

Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority
Regular Meeting Minutes – April 20, 2023

The Chairman, Robert Beiner, calls the meeting to order immediately following the Finance Committee Meeting and asks that the recorder be turned on.

The Chairman reads 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 February 28, 2023.

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 regularly scheduled meeting.

Roll Call

The following members were present: (*via conference call)

Frank G. Mazzarella	for the Township of Clark
Chris Kolibas	for the Township of Cranford
*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
Michael Furci	for the Township of Springfield
Edward Gottko	for the Town of Westfield
Michael J. Gelin	for the Township of Woodbridge

The following were also present:

James J. Meehan	Executive Director
Karen Musialowicz	Secretary-Treasurer
Doug Reno	Superintendent
Janet Thevenin	Manager of Regulatory Compliance
John Buonocore	Assistant Director/Chief Engineer
Karen Lesane	Office Assistant
Dennis Estis	General Counsel – Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith
Howard Matteson	Consulting Engineer – CDM Smith

The following was absent:

Andrea DeCarlo	Purchasing Agent/Board Secretary
Brett Howard	Health & Safety Coordinator

Communications

None.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Beiner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rachlin, to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee and Regular Meetings held on March 16, 2023. The motion was approved by those present.

Report of Treasurer

No report.

Report of Executive Director

The following Sewer Treatment Endorsements were processed since the last meeting. A copy of the log sheet with additional information regarding these applications has been distributed for your reference.

2023 Treatment Endorsement Permits 0-1999 gpd							
RVSA Number				Date	Applicant's Name	Municipality	
2724	-	23	-	WF	03/21/23	Robert Scherer	Westfield
2725	-	23	-	WF	04/03/23	Blue Wave Construction and Development	Westfield
2726	-	23	-	SF	04/04/23	Springfield NJ Holdings LLC	Springfield
2727	-	23	-	KW	04/17/23	580 Quinton Ave LLC	Kenilworth

Municipal Monthly Collection System Reports

The following Reports were received since the last regular meeting:

- Cranford – March 2023
- Rahway – March 2023
- Scotch Plains – March 2023
- Woodbridge – March 2023

Plant O&M Update

Mr. Meehan reported a problem with the Dryer due to issues with a leak in the hot oil paddle and the Dryer had to be taken down, it can take at least a few weeks to get it cleaned, inspected, and repaired. He explained that instead of shipping out dry sludge, we had to ship it out wet, and this can cost 4 or 5 times more than usual. He stated that we are about three weeks in and we're expecting Komline to come next week to inspect and hopefully bring in a welder to make the necessary repairs.

Mr. Meehan reported that we couldn't run the Cogen for several days, because we had an isolated valve on the hot oil loop, and it took us a few days to get it sorted out. The Cogen is now up and running and we are saving money on energy, but he added that we are losing energy with the Dryer being down. Mr. Meehan hopes that once Komline comes in to repair and inspect the Dryer, will be up and running.

Mr. Meehan added that despite the mentioned issues, the plant is performing well, and our employees are doing a good job, and we are compliant.

Collection System O&M Update

Ms. Thevenin reported that several areas of concern in the collection system have been identified and prioritized, and we are in the process of getting those items out for bid once we specify the work. Ms. Thevenin also reported that we are working on doing a digital inspection of all the manholes in our system.

Alternative/Special Projects

Mr. Meehan stated that since this matter involves ongoing negotiations, an update will be provided in a Closed Session.

Biobot COVID-19 Wastewater Sampling & Analysis

Mr. Meehan reported 75 new cases per day, and the curve is still near the bottom of the graph, which is encouraging news.

Monthly Reports

The Monthly Operations, IPP, Flow Rights, and User Charge Reports were received and forwarded to the Commissioners for review.

Mr. Meehan reported that SWANA (Solid Waste Association of North America) asked if RVSA would like to participate in their conferences and possibly receive a substantiality award. Mr. Meehan explained that in the past we did learn a lot from SWANA and we are one of the very few wastewater treatment systems that participated in their programs. Mr. Meehan stated that it would be good for RVSA to participate this year.

Report of Consulting Engineer

Howard Matteson, Consulting Engineer from the firm CDM Smith, submitted the following report for work activities for the month of March 2023 and through the date of this report.

A. Retainer Services

During this period, CDM Smith prepared the monthly report for March 2023 and attended the March 2023 Board Meeting.

B. Miscellaneous Engineering Services

During the period, CDM Smith performed the following:

- Coordinated with staff in reviewing of Connection Fee program's next steps.
- Performed site visits and review of program requirements with staff regarding electrical maintenance and testing activities.

