

RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Summary of Minutes – Regular Meeting held December 19, 2024

- Communications
None

- Approval of Minutes
November 14, 2024 Regular Meeting

- Treasurer’s Report
August 2024

- Executive Director’s Report
Sewer Endorsements, Municipal Reports, and the status of various contracts

- Report of Consulting Engineer
Overview of engineering matters

- Report of General Counsel
Overview of legal matters

- Committee Reports
Reports were given by the Engineering, Finance & Personnel Committees.

- Unfinished Business
None

- Consent Agenda / New Business
The following actions were taken: Endorsement on a TWA Application for Woodbridge; Designation of the Authority’s banks; Authorization for the Secretary-Treasurer to invest; Authorization to purchase through NJ State Contract & Cooperative vendors; Appointment of the P.A.C.O.; Adjustment to the Authority’s Connection Fee; Authorizations for STEP Application endorsements; Urging the NJDEP to reconsider SWQS amendments; and Authorization for salary increases, creation of a new position, and bonus pool.

- Bills & Claims

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| OPERATING FUND | 01 | \$1,724,922.85 |
| BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND | 02 | <u>\$163,562.54</u> |
| TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS: | | \$1,888,485.39 |

RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting Minutes – December 19, 2024

Edward Gottko, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 February 16, 2024.

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.

Mr. Gottko requested a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

Roll Call

The following members were present:

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| Frank G. Mazzarella | for the Township of Clark |
| Chris Kolibas | for the Township of Cranford |
| Craig McCarrick | for the Borough of Garwood |
| Robert M. Beiner | for the Borough of Kenilworth |
| 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:

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| John J. Tomaine | for the Borough of Mountainside |
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The following were also present:

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| John Buonocore | Executive Director |
| Andrea DeCarlo | Purchasing Agent/Board Secretary |
| Karen Musialowicz | Secretary-Treasurer |
| Doug Reno | Assistant Director/Superintendent |
| Dennis Estis | General Counsel – Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith |
| Howard Matteson | Consulting Engineer – CDM Smith |

Communications

None.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Rachlin made a motion, second by Mr. Beiner, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 14, 2024. The motion was approved by those present, with the exception of Mr. Furci, who abstained

Report of Treasurer

Ms. Musialowicz stated that a report for August 2024 was forwarded to the Commissioners.

Closed Session

Mr. Harms made a motion to close the meeting at 5:32 p.m. for discussion on personnel matters. The motion was second by Mr. Rachlin and approved by those present.

Mr. Furci made a motion to return to the regular order of business at 5:51 p.m. The motion was second by Mr. Rachlin and approved by those present.

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.

| 2024 Treatment Endorsement Permits 0-1999 gpd | | | |
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| RVSA Number | Date | Applicant's Name | Municipality |
| 24-SE-SF-2854 | 11/15/24 | Jack Moore / Moore Construction | Springfield |
| 24-SE-KW-2855 | 11/21/24 | 145 S 23rd St LLC | Kenilworth |
| 24-SE-WF-2856 | 11/19/24 | Singham Homes LLC | Westfield |
| 24-SE-WF-2858 | 11/27/24 | TXT Properties LLC | Westfield |
| 24-SE-RW-2859 | 12/03/24 | Merck Rahway | Rahway |
| 24-SE-RW-2860 | 12/09/24 | Anthony Pugliese | Rahway |

A resolution authorizing the Executive Director and Supervisor of Environmental Compliance to endorse these applications is on the agenda.

Municipal Monthly Collection System Reports

The following Reports were received since the last regular meeting:

- Clark – November 2024
- Cranford – October 2024-November 2024
- Garwood – November 2024
- Kenilworth – November 2024
- Mountainside – November 2024
- Scotch Plains – November 2024
- Springfield – September 2024-October 2024
- Woodbridge – November 2024

Plant O&M Update

Mr. Buonocore reported that everything in the plant is running smoothly. He explained that there was an oil leak in the Cogen heat exchangers but it was patched and repaired quickly; and we are now burning digester gas.

