

WANAQUE VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
August 22, 2018
Regular Public Meeting

Wanaque Valley Regional Sewerage Authority conducted a Regular Meeting which commenced at 6.:05P.M. in the Wanaque Valley Regional Sewerage Authority Administration Building, 101 Warren Hagstrom Blvd., Wanaque, New Jersey with Chairman Frank Covelli, presiding.

ANNOUNCEMENT – 612pm

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.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Covelli asked Mayor Mahler to lead the Authority in the Salute to the Flag. Chairman Covelli asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Michael Levine, Michael Siesta Ted Taukus, Herb Allen, Robert Moshman, Frank Covelli,

Also Present: Mr. Eskilson – Interim Executive Director, WVRSA
William Bailey, Esq. – Huntington Bailey, LLP
Giselle Diaz, P.E. – Boswell Engineering
Mayor Mahler – Borough of Wanaque
Elizabeth Parrinello – Recording Secretary

CORRESPONDENCE LIST -

August 17, 2018, an odor complaint rating 7 out of 10 – Mr. White spoke with the individual who reported the complaint and told them there was nothing suspicious in nature with the material that was dumped. Mr. Eskilson also responded by email.

Mr. Eskilson reported to the Board that the service technician who repaired the “Beast” wrote in his service report how helpful the staff was and they were great to work with.

REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 25, 2018 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Chairman Covelli stated that the Commissioners have copies of the July 25, 2018 minutes in their files and asked if they all have had time to review them. Chairman Covelli asked for a motion.

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The following motion was made:

MOTION Moved by Mr. Siesta, 2nd by Mr. Moshman to approve and accept the meeting minutes of July 25, 2018 Regular Minutes.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC PORTION

Chairman Covelli stated that anyone wishing to address this Board – step up to the microphone and state your name and address for the records. Chairman Covelli also stated that there will be another opportunity later in the meeting.

Joyce Hartman – Wanaque Reserve, Building 10, Ms. Hartman wanted to take this time to thank the Board for their continuous effort, support in controlling the odor and for the diligent responses to any questions or concerns the Wanaque Reserve residents may have.

Chairman Covelli asked for motion to close the public portion, the following motion was made.

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

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

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MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Eskilson prepared a written report (copy attached), which was in the WVRSA meeting package for this meeting. Mr. Eskilson stated he would answer any questions regarding his report.

Mr. Eskilson started his report by reviewing the dashboard reports, Mr. Eskilson said that we are 10 months into the year and are running really well, with regard to the septage hauler revenue we are ahead of target and could exceed what was anticipated. Also, sludge disposal volume has dropped considerably, 19.5% from the seven-year average 2011 to 2017. Mr. Moshman asked how is that possible that we take in more septage and are removing less sludge. Mr. Eskilson along with Ms. Diaz explained that with all the upgrades the Authority have made over last couple of years, we have the ability to remove more water before sending the sludge out. Mr. Eskilson stated that the Authority made a huge upgrade in our sludge processing. (Discussion continued)

Mr. Eskilson reported to the Board that the “cash flow” which he has been reporting a 2–3 hundred thousand deficient from last year cash flow, we hypothesized that the cash flow had not been

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received back from the NJEIT program. Mr. Eskilson reported that we have received the money from the NJEIT program.

Mr. Eskilson stated that the rest of the dashboard reports are tracking as projected.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Ms. Diaz stated that at the last meeting, the Board authorized the engineer to obtain 3 quotes for the additional work required for the installation of "Beast" 2. Ms. Diaz stated, that they expect to have the quotes back by the end of next week. At that point if they exceed the Bid threshold we will need to go out to Bid.

Chairman Covelli asked the Board did the Commissioners have any questions of Ms. Diaz.

Chairman Covelli asked for the Legal Report.

LEGAL REPORT

Mr. Bailey stated he had nothing to report.

Chairman Covelli asked Mr. Eskilson to explain Fiscal Year 2019 Budget. Mr. Eskilson stated that you have a complete draft copy of the budget in your package for review. Mr. Eskilson stated that he prepared a condensed version which includes revenues, operating appropriations and non-operating appropriations which Mr. Eskilson said he will use to explain the budget tonight. Discussion continued on the FY2019 Budget.

Chairman Covelli asked the Board if they had any questions or comments for Mr. Eskilson.

Chairman Covelli stated for the public, that this Authority is a forward-thinking Board and that we make decision based on what is best for plant operations and to minimize the impact to every rate payor in the Borough of Wanaque. Chairman Covelli also stated that the Authority, is being very realistic on the revenue side of the budget, which is reflected in the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget.

Chairman Covelli stated we will move to the Resolutions on the Agenda.

Resolution 18-52 - Authorizing Introduction of the FY 2019 Budget

MOTION Moved by Mr. Moshman, 2nd by Mr. Siesta to authorize Resolution #18-52 Introduction of Annual Budget of \$4,569,749.00 for FY 2019.

Chairman Covelli asked for a roll call.

Commissioners - Levine, Siesta, Taukus, Allen, Moshman and Covelli all stated Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

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PAYMENT OF BILLS

Chairman Covelli asked if any of Commissioners had any questions on vouchers, Mr. Levine and Mr. Siesta stated that all vouchers were in order.

Resolution 18-53 - Accepting and Authorizing Payment of Bills Resolution #18-53

MOTION Moved by Mr. Levine, 2nd by Mr. Taukus to approve and accept Resolution #18-53 in the amount of \$165,453.96

Chairman Covelli asked for a roll call.

Commissioners - Levine, Siesta, Taukus, Allen, Moshman and Covelli all stated Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Covelli stated that anyone wishing to address this Board – step up to the microphone and state your name and address for the records.

Seeing none, Chairman Covelli asked for motion to close the public portion, the following motion was made.

Motion was made to close the public portion.

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

Chairman Covelli asked for a roll call.

Commissioners - Levine, Siesta, Taukus, Allen, Moshman and Covelli all stated Aye.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION Moved by Mr. Siesta, 2nd by Mr. Taukus to adjourn this meeting

Chairman Covelli asked for a roll call.

Commissioners - Levine, Siesta, Taukus, Allen, Moshman and Covelli all stated Aye.

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MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Elizabeth Parrinello

Elizabeth Parrinello, Recording Secretary

APPROVED 09-26-18 REGULAR MEETING

Commission	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Levine	X		X			
Siesta						X
Taukus						X
Allen		X	X			
Moshman			X			
Covelli			X			