C. Influent Bar Screen Replacement

During the period, CDM Smith performed the following:

- Attended progress meeting with Contractor to discuss submittals, proposed Maintenance of Plant Operations Plan (MOPO), and demolition plan. Also discussed RVSA approach to determining the functionality of existing slide gates and the rehabilitation plan. RVSA and CDM Smith reinforced the requirements for AIS on the project with the Contractor.
- Reviewed shop drawings and anticipated schedule.
- Followed up with NJDEP regarding the incorporation of VFD procurement under the loan for the Influent Bar Screen Replacement.

D. **Woodbridge Spur Permitting**

During the period, CDM Smith performed the following:

- Coordinated with Environmental Specialists under the Division of Land Resource Protection related to Freshwater Wetlands and Flood Hazard Area permit submissions. Some revisions to the application and drawings will be required and the permit documentation will be resubmitted at the request of the Environmental Specialist.

Report of General Counsel

Dennis Estis, General Counsel from the firm Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis, submitted the following report for the period March 16, 2023, through April 20, 2023.

1. Revisions to the Underlying Agreement
Copies of the new Agreement were sent to all Municipal Clerks and Commissioners.
2. Excess Flow Rights
The necessary documentation evidencing expenditure of the Excess Rental Charge for the 2022 measuring year has been provided by Springfield. Springfield expended in excess of its charge, including engineering, rehabilitation, repair and waterproofing, and purchase of additional flow rights from Garwood, totaling more than \$379,000.
3. Local Contracts Law/Open Public Meetings Act
I reviewed Contract No. 2114 regarding Electric Curtailment Services and determined that it was okay to extend that contract by adopting a resolution to that effect. The resolution should be on the agenda this evening. I also reviewed a contract with PSE&G and raised two questions with regard to that contract. With regard to one of the questions, PSE&G agreed to my change. With regard to the other change, PSE&G disagreed. I don't know how important it is to have this contract.
The question concerns whether, if there is a default by RVSA, PSE&G has plenty of alternative ways to cancel the contract. If PSE&G does not follow the terms of the

contract, RVSA is unable to hold PSE&G in default and cancel the contract. I look to John Buonocore to let me know if we have any real concerns in this regard.

4. Siphon - Rahway – Union County Park

We are still negotiating with Union County's counsel, and I hope to have this completed by the end of the month. One of the sticking issues is getting an agreement from Rahway to share in the maintenance costs. We thought such an agreement had already been reached, but there is no writing to that effect.

5. Occidental Chemical

No change.

6. Metro Compliance

We have drafted a revised Settlement Agreement with the new tenant, A One Truck Stop LLC. With the staff's approval, we sent the new Agreement to One Stop's attorney, Karen Ermel, and are awaiting her comments.

7. Resolutions

No change.

8. Merck in Kenilworth

Nothing is occurring and I am removing this from my list.

9. Quala / QDI

No change.

Mr. Mazzarella asked if the Siphon agreement for Rahway is going back to the council for deliberation.

Mr. Estis replied, the agreement is only good for one year, he and Mr. Buonocore are reviewing the agreement and once everything is in place he will communicate with Rahway's attorney to amend the original agreement.

Committee Reports

Chairman: Are there reports from any of the following Committees?

Engineering Committee (Edward Gottko, Committee Chairman)

Mr. Gottko and the Engineering Committee met earlier this evening to discuss Cogen operations. Mr. Gottko reported that there are four engines that operate with the Cogen, but it is presently operating with only two working engines, #3 and #4. The repair costs for engines #1 and #2, would be approximately \$1,000,000 each. Mr. Gottko stated that the RVSA staff proposed that engine #1 should be scrapped and used for parts only, and that we should repair engine #2, and by doing this it will allow the Cogen to have three working engines that will give RVSA the ability to rotate and spread out the usage to decrease maintenance.

Mr. Meehan added that we did get a lot of use from engine #1 which is almost 20 years old and there is limited room to make repairs. Mr. Meehan explained that the plant can run at maximum capacity with two engines and the third engine can be used for redundancy.

Mr. Gottko stated that the engineering committee decided to file a recommendation for the repair of engine #2 at the approximate cost of \$1,000,000.

Ms. Musialowicz reported that we have enough money in the RSVA capital fund to cover the repair of engine #2.

Finance Committee (Loren Harms, Committee Chairman)

The Finance Committee met earlier this evening to review the Bills & Claims, and action is on the agenda under Bills & Claims.