Collection System O&M Update

Mr. Buonocore reported that inspections are a bit slow this time of year but will pick back up in the Spring. He also added that our new Supervisor of Environmental Compliance got up and running very quickly and is doing a great job so far.

Amendment to Contract #173 – Feedstock Enterprise Contract with WM

The Amendment was submitted to the DCA following last month's meeting and added to their December 11th agenda for approval; however, the DEP advised that they had planned to submit questions regarding the Amendment. Since we have not yet received and responded to their questions, the Amendment was deferred to the DCA's January meeting. We hope to resolve the DEP's concerns before then and obtain approval on January 8th.

Mr. McCarrick asked if we know what the questions are going to be; Mr. Buonocore replied no, but stated that Mr. Sapir has a call scheduled with the DCA tomorrow so hopefully that will give us an idea.

Annual Resolutions for 2025

The following resolutions are on the agenda under New Business:

- Designation of the Authority's banks,
- Authorization for the Secretary-Treasurer to make investments,
- Authorization to purchase through NJ State Contract & cooperative vendors, and
- Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO).

PFAS Resolution

The NJDEP has announced proposed amendments to Surface Water Quality Standards (SWQS) criteria regarding PFAS. In response, the AEA has expressed several concerns to the DEP and has asked them to reconsider. A resolution in support of the AEA's position has been added to the agenda, and certified copies will be forwarded to the appropriate DEP officials once passed.

Mr. Buonocore explained that this particular set of amendments deals with waterways and streams so does not relate directly to the Authority, but eventually, it could get to that point. Mr. Furci questioned if the AEA is asking for a higher ppm; Mr. Buonocore replied yes, and explained that a limit of .004 ppm was recently established for drinking water, and this limit that the DEP is proposing is 1,000 times more stringent. He further explained that under this limit, it is likely all of New Jersey's rivers would be considered polluted waterways, which would lead to more restrictions being placed on those who discharge into them.

Mr. Matteson explained that the AEA is simply asking that the DEP take the time to reconsider their proposal more thoroughly, as it appears there could have been a math error when deciding on this limit, which would be nearly impossible to test. Mr. McCarrick added that even the drinking water standard is extremely low and hard to test for.

Sewer Connection

The Authority received a Treatment Works Approval (TWA) Application from MidAtlantic Engineering Partners, LLC on behalf of Avenel Housing, LLC for property located at 1440-1450 Rahway Avenue in Woodbridge. The application is for the construction of Avenel Veterans, a three-story apartment building consisting of 55 one-bedroom and five two-bedroom units. The proposed discharge from the property is 9,375 gpd (0.009 mgd) of flow. The application was reviewed and found to be in order; and action authorizing its endorsement is on the agenda.

Monthly Reports

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

Mr. Buonocore stated that tonight is Mr. Estis' last meeting as the RVSA's General Counsel, and thanked him for all that he has done for the Authority over the years.

Mr. Mazzarella asked how the Cogen Facility is doing; Mr. Buonocore stated that the Dryer is running great.

Mr. Mazzarella asked how the camera project is going; Mr. Buonocore explained that Mr. Poltz brought in a contractor to figure out exactly what is needed; however, there are some purchasing issues that need to be worked out.

Mr. Mazzarella asked if the Authority's front gate has been left open for tonight's meeting or if it is being kept open for some other reason. Mr. Buonocore explained that there was an incident a few weeks back in which a member of the public accidentally hit our gate. While it took some time to get the insurance company to cover it, we have now received the funding and have a contractor actively working to fix it.

Mr. Beiner stated that he has reviewed the User Charge Report and noticed that Cranford's numbers seem lower than usual. Mr. Buonocore stated that this is not unusual this early into the measuring year, and advised that it is best to wait until there are a good five months of data to get a clearer picture.

Report of Consulting Engineer

Howard Matteson, Consulting Engineer from the firm CDM Smith, submitted the following report for work activities for the month of November 2024 and through the date of this report.

- A. Retainer Services
During the period, CDM Smith prepared the monthly report for November 2024 and attended the November 2024 Board Meeting.

