

WANAQUE VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

August 28, 2019

Regular Public Meeting

Wanaque Valley Regional Sewerage Authority conducted a Regular Meeting which commenced at 6:10P.M. in the Wanaque Valley Regional Sewerage Authority Administration Building, 101 Warren Hagstrom Blvd., Wanaque, New Jersey with Chairman Frank Covelli, presiding.

ANNOUNCEMENT – 6:07pm

Chairman Covelli read the following announcement:

Pursuant to 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. Copy of said notice will be filed with the minutes of this meeting.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Herb Allen, Matt Conlon, Michael Levine, Ted Taukus, Frank Covelli

Commissioners Absent: Michael Siesta

Also Present: John Eskilson – Interim Executive Director
William Bailey, Esq. – Huntington Bailey, LLP
Giselle Diaz, P.E. – Boswell Engineering
Elizabeth Parrinello – Recording Secretary

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Covelli asked Mr. Jankner to lead the Authority in the Salute to the Flag.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Eskilson stated that he had received an email from the energy co-op regarding the overcharges and reported that SEM will be issuing a refund. Chairman Covelli thanked Mr. Eskilson for his diligent work and being persistent regarding the energy charges.

REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Covelli stated that the Commissioners have a copy of July 24, 2019, minutes in their files and asked if they have had time to review them.

Mr. Levine stated that there is an error in the spelling of his name, Ms. Parrinello stated she would correct the error and place the corrected copy in the file.

MOTION Moved by Mr. Levine 2nd Mr. Allen by to approve and accept the meeting minutes of July 24, 2019.

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

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Commissioner Siesta Absent

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Eskilson prepared a written report (copy attached), which is in the WVRSA meeting folders for this meeting. Mr. Eskilson stated the Board also has a copy of the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget which he will review with the Board during Resolution #19-45. Mr. Eskilson stated that he will cover his report in the budget section.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Ms. Diaz reported that the Water Capacity Analysis Report was submitted to NJDEP by the deadline.

Chairman Covelli asked Ms. Diaz to submit a list of capital improvements for a future project with the New Jersey Water Bank (formerly the NJEIT). Ms. Diaz stated she would have a list for the next Authority's public meeting.

LEGAL REPORT – Mr. Bailey stated there was nothing to report.

AUDITOR - None

Mr. Eskilson handed out a Budget highlight report, and stated in the FY19 Budget we over stated our septage hauler revenue, in FY20's budget Mr. Eskilson stated he reflected a more realistic revenue amount.

Mr. Eskilson proceeded to the expenditure portion of the budget, reviewing each appropriation.
(Discussion continued)

Mr. Eskilson stated that the Ringwood Board of Education had called him and asked for some relief in their service agreement which was up for renewal. Mr. Eskilson stated he checked with the Chairman Covelli and explained the RBOE hardship and Mr. Eskilson was authorized to freeze the rates at the current cost.

Chairman Covelli stated that it is his thought in being fair the Authority/Board should freeze the Borough of Ringwood's rate to reflect their last year's rate. It was agreed to freeze the Borough of Ringwood's rates.

Mr. Eskilson stated that freezing both of the rates would not have any impact on the FY20 budget.

Resolution 19-45 - Authorizing Introduction of the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget– Resolution #19-45

MOTION Moved by Mr. Conlon, 2nd by Mr. Taukus in Authorizing Introduction of the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget - Resolution #19-45

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

MOTION CARRIED

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Resolution 19-46 - Accepting and Authorizing Payment of Bills Resolution #19-46

Chairman Covelli asked Mr. Eskilson if all the vouchers where in order, Mr. Eskilson stated the vouchers and bill list have been reviewed by myself and WVRSA's QPA – Resolution 19-46

MOTION Moved by Mr. Conlon, 2nd by Mr. Allen to approve and accept Resolution #19-46 in the amounts of \$186,140.85.

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

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS – 2019 Disposal Rates

Mr. Eskilson asked the Board to defer this until he can analyze the volumes and charge for each customer.

NEW BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Larry Jankner - Wanaque Reserve, building 10, Wanaque, NJ – Mr. Jankner stated there were no odor or noise complaints in July and August.

Motion was made to close the public portion.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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

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

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

Commissioners: Siesta Absent

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Elizabeth Parrinello

Elizabeth Parrinello, Recording Secretary

APPROVED 09-25-19 REGULAR MEETING

Commissioner	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Allen			X			
Conlon					X	
Levine	X		X			
Siesta					X	
Taukus		X	X			
Covelli			X			