Committee	Chairman	02/2023 – 02/2024 Committee Members		
Engineering	Edward Gottko	Frank Mazzarella	Stephen Greet	Michael Gelin
Finance	Loren Harms	John Tomaine	Chris Kolibas	Robert Rachlin
Legal	John Tomaine	Loren Harms	Frank Mazzarella	Stephen Greet
Personnel	Robert Rachlin	Edward Gottko	Michael Furci	Raymond Szpond
Nominating	Michael Gelin	Raymond Szpond	Chris Kolibas	Michael Furci
Public Relations/Media	Stephen Greet	TBD	TBD	TBD

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Mr. Gottko to offer one resolution.

1. **Resolution #23-08** – Authorizing a one-year extension to Contract #2114 with NuEnergien

Motion: Mr. Rachlin
 Second: Mr. Mazzarella

The motion was approved by those present.

RESOLUTION #23-08

WHEREAS, the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (“Authority”) had previously entered into Contract #2114 – Electric Curtailment Services with NuEnergen of White Plains, NY, (“NuEnergen”), which contract expires on May 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Authority’s bid specification included a provision to extend said contract in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15 upon mutual agreement between the parties and upon finding that services are being performed in an effective and efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, John Buonocore, Assistant Director, and Chief Engineer is satisfied with the services being performed under this contract and therefore recommends extending Contract #2114 for an additional one (1) year term; and

WHEREAS, NuEnergen has agreed to a one-year contract extension based on the pricing submitted in its original bid; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Authority, who is the Chief Financial Officer, hereby certifies that the funds for the one-year extension are available in the Annual Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority that a one-year extension to Contract #2114 is hereby approved, for a contract term commencing June 1, 2023, and concluding May 31, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute said extension to the Contract previously entered into.

Bills and Claims

Mr. Harms to offer one motion.

Motion that the following bills and claims list previously reviewed by the Finance Committee be ordered paid.

Motion: Mr. Harms
 Second: Mr. Gelin

The motion was approved by those present.

BILLS AND CLAIMS LISTING

BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND

CHECK	DATE	VENDOR	LINE/ACCT	AMOUNT
1064	04/20/23	CDM SMITH, INC.	140.2	46,515.95
1065	04/20/23	HAWKINS, DELAFIELD & WOOD LLP	140.2	27,079.03
1066	04/20/23	PAULUS, SOKOLOWSKI & SARTOR	140.2	18,679.80
1067	04/20/23	SANDER MECHANICAL SERVICE LLC	140.3	23,662.00

Total Building & Equipment Fund Checks: 4
 Total Void Checks: 0
 Total Void Check Amount: \$0.00
 Total Building & Equipment Fund Checks Paid: \$115,936.78

OPERATING FUND – MANUAL

CHECK	DATE	VENDOR	LINE/ACCT	AMOUNT
462	03/21/23	RAHWAY VALLEY S.A. - PAYROLL	01/02	211,598.32
463	03/29/23	RAHWAY VALLEY S.A. - PAYROLL	01/02	219,813.74
464	03/31/23	RAHWAY VALLEY S.A. - PAYROLL	01/02	41.03
465	04/14/23	NJ STATE HEALTH BENEFITS	03/04	147,081.82
466	04/14/23	RAHWAY VALLEY S.A. - PAYROLL	01/02	227,145.35

Total Operating Fund Manual Checks: 5
 Total Void Checks: 0
 Total Void Check Amount: 0
 Total Operating Fund Manual Checks Paid: \$805,680.26