- B. Miscellaneous Engineering Services
During the period, CDM Smith performed the following:
 - Continued to coordinate with staff regarding review of available data on collection system, and chemical grouting repair bidding document. Mr. Matteson stated this should be ready within the next month.

 - Mr. Matteson also stated that he sat in on a sales pitch regarding automation of the Authority's CCTV data; and will be reviewing this quote with Mr. Buonocore once received.

- C. Influent Bar Screen Replacement
During the period, CDM Smith performed the following:

- Continued to coordinate with cross conveyor vendor to install additional bracing.
- Reviewed conveyor and headworks platform pre-submittals.
- Coordinated with DEP on no cost change order for additional time.

D. Electrical Maintenance and Testing Assistance

During the period, CDM Smith performed the following:

- During the period, work on this project has been limited due to maintenance issues at the plant and staffing constraints. We are planning to resume work after the holiday break.

Report of General Counsel

Dennis Estis, General Counsel from the firm Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis, submitted the following report for the period November 14, 2024 through December 19, 2024.

1. Local Contracts Law/Open Public Meetings Act
Mr. Estis stated that he had reviewed a contract between the RVSA and Envirocon and there are a few minor issues that need to be resolved.
2. Siphon – Rahway – Union County Park
No change.
3. Occidental Chemical
No change.
4. Metro Compliance
No change.
5. Quala / QDI
It is my understanding that John Buonocore is dealing directly with the environmental engineer from Prestige Environmental.
6. Sunrise Pharmaceuticals
No change.
7. Westfield / Mountainside
I advised counsel for both Mountainside and Westfield that I will no longer be counsel to RVSA after December 31, 2024. I offered to continue to serve as the mediator between the two towns. Counsel for Mountainside was agreeable to this. I have not heard from counsel for Westfield.

8. Right of Entry Request by Army Corps of Engineers
My understanding is that the Agreement has been executed by both parties. Ms. DeCarlo stated that she has not yet received an executed agreement.

9. B&M Finishers
This is being removed from my list.

10. Treatment Works Approval / Connection Fee
The applicant’s TWA application was approved by RVSA in November.

11. I-Bank
No change.

Committee Reports

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

| Committee | Chairman | 02/2024 – 02/2025 Committee Members | | |
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| Engineering | Michael Gelin | Michael Furci | Edward Gottko | Frank Mazzarella |
| Finance | Loren Harms | Robert Beiner | Chris Kolibas | Robert Rachlin |
| Legal | Frank Mazzarella | Michael Gelin | Loren Harms | Craig McCarrick |
| Personnel | Edward Gottko | Michael Furci | Robert Rachlin | Raymond Szpond |

Engineering Committee (Michael Gelin, Committee Chairman)

A public hearing took place last month regarding the proposed 2025 Connection Fee; and a resolution adopting the revised fee has been placed on tonight’s agenda.

Mr. Gelin stated that he recently had a discussion on connection fees with John Napolitano and concluded that the Authority should have an agreement in place to assist contractors with payments and to protect the Authority from legal suits. Mr. Gelin provided Mr. Buonocore with an agreement that is currently in use by Bayshore Regional Sewerage Authority and asked that the RVSA look into implementing something similar. Mr. Buonocore stated that to date, all fees have been submitted in full with the application; however, we can look into doing this as well.

Finance Committee (Loren Harms, Committee Chairman)

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

Personnel Committee (Edward Gottko, Committee Chairman)

The Personnel Committee met earlier this week to discuss several personnel-related matters, including employee compensation and shift realignments. Mr. Gottko stated that discussion took place during closed session.

Unfinished Business

None.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Gottko asked for a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda items.

Motion: Mr. Rachlin
Second: Mr. Furci

The motion was approved by those present.

