Dominick Cortellessa to led the Authority in the Salute to the Flag.

Chairman Covelli asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present – In-Person: Herb Allen, Matthew Conlon, Michael Levine, Ted Taukus,
Frank Covelli

Commissioners Present - ZOOM: Michael Gerst

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

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – July 24, 2024

Chairman Covelli asked the Commissioners if they have reviewed the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2024. All stated yes, all approved,

The following motion was made:

MOTION Moved by Mr. Taukus, 2nd by Mr. Allen to approve and accept the Regular Meeting Minutes – July 24, 2024

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

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Chairman Covelli stated let the record reflect that there was no closed session July 24, 2024 Regular meeting.

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.

Plant Operations Supervisor

Mr. Leslie stated that we are setting up a service contract with Pumping Service (PSI) for the influent pump.

Mr. Leslie said we are training our personnel in how to properly clean, and acid wash the microscreen panels with appropriate protective gear.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Ms. Diaz stated we are awaiting TWA approval from the NJIB.

Chairman Covelli asked if the Borough would be joining us on Union Court; Giselle stated we would have to re-obtain all the approval we already have. Chairman Covelli stated that would have to let the Borough know that, since they are under the impression they can piggyback on this project.

LEGAL REPORT -

Mr. Bailey spoke with the Borough Attorney regarding signage for pedestrians on Access Road and they have no objection; Mr. Eskilson said there is research file showing it is Borough's Road

Mr. Bailey reported on the By-law revision and stated that it is being discussed at the September council meeting and was introduced in August.

Chairman Covelli asked Mr. Roeder to give a brief explanation of the Resolution's

Resolution 24-57- Authorizing establishing FY2025 Salaries 3% - (carried from 7/24/24 mtg)

MOTION Moved by Mr. Conlon 2nd by Mr. Levine Authorizing establishing FY2025 Salaries 3%
Chairman Covelli asked for all those in favor to signify so by stating Aye.
Commissioners: Allen, Conlon, Gerst, Levine, Taukus, Covelli all stated Aye

Resolution 24-61 – Amending the FY2025 Budget 2025 Budget

MOTION Moved by Mr. Taukus, 2nd by Mr. Conlon to approve and accept Resolution #24-61

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Amending the FY2025 Budget 2025 Budget

\$10K increase in Septage Revenue and \$5K in employee contributions to healthcare premiums.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 24-62 – Adopting the FY2025 Budget 2025 Budget

MOTION Moved by Mr. Conlon, 2nd by Mr. Allen to approve and accept Resolution #24-62
Adopting the FY2025 Budget 2025 Budget

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

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 24-63- Accepting and Authorizing Payment of Bills Resolution #24—63 – Mr. Levine stated that the bills were unavailable at the time and suggest carrying Over to next month

MOTION Moved by Mr. Levine, 2nd by Mr. Taukus to approve and accept Resolution #24-60 in the amount of \$ 666,503.11

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Covelli stated seeing that we have a guest from the public, we will open for public comment.

Mr. Cortellessa reviewed everything and is ok with it and had no additional questions for the Borad.

MOTION Moved by Mr. Conlon, 2nd by Mr. Taukus to close the public portion.

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

Commissioners: Allen, Conlon, Gerst, Levine, Taukus, Covelli all stated Aye

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Taukus asked if the Borough of Wanaque raised the sewer rates, Mr. Roeder

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stated yes,

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Bailey stated that there is a need for an executive session.

Motion was made by Mr. Conlon and 2nd by Mr. Allen to going into Close Session for the purpose of potential litigation. All Commissioners stated Aye.

Motion was made to Close Executive session - Moved by Mr. Conlon, 2nd by Mr. Allen to close the executive session portion of the meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION Moved by Mr. Conlon, 2nd by Mr. Allen to adjourn this portion of the meeting.

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

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM

Minutes were taken by Commissioner Conlon

Transcribed by:

Elizabeth Parrinello

Elizabeth Parrinello, Recording Secretary

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED 09-25-24 REGULAR MEETING

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

All minutes and resolutions can be found on our website: www.wvrsa.com