CHECK	DATE	VENDOR	LINE/ACCT	AMOUNT
3474	03/30/23	PASSAIC VALLEY SEWERAGE	25	200.00
3475	04/06/23	AQUA PRO-TECH LABORATORIES	41	4,660.00
3476	04/06/23	ELIZABETHTOWN GAS	22	16,661.75
3477	04/06/23	FEDEX	48	76.32
3478	04/06/23	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY RD	03	2,063.82
3479	04/06/23	VERIZON WIRELESS	11	1,278.58
3480	04/06/23	VISION SERVICE PLAN	03	1,731.65
3481	04/06/23	WAGE WORKS INC.	03	105.00
3482	04/20/23	A TOUCH OF ITALY	49	320.94
3483	04/20/23	ACADEMY GLASS INC.	32	350.00
3484	04/20/23	AGGRESSIVE ENERGY, LLC	19	150,719.54
3485	04/20/23	ALL AMERICAN SEWER SERVICE INC	28	6,520.00
3486	04/20/23	RS AMERICAS, INC.	32	1,791.77
3487	04/20/23	ACV ENVIRO APV	40	5,557.95
3488	04/20/23	AQUAFIX, INC	29	12,197.78
3489	04/20/23	ATLANTIC ANALYTICAL LABORATORY	41	4,850.00
3490	04/20/23	BANK OF AMERICA	15/18/27	123.50
3491	04/20/23	B & B DISPOSAL	32	675.00
3492	04/20/23	BIOBOT ANALYTICS, INC	32	1,404.00
3493	04/20/23	CORTEL TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	27	1,934.55
3494	04/20/23	BOWCO LABORATORIES, INC.	32	63.00
3495	04/20/23	JOHN BUONOCORE	15	267.51
3496	04/20/23	CDM SMITH, INC.	05	4,450.00
3497	04/20/23	CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	16	1,477.24
3498	04/20/23	CENTRISYS CORPORATION	28	4,394.49

CHECK	DATE	VENDOR	LINE/ACCT	AMOUNT
3499	04/20/23	CITY OF RAHWAY - UNITED WATER	33	6,221.83
3500	04/20/23	COGENT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	27	1,165.00
3501	04/20/23	COMCAST	27	837.27
3502	04/20/23	COMMUNITY SAFETY CONSULTANTS	31	810.00
3503	04/20/23	CONFIRE FIRE PROTECTION	31	302.00
3504	04/20/23	CORROSION PRODUCTS, INC	32	12,723.47
3505	04/20/23	CSL SERVICES, INC.	30	10,750.00
3506	04/20/23	DAVE HEINER ASSOCIATES, INC.	32	5,818.96
3507	04/20/23	DELL MARKETING L.P.	27	3,874.20
3508	04/20/23	DELTA DENTAL OF NEW JERSEY INC	03	7,843.38
3509	04/20/23	ELECTRONIC MEASUREMENTS LAB	31	4,634.20
3510	04/20/23	ELIZABETHTOWN GAS	22	1,162.97
3511	04/20/23	ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE	41	1,345.00
3512	04/20/23	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE ASSOC.	40	2,595.22
3513	04/20/23	EVOQUA WATER TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	40	738.00
3514	04/20/23	EXCELSIOR BLOWER SYSTEMS, INC.	32	736.58
3515	04/20/23	FACTORY DIRECT PIPELINE	32	3,869.36
3516	04/20/23	FEDEX	48	126.19
3517	04/20/23	FISHER SCIENTIFIC	40	981.52
3518	04/20/23	GANN LAW BOOKS	13	285.00
3519	04/20/23	GENSERVE INC.	28	13,809.32
3520	04/20/23	GLOBAL INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT CO	31	4,072.65
3521	04/20/23	GOVCONNECTION, INC.	27	51.54
3522	04/20/23	GP JAGER INC.	32	1,475.69
3523	04/20/23	GRAINGER	32	1,641.15
3524	04/20/23	GREAT LAKES ENVIRONMENTAL	41	982.06
3525	04/20/23	GREENBAUM, ROWE, SMITH & DAVIS	07	1,969.00
3526	04/20/23	HACH COMPANY	32/40	6,811.74
3527	04/20/23	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	32	1,534.36
3528	04/20/23	INDEPENDENT OVERHEAD DOOR CO.	32	2,990.00
3529	04/20/23	INGERSOLL RAND COMPANY	34	3,239.38
3530	04/20/23	JDV PROCESS EQUIPMENT CORP.	32	9,329.00
3531	04/20/23	JERSEY ELEVATOR COMPANY INC.	32	463.14
3532	04/20/23	EDWARD KOCHICK	32	178.12
3533	04/20/23	LABORATORY SALES & SERVICE LLC	40	585.50
3534	04/20/23	MAFFEY'S SECURITY GROUP	32	942.40
3535	04/20/23	MAINTAINCO INC	35	93.57
3536	04/20/23	MAIN POOL & CHEMICAL INC	29	5,758.50
3537	04/20/23	MCCLOSKEY MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR	32	1,190.40
3538	04/20/23	JAMES J. MEEHAN	15	359.08
3539	04/20/23	MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY	33	1,643.92
3540	04/20/23	MILLER AND CHITTY CO., INC.	32	11,552.69
3541	04/20/23	MILLER MECHANICAL SERVICES	32	500.00
3542	04/20/23	MIRACLE CHEMICAL COMPANY	29	2,065.80
3543	04/20/23	STEPHEN MOREIRA	32	178.12
3544	04/20/23	MOUSER ELECTRONICS, INC.	32	3,983.17