1. **Resolution #24-57** – Authorizing endorsement on a TWA Application for Avenel Veterans in Woodbridge

RESOLUTION #24-57

WHEREAS, MidAtlantic Engineering Partners, LLC submitted a Treatment Works Approval (“TWA”) Application on behalf of Avenel Housing, LLC, for property located at 1440-1450 Rahway Avenue in Woodbridge, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the application is for the construction of Avenel Veterans, a three-story apartment building consisting of 55 one-bedroom and five two-bedroom units; and

WHEREAS, the Contributory Flow calculation in the application has been reviewed by John Buonocore, Executive Director, and was found to be in order; and

WHEREAS, the connection will generate an approximate discharge of 9,375 gpd (0.009 mgd) proposed increase in flow; and

WHEREAS, the flow from the foregoing connection will not cause the Authority to exceed its permitted flow of 40 mgd.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority that it hereby accepts and approves endorsement on the aforesaid application.

2. **Resolution #24-58** – Designating the Authority’s Banks for the 2025 Year

RESOLUTION #24-58

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey Statutes provide that a Resolution be adopted by Public Bodies each year designating depositories for funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority that the following banks and any other qualified bank hereafter named is designated as the depository of funds of the said organization for the year 2025:

Northfield Bank
Edison, NJ

NJ Cash Management Fund
Trenton, NJ

BNY Mellon
Woodland Park, NJ

U.S. Bank
Marvin, NC

3. **Resolution #24-59** – Authorizing the Secretary-Treasurer to Invest on the Authority’s behalf in 2025

RESOLUTION #24-59

WHEREAS, the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (“Authority”) is a corporate public body created pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:14A-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Local Fiscal Affairs Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-1 et seq., permits public entities including sewerage authorities to invest monies in their possession by the purchase of certain types of securities as described in N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1 requires that no securities be purchased unless authorized by the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority seeks to empower its Secretary-Treasurer with the power to make such purchases, i.e. investments that are in the best interest of the Authority and are permitted by New Jersey law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority that it hereby authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer of the Authority to make investments on behalf of the Authority by only purchasing securities permitted to be purchased under N.J.S.A. 40A:5-15.1, Sections 105, 508, and utilizing monies that are in the possession of the Authority and available for such purpose of the applicable items; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

4. **Resolution #24-60** – Authorizing Purchases through NJ State Contract and Cooperative Vendors

RESOLUTION #24-60

WHEREAS, the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (“Authority”) has a need to purchase goods and services in a timely manner, and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12, may, without advertising for bids, purchase goods or services through contracts authorized by the State of New Jersey and/or Cooperative Purchasing Programs; and

WHEREAS, the below listing represents vendors who have been awarded State and Cooperative contracts that may be of use to the Authority and therefore, the Authority desires to enter into contracts with the listed vendors on an as-needed basis which is consistent with a Fair and Open Process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority hereby authorize the use of the below-listed vendors during calendar year 2025 by way of executing purchase orders, which shall be subject to the conditions applicable to the respective contracts.

| Vendor | Commodity/Service | Contract |
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| A&K Equipment Company | Snow Plow Parts | 88273 |
| A&M Industrial Supply | Instrumentation, Parts & Supplies | NJWCPS-B428-5 |
| A&M Industrial Supply | Pipe, Fittings, Valves, etc. | NJWCPS-B421 |
| Atlantic Communications | Radio Communications Equipment & Accessories | 83917 |
| Bank of America NA | Purchasing Card Services | 84675 |
| CDW Government LLC | Computer Equipment, Peripherals & Related Services | 24-TELE-72087 |
| CDW Government LLC | Software Licensing & Related Services | 20-TELE-01511 |
| David Weber Oil Company | Automotive Lubricants (Engine/Gear oils, Greases) | 20-FLEET-01343 |
| Dell Marketing LLP | Computer Equipment, Peripherals & Related Services | 24-TELE-71883 |
| Dell Marketing LLP | Software Licensing & Related Services | 20-TELE-01510 |
| Enviroolutions, LLC | Furnish and Deliver Manufacturers Parts & Equipment | NJWCPS-B364-A |
| Enviroolutions, LLC | Repair and Replace Pumps & Motors | NJWCPS-B414-9 |
| Fastenal Company | Industrial/MRO Supplies & Equipment | 19-FLEET-00565 |
| GenServe Inc. | Generator Maintenance & Repair | MCCPC-46 |
| Global Industrial | Material Handling/Production Supplies | R-211402 |
| GovConnection Inc. | Computer Equipment, Peripherals & Related Services | 40166 |
| Grainger, Inc. | Industrial/MRO Supplies & Equipment | 19-FLEET-00566 |
| Hach Company | Environmental Testing Instruments, Equip. & Supplies | 21-FOOD-01684 |
| Hach Company | Instrumentation, Parts & Supplies | NJWCPS-B428-12 |
| Home Depot | Walk-in Building Supplies | 18-FLEET-00234 |

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| In-Line Air Conditioning, Inc. | HVAC Services | ESCNJ-23/24-23 |
| Ironbound Supply, Inc. | Pipe, Fittings, Valves, etc. | NJWCPS-B389-1 |
| Kuehne Chemical Co. | Chemicals (incl. Sodium Hydroxide) | NJWCPS-B417-3 |
| Liberty Mechanical Contractor | Boiler Maintenance, Repair & Replacement | ESCNJ-23/24-12 |
| Longo Electrical-Mechanical | Repair and Replace Pumps & Motors | NJWCPS-B414-13 |
| McCloskey Mechanical | HVAC, Plumbing & Boiler Services | HCESC-SER-24-16 |
| Morton Salt Company | Rock Salt/Treated Salt | 20-FLEET-01519 |
| Motion Industries | Facility MRO Products & Services | S-121218-MII |
| Municipal Maintenance Co. | Repair and Replace Pumps & Motors | NJWCPS-B414-2 |
| Northeast Plumbing Services | Boiler Maintenance, Repair & Replacement | ESCNJ-23/24-12 |
| Precision Electric | Repair and Replace Pumps & Motors | NJWCPS-B414-6 |
| Pumping Services | Furnish and Deliver Manufacturers Parts & Equipment | NJWCPS-B364-2 |
| Pumping Services | Repair and Replace Pumps & Motors | NJWCPS-B414-17 |
| Rapid Pump & Meter Service | Furnish and Deliver Manufacturers Parts & Equipment | NJWCPS-B364-3 |
| Rapid Pump & Meter Service | Instrumentation, Parts & Supplies | NJWCPS-B428-2 |
| Rapid Pump & Meter Service | Repair and Replace Pumps & Motors | NJWCPS-B414-18 |
| Raritan Group Inc. | Pipe, Fittings, Valves, etc. | NJWCPS-B389-2 |
| Scientific Water Conditioning | Water Treatment & Maintenance | 22-GNSV1-39215 |
| Sunbelt Rentals | Equipment Rentals | 19-GNSV2-00852 |
| Taylor Oil Company, Inc. | Automotive Lubricants | 20-FLEET-01342 |
| Taylor Oil Company, Inc. | Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel | 19-FOOD-01097 |
| Teledyne ISCO | Instrumentation, Parts & Supplies | NJWCPS-B428-5 |
| Thermo Environmental Inst. | Environmental Testing Instruments, Equip. & Supplies | 21-FOOD-01690 |
| Thomas Scientific LLC | Scientific Equipment, Supplies & Maintenance | 17-FLEET-01033 |
| U.S. Bank | Purchasing Card Services | 25-GNSV2-86532 |
| UniFirst Corporation | Uniform Service | C-040920 |
| United Rentals | Equipment Rentals | 19-GNSV2-00853 |
| Univar | Chemicals (incl. Sodium Hypochlorite) | NJWCPS-B417-2 |
| Veckridge Chemical Co. | Chemicals (incl. Sodium Hydroxide) | NJWCPS-B417-1 |
| Verizon Wireless | Wireless Voice, Data, Accessories | 22-TELE-05441 |

5. **Resolution #24-61** – Appointing the Authority’s Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) for the 2025 year

RESOLUTION #24-61

WHEREAS, the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (“Authority”) is required by the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Contract Compliance and Equal Employment Opportunity Public Contracts, to annually appoint a Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.); and

WHEREAS, said Officer shall be the official liaison with the Department of the Treasury, Division of Contract Compliance for matters concerning Public Law 1975, c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27) and shall have the authority to recommend the appropriate procedural corrections to the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Qualified Purchasing Agent serves the Authority as its Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) and is familiar with the regulation of P.L. 1975, c. 127.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority that it hereby appoints Andrea DeCarlo, Qualified Purchasing Agent, to serve as its Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) for the 2025 year, and that said appointment shall be confirmed to the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, as required by law.

