

WANAQUE VALLEY REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

April 22, 2020

Regular Public Meeting

VIA – Video Conference – Zoom

ANNOUNCEMENT – 6:00pm

Chairman Covelli, read the following announcement:

Chairman Covelli stated that per the New Jersey Governor's office regarding pandemic order's that this meeting is being held via video conference thru Zoom platform, in which all information was provided to the public for those who wanted to attend via Zoom' and Wanaque Valley Regional Sewerage Authority, Wednesday, April 22, 2020, 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 stated that for this meeting the Authority will suspend the salute to the flag due to video conference nature of meeting.

Chairman Covelli said he would like to have a minute of silence for all would have been affected by Covid-19 and that Commissioner Taukus has speedy recovery.

Chairman Covelli asked for a roll call.

ROLL CALL -

Commissioners Present: Michael Levine, Herb Allen, Matthew Conlon, Frank Covelli,

Commissioner Absent: Ted Taukus,

Also Present: John Eskilson – Interim Executive Director – WVRSA
Steve Wilson – Superintendent of Operations
Elizabeth Parrinello – Recording Secretary
Giselle Diaz, P.E. – Boswell Engineering
Michael Roder – Chapman Environmental Services
Robert Farrell – Chapman Environmental Services
Kristi Sorrentino – Chapman Environmental Services

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Covelli asked Ms. Parrinello if there were any correspondence, Ms. Parrinello stated that we received two pieces of correspondence:

- 1) Borough of Wanaque regarding the compound water meter.
- 2) C & K Management Services, regarding Stop and Shop Supermarket, Ringwood, NJ

Mr. Eskilson replied stating that we have been in contact with Stop and Shop everything is moving along without disruption. With regard to the water meter issue, depending on the cost, this may need

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to wait until FY21 due to money spent in relationship to COVID19 pandemic costs.

REVIEW / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 4, 2020 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Chairman Covelli stated that the Commissioners were emailed copies of the March 4, 2020, minutes for tonight's meeting and asked if they all have had time to review them. Chairman Covelli asked for a motion.

The following motion was made:

MOTION Moved by Mr. Levine, 2nd by Mr. Herb Allen to approve and accept the meeting minutes of March 4, 2020 Regular Minutes, Chairman Covelli asked if there were any discussion, additions, deletions on the minutes of March 4, 2020, seeing and hearing none Chairman Covelli asked for all those in favor is signify so by stating Aye.

Commissioners: Allen, Conlon, Levine and Covelli all stated Aye.
Commissioner – Taukus Absent

MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE LIST - none

REPORTS

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Eskilson started out by thanking the staff and the professionals of the WVRSA for their dedication and hard work during this crisis and transition.

Mr. Eskilson prepared a written report (copy attached), which were emailed to Commissioners and Professionals for this evenings meeting. Mr. Eskilson stated that he would like to safe most of his time to the professional groups and to operations and facility reports. Mr. Eskilson stated that we have been missing the operations and facility reporting in the past and now have the to supply that information.

Mr. Eskilson reported that we are at mid-fiscal year and all indicators are tracking positive budgetary wise, The Authority's flow in is up, this can be contributed to COVID-19 with the safe-at-home order, everyone is at home using more water, but we are still running less than the comparable period in FY2019. Mr. Eskilson said he would like to note that the sludge production has increased due the hauler traffic, more trucks more sludge has to be removed.

Salary and wages are with budget, but you will see a increase in the next couple of months due to COvid-19 has causes overtime and Chapman Environmental Services, cost have not been added in to the salary and wage line as to date. (discussion continued)

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Mr. Eskilson ended his report by saying that it has been a pleasure to work with the Chapman Group (Mike, Bob, Kristi) and with Steve taking over as Superintendent of Operations and Giselle.

ENGINEERING REPORT

Ms. Diaz stated that one of the issues we have been taking about is grit issues throughout the plant. Ms. Diaz stated that Steve Wilson, Bob Farrell, Mike Roder and herself are putting a list together to make sure everything is maintained properly and being proactive.

We had spoken about the micro-screens which are at the end of their life, WVRSA will not be able to repair the micro-screens due to the parts are no longer available. Ms. Diaz stated that she is looking into the cost of new micro-screens which will be about \$500 thousand just for the micro-screens. (Discussion continued)

LICENSED OPERATOR/CHAPMAN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Mr. Roder of Chapman Environmental Services stated that they have completed the initial report of the WVRSA and all of the remote plants, Both Mr. Roder and Mr. Farrell stated that the WVRSA's plant and lab are in need of some improvement. (Discussion continued)

Mr. Roder and Mr. Farrell, stated that the remote plants are in need of major upgrades, and they are working a plan for each remote plant and will have a better idea of what will need to be done next meeting. (Discussion ensued)

Kristi Sorrentino of Chapman Environmental Services stated that she is in the process of filing all permit renewals, DMR's, for WVRSA and remote plants. (Discussion continued)

Mr. Roder stated that Chapman Environmental Services, will be set up meetings with Ms. Diaz of Boswell Engineering, Steve Wilson, SOP WVRSA, in the upcoming weeks to discuss what their findings are and come up with a plan of action.

LEGAL REPORT - None

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

Resolution 20-47 - Accepting and Authorizing Payment of Bills Resolution #20-47

MOTION Moved by Mr. Conlon, 2nd by Mr. Levine to approve and accept Resolution #20-47 in the amount of \$197,699.74

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

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Commissioner – Taukus Absent

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT – No one from the public joined the video conference meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION Moved by Mr. Matt 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, Levine, and Covelli all stated Aye
Commissioner – Taukus Absent

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Elizabeth Parrinello

Elizabeth Parrinello, Recording Secretary

MOTION WAS MADE:

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