CHECK	DATE	VENDOR	LINE/ACCT	AMOUNT
3545	04/20/23	MOYE HANDLING SYSTEMS, INC.	31	3,832.54
3546	04/20/23	NAVITEND	27	53.75
3547	04/20/23	MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE CO.	32	16,900.00
3548	04/20/23	NAPA AUTO PARTS OF COLONIA	35	456.30
3549	04/20/23	NJ GMIS TEC FOUNDATION	31	50.00
3550	04/20/23	NJ MANUFACTURERS INSURANCE CO.	17	13,597.00
3551	04/20/23	NJ WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOC.	31	2,604.00
3552	04/20/23	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CENTERS	50	529.00
3553	04/20/23	OFFICE CONCEPTS GROUP, INC.	32	89.72
3554	04/20/23	ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.	32	34.32
3555	04/20/23	ONYX VALVE CO	32	644.18
3556	04/20/23	S & P GLOBAL PLATTS	28	4,130.00
3557	04/20/23	POLYDYNE INC.	23	84,240.80
3558	04/20/23	LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC	32	668.48
3559	04/20/23	PRECISION ELECTRIC MOTOR WORKS	28/32	21,572.98
3560	04/20/23	PRIMEPOINT, LLC	16	3,118.50
3561	04/20/23	PSE&G COMPANY	19	25,705.02
3562	04/20/23	PASSAIC VALLEY SEWERAGE	25	1,386.00
3563	04/20/23	QUALITY CONTROLS, INC.	32	14,746.62
3564	04/20/23	RADWELL INTERNATIONAL, INC.	32	2,503.00
3565	04/20/23	RARITAN SUPPLY	28	8,438.74
3566	04/20/23	ROYAL BATTERY	35	915.00
3567	04/20/23	SAFETY-KLEEN CORP.	32	343.50
3568	04/20/23	SAKER SHOPRITES, INC.	49	23.95
3569	04/20/23	SCHWING BIOSSET, INC.	28	10,136.37
3570	04/20/23	SCIENTIFIC WATER CONDITIONING	32	593.00
3571	04/20/23	SHALLCROSS BOLT & SPECIALTIES	32	499.00
3572	04/20/23	SKYLINE ENVIRONMENTAL INC	31	3,000.00
3573	04/20/23	SOS GASES, INC.	28	68.00
3574	04/20/23	SPECTRASERV INC.	26	3,694.46
3575	04/20/23	SUBURBAN TESTING LABS	28	42.00
3576	04/20/23	SUR-SEAL INC	32	486.00
3577	04/20/23	TAYLOR OIL CO., INC.	24	3,308.93
3578	04/20/23	TREASURER STATE OF NEW JERSEY	37	169,203.37
3579	04/20/23	TRI-STATE BEARING - DIV OF	32	1,297.57
3580	04/20/23	UGI ENERGY SERVICES, LLC	22	18,539.21
3581	04/20/23	UNIFIRST CORPORATION	31/32	2,383.87
3582	04/20/23	UNISON SOLUTIONS INC	28	19,956.73
3583	04/20/23	UNITED PARCEL SERVICE	48	162.31
3584	04/20/23	VERIZON	11	29.04
3585	04/20/23	W. A. BIRDSALL & CO.	32	2,254.69
3586	04/20/23	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW JERSEY	25	26,564.28
3587	04/20/23	WB MASON COMPANY, INC.	13/27/32	1,170.08
3588	04/20/23	WHIPPS, INC.	34	1,000.00
3590	04/20/23	WILLIAM YACHERA	15	85.15

Total Operating Fund Checks: 116
 Total Void Checks: 0
 Total Void Check Amount: \$0
 Total Operating Fund Checks Paid: \$839,152.30

OPERATING FUND	01	\$1,644,832.56
BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND	02	\$115,936.78
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TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS:		\$1,760,769.34

Open the floor to the Public for questions or comments

None.


Closed Session

Mr. Beiner made a motion to close the meeting at 6:19 p.m. for discussion regarding special project negotiations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Harms and approved by those present.

Mr. Beiner made a motion to return to the regular order of business at 6:24 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gottko and approved by those present.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, on motion of Mr. Beiner, second by Mr. Furci, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. The motion was approved by those present.



Chairman



Board Secretary

Attachments:
Flow Rights Report 03/2023
User Charge Report 03/2023