6. **Resolution #24-62** – Adjusting the Authority’s Connection Fee, effective January 1, 2025

RESOLUTION #24-62

WHEREAS, the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (“Authority”, “RVSA”) is authorized under N.J.S.A. 40:14A-8 to establish and adjust Connection Fees in

order to recover debt service costs previously paid by ratepayers for capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have previously adopted the Tenth Revision to the Rules and Regulations concerning discharges into the RVSA Wastewater Collection and Treatment System ("Rules and Regulations") to provide for connection fees to the Authority's System by owners of properties located in the Member Municipalities; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:14A-8, new connection fees are calculated based on the total debt service paid by the Authority as of the end of the preceding fiscal year, divided by the "total number of service units" currently served by the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has proposed an adjustment to its Connection Fee to take effect January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing to discuss the proposed adjustment to the Connection Fee was held on November 14, 2024, at which John Buonocore, Executive Director, presented supporting evidence and testified to the necessity of the proposed adjustment; and

WHEREAS, notice of this hearing was published in two newspapers in general circulation to the areas serviced by the Authority and sent to the Clerk of each Member Municipality, providing the public the opportunity to cross-examine Mr. Buonocore on the necessity and reasonableness of the adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have reviewed all evidence and testimony provided at the hearing and have determined that the proposed adjustment to the Connection Fee is necessary, reasonable, and consistent with the statutory requirements set forth in N.J.S.A. 40:14A-8.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority hereby adopt the Revised Connection Fee of \$1,508 per Service Unit, which shall take effect January 1, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the new Connection Fee will be provided to the Member Municipalities, and the public hearing transcript will be available in the Authority's Administrative Office for public inspection.

7. **Resolution #24-63** – Authorizing the Executive Director and Supervisor of Environmental Compliance to endorse STEP Applications

RESOLUTION #24-63

WHEREAS, the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority ("Authority") is responsible for reviewing and endorsing applications for connections to its wastewater treatment system, including Sewer Treatment Endorsement Permit ("STEP") Applications for connections with a flow less than 2,000 gallons per day (gpd); and

WHEREAS, the Authority previously authorized the Manager of Regulatory Compliance and Purchasing Agent/Board Secretary, to review and endorse STEP Applications; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director and Supervisor of Environmental Compliance are capable of reviewing and endorsing said Applications, therefore the Authority wishes to authorize said positions for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority hereby authorize the Executive Director and the Supervisor of

Environmental Compliance to review and endorse Sewer Treatment Endorsement Permit (STEP) Applications for connections with a flow less than 2,000 gpd; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this authorization shall take effect immediately.

8. **Resolution #24-64** – Urging the NJDEP to reconsider SWQS Amendments regarding PFAS

RESOLUTION #24-64

WHEREAS, the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (“Authority”) is responsible for maintaining and protecting a clean and healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, PFAS substances are a threat to human health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is ready and willing to do its part to mitigate the proliferation of PFAS substances to protect public health and the environment using methods that are based on sound science, existing analytical capabilities, and feasible technology; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (“NJDEP”) has announced plans to propose amendments to N.J.A.C. 7:9B SWQ Standards "new freshwater and saline water criteria for PFNA, PFOA, and PFOS"; and

WHEREAS, the amendments would establish limits that are not consistent with current detection capabilities, thus requiring wastewater treatment plants to install enhanced secondary and tertiary treatment technology that are not yet well-proven; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the NJDEP plans to propose the amendments without fully considering the implications for sludge management, and without assessing the impacts of increasing the carbon footprint of increased energy consumption and increased greenhouse gas emissions generated by the transport of sludge; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the NJDEP is vastly underestimating the costs of sampling, monitoring, laboratory analysis, engineering, design, construction, and operations that would be necessary to achieve compliance; and

