

RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes – January 13, 2022

Stephen Greet, Finance Committee Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m., and asked that the recorder be turned on.

The Chairman read the statement on "Open Public Meetings Law"

In accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was forwarded to the Star Ledger, the Home News Tribune, and the Clerk of each of the eleven member municipalities on January 7, 2022.

If any member of this body believes that this meeting is being held in violation of the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, please state your objection and the reasons for same at this time. ... Hearing no objections, we shall proceed with our scheduled meeting.

The Chairman requested a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

Roll Call

The following members were present (via Zoom Video Conference):

Frank G. Mazzarella	for the Township of Clark
Stephen D. Greet	for the Borough of Garwood
Robert M. Beiner	for the Borough of Kenilworth
John J. Tomaine	for the Borough of Mountainside
Robert Rachlin	for the City of Rahway
Loren Harms	for the Borough of Roselle Park
Raymond Szpond	for the Township of Scotch Plains
Michael Furci	for the Township of Springfield
Edward Gottko	for the Town of Westfield
Michael J. Gelin	for the Township of Woodbridge

The following member was absent:

No Representative	for the Town of Cranford
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The following were also present (*via Zoom):

James J. Meehan	Executive Director
Karen Musialowicz	Secretary-Treasurer
Dan Ward	Superintendent
Doug Reno	Superintendent
Andrea DeCarlo	Purchasing Agent/Board Secretary
John Buonocore	Chief Engineer/Asst. Executive Director
*Dennis Estis	General Counsel – Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith

Discussion on Proposed 2022 Budget

Mr. Greet stated that since various aspects of the Budget involve protecting the safety and property of the Plant as well as potential legal issues, this discussion will take place in closed session.

Mr. Rachlin made a motion to close the meeting at 5:15 p.m. for discussion regarding the 2022 Budget. The motion was second by Mr. Szpond and approved by those present.

Mr. Furci made a motion to return to the regular order of business at 7:18 p.m. The motion was second by Mr. Harms and approved by those present.

Return to Regular Order of Business

Mr. Estis pointed out to Mr. Meehan that a Boston sewer system has been tracking COVID-19 cases in its wastewater. Mr. Meehan stated that the Authority has been doing this for the past two years as well, through Biobot and Rutgers University. He stated that the numbers typically mirror the amount of cases that are reported by the State.

Mr. Estis recommended publishing this data to share the information with the municipalities. Mr. Gelin suggested that since the data may conflict with the data being reported by the health department, it may not be a good idea to publish it. Mr. Meehan stated that Rutgers has been working on its own report which will be published soon.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, on motion of Mr. Tomaine, second by Mr. Rachlin, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m. The motion was approved by those present.

Chairman

Andrea DeCarlo
Andrea DeCarlo, Board Secretary