

WANAQUE VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
September 25, 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 – 6:10pm

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 Mr. Cuva to lead the Authority in the Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: Matt Conlon, Michael Siesta

Also, Present: William Bailey, Esq. – Huntington Bailey, LLP
Giselle Diaz, P.E. – Boswell Engineering
Elizabeth Parrinello – Recording Secretary
Paul Cuva – Ferraioli, Wielkotz, Cerullo & Cuva

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Covelli asked Ms. Parrinello if there were any correspondence, Ms. Parrinello stated that we received a pamphlet from MEL (Power of Calibration) Chairman Covelli gave a brief statement about the MEL.

Chairman Covelli asked the Board if anyone would mind if we went out of order for this evening meeting, asking if we could move to the Auditor portion, to accommodate Mr. Cuva tonight. Chairman Covelli will move on the minutes then will proceed to the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget.

REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Covelli stated that the Commissioners have a copy of August 28, 2019, minutes in their files and asked if they have had time to review them.

MOTION Moved by Mr. Levine 2nd Mr. Taukus by to approve and accept the meeting minutes of August 28, 2019.

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

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

AUDITOR

Mr. Cuva stated that the FY2020 budget was submitted to the NJ Division of Local Government Services after last month's introduction, a few comments which were made by the State have been addressed. The Budget has been approved for the NJ Division of Local Government for adoption, Mr. Cuva asked if anyone had any questions on the FY2020 budget, no questions were asked from the Board.

Chairman Covelli stated the Board will open the meeting to the public for comments and questions with respect to the Budget. Chairman Covelli stated that anyone wishing to address this Board pertaining to the FY20 – step up to the microphone and state your name and address for the records.

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

MOTION Moved by Mr. Taukus, 2nd by Mr. Levine to close the public portion on the FY20 Budget.

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

Chairman Covelli asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 19-48 which is the Final Adoption of FY2020 in the amount of \$4,618,021.00.

MOTION Moved by Mr. Levine, 2nd by Mr. Allen for the Final Adoption of FY2020 Budget

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

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

No report – Mr. Eskilson was not present.

Chairman Covelli stated Mr. Eskilson did prepare his report which is in the meeting folders tonight. Chairman Covelli asked if there were any questions, Chairman Covelli stated that the Authority has resolved the issue with the "energy" problem and we should be receiving a refund. Mr. Bailey explained how the Authority would be receiving the refund.

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ENGINEERING REPORT

Ms. Diaz stated that the Authority had to make a Spill Prevention, Control and Counter Measure Plan (SPCC) due to the size of the new fuel tanks the Authority upgraded to. The SPCC is complete and we will be sending it out

Ms. Diaz stated that she is working with Mr. White on the next project the Authority has planned with New Jersey Water Bank (NJWB) projects. Ms. Diaz said she has spoken with the NJWB and they stated there is plenty of money.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Resolution 19-47 - Accepting and Authorizing Payment of Bills Resolution #19-47

Chairman Covelli asked Mr. Levine if all the vouchers where in order, Mr. Levine stated the vouchers are in order.

MOTION Moved by Mr. Levine, 2nd by Mr. Allen to approve and accept Resolution #19-47 in the amounts of \$82,643.55.

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS – Heath Care Premiums and Incentive Plans

Chairman Covelli explained what the Authority would like to offer to the Authority employees with regard to health incentives (explanation continued) ,what we need tonight is authorization from the Board to put together an incentive program for them to migrate to a low cost plan and to provide the financial saving to both the employee and the Authority.

Chairman Covelli asked for a motion to move forward with a Resolution offering incentive plans and migrate to low cost plans.

MOTION Moved by Mr. Taukus 2nd by Mr. Allen to develop a plan to migrate to lower cost plans.
(Subject to the Fund Commissioners and the Finance

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Joyce Hartman - Wanaque Reserve, building 10, Wanaque, NJ – Ms. Hartman stated there was a complaint about a speeding trucker, which Mr. White was notified and Mr. White has spoken with the trucker about the speed limit. Ms. Hartman stated we had an excellent summer and the Reserve thanks the Authority.

Motion was made to close the public portion.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30PM
Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Elizabeth Parrinello

Elizabeth Parrinello, Recording Secretary
APPROVED 12-05-19 REGULAR MEETING
MOTION CARRIED – SEE BELOW

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