WHEREAS, the cost of compliance would run to the tens of millions for most plants individually and to the tens of billions for New Jersey wastewater treatment plants in total; and

WHEREAS, the cost of treatment would force wastewater treatment plants to redirect funds away from important plant repairs and modernization projects that are desperately needed; and

WHEREAS, the excessive costs would be passed on to the wastewater customers, many of whom live in disadvantaged communities and have low to moderate levels of income; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Environmental Authorities (“AEA”) has contacted the NJDEP via letter dated December 13, 2024 to express these concerns, collectively shared by its members, and to open dialog with the Department; and

WHEREAS, the Authority supports the positions expressed by the AEA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority hereby call on the NJDEP to reconsider the amendments to Surface Water Quality Standards (SWQS) at N.J.A.C. 7:9B, "New freshwater and saline water criteria for PFNA, PFOA, and PFOS".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Victor Poretti and Kimberly Cenzo of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, as well as to the Association of Environmental Authorities.

New Business

Mr. Gottko asked for a motion to table the following resolution, as Chairman Tomaine would like to be present for this discussion but could not attend tonight's meeting.

Mr. Szpond made a motion to table the following resolution until the January meeting. The motion was second by Mr. Rachlin and approved by those present, with the exception of Mr. Gelin and Mr. Mazzarella, who abstained.

1. **Resolution #24-65 – Adjusting Commissioner Stipend Amounts**

RESOLUTION #24-65

WHEREAS, the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority ("Authority") provides stipends to its Board Members for regular attendance at monthly meetings; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the 2021 Agreement, effective December 20, 2021, the Authority established annual stipend rates of \$1,200 per Commissioner and \$2,000 for Chairperson; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Agreement authorizes increases to these amounts upon adopting a resolution by at least three-fourths of the Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners wish to adjust their stipends in accordance with the 2021 Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority that each Commissioner shall receive an annual stipend of \$2,500, and the Chairperson shall receive an annual stipend of \$3,500.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the new rates shall take effect beginning with the next scheduled stipend payment following the adoption of this resolution.

Mr. Rachlin offered one resolution.

1. **Resolution #24-66 – Authorizing Salary Increases for the Salaried Staff, Creation of the Process Control Coordinator position, and a One-time Bonus Pool**

Motion: Mr. Rachlin

Second: Mr. Szpond

The motion was approved by those present.

RESOLUTION #24-66

WHEREAS, the Executive Director is vested with the authority regarding appointments, promotions, and discharges of employees of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority ("Authority"); and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director has conferred with the Personnel Committee regarding proposed adjustments and recognitions for the Executive, Administrative, and Supervisory Staff ("Salaried Staff") of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee has recommended salary increases for the Salaried Staff, the creation of a new title to reflect additional responsibilities taken on by a current Process Control Technician, and a one-time bonus pool to recognize exceptional efforts made during the 2024 year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority hereby approve the following actions, as recommended by the Personnel Committee:

- 1) Salary increases of up to 3.5% for members of the Salaried Staff; and
- 2) Creation of the Process Control Coordinator position; and
- 3) Establishment of a \$5,000.00 pool for one-time employee recognition bonuses, to be distributed by the Executive Director.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said salary increases shall take effect with the first pay of 2025, the new title shall take effect January 1, 2025, and said bonuses shall be paid out before December 31, 2024.

Bills and Claims

Mr. Harms offered one motion.

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

Motion: Mr. Harms
 Second: Mr. Rachlin

The motion was approved by those present.

BILLS AND CLAIMS LISTING

BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND

| CHECK | DATE | VENDOR | LINE/ACCT | AMOUNT |
|-------|----------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1127 | 12/19/24 | CENTRISYS CORPORATION | 140.3 | 65,100.00 |
| 1128 | 12/19/24 | PAULUS, SOKOLOWSKI & SARTOR | 140.2 | 36,846.54 |
| 1129 | 12/19/24 | CDM SMITH, INC | 140.2 | 61,616.00 |

Total Building & Equipment Fund Checks: 3
 Total Void Checks: 0
 Total Void Check Amount: \$0.00
 Total Building & Equipment Fund Checks Paid: \$163,562.54

OPERATING FUND – MANUAL

| CHECK | DATE | VENDOR | LINE/ACCT | AMOUNT |
|-------|----------|------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| 539 | 11/22/24 | RAHWAY VALLEY S.A. - PAYROLL | 01/02 | 243,793.28 |
| 540 | 12/06/24 | RAHWAY VALLEY S.A. - PAYROLL | 01/02 | 248,800.05 |
| 541 | 12/11/24 | NJ STATE HEALTH BENEFITS | 03/04 | 165,039.18 |
| 542 | 12/18/24 | RAHWAY VALLEY S.A. - PAYROLL | 01/02 | 366,591.25 |

Total Operating Fund Manual Checks: 4
 Total Void Checks: 0
 Total Void Check Amount: \$0.00
 Total Operating Fund Manual Checks Paid: \$1,024,223.76

OPERATING FUND

| CHECK | DATE | VENDOR | LINE/ACCT | AMOUNT |
|-------|----------|--------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| 6506 | 12/04/24 | AQUA PRO-TECH LABORATORIES | 41 | 7,970.00 |
| 6507 | 12/04/24 | DELTA DENTAL OF NEW JERSEY INC | 03 | 7,529.84 |
| 6508 | 12/04/24 | ELIZABETHTOWN GAS | 22 | 19,362.83 |
| 6509 | 12/04/24 | NJ MANUFACTURERS INSURANCE CO. | 17 | 14,307.00 |
| 6510 | 12/04/24 | PURCHASE POWER | 48 | 503.84 |
| 6511 | 12/04/24 | PETTY CASH | 03/14 | 189.76 |
| 6512 | 12/04/24 | STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY RD | 03 | 1,871.41 |
| 6513 | 12/04/24 | UGI ENERGY SERVICES, LLC | 22 | 27,245.79 |
| 6514 | 12/04/24 | VERIZON WIRELESS | 11 | 1,254.08 |
| 6515 | 12/04/24 | VISION SERVICE PLAN | 03 | 1,790.35 |
| 6516 | 12/04/24 | ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS INC | 27 | 849.90 |
| 6517 | 12/06/24 | NJ GMIS TEC FOUNDATION | 31 | 25.00 |
| 6518 | 12/16/24 | PETTY CASH | 14 | 500.00 |
| 6519 | 12/19/24 | KAREN A MUSIALOWICZ | 15 | 322.03 |
| 6520 | 12/19/24 | A TOUCH OF ITALY | 49 | 328.40 |
| 6521 | 12/19/24 | AIRMATIC COMPRESSOR SYSTEMS | 32 | 2,310.00 |
| 6522 | 12/19/24 | APPROVED ENERGY II LLC | 19 | 149,555.48 |
| 6523 | 12/19/24 | AQUA PRO-TECH LABORATORIES | 41 | 2,616.00 |
| 6524 | 12/19/24 | ATLANTIC ANALYTICAL LABORATORY | 41 | 2,388.75 |
| 6525 | 12/19/24 | BANK OF AMERICA | 27/31/35 | 1,293.60 |
| 6526 | 12/19/24 | B & B DISPOSAL | 32 | 1,350.00 |
| 6527 | 12/19/24 | BGIA, INC. | 17 | 45,150.00 |
| 6528 | 12/19/24 | CORTEL TECHNOLOGIES, LLC | 11 | 1,940.55 |
| 6529 | 12/19/24 | BOWCO LABORATORIES, INC. | 32 | 129.16 |
| 6530 | 12/19/24 | JOHN BUONOCORE | 15 | 3,666.04 |
| 6531 | 12/19/24 | CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. | 16 | 783.18 |
| 6532 | 12/19/24 | HECTOR L. CARTAGENA | 04 | 524.10 |
| 6533 | 12/19/24 | JAMES CASSELLA | 04 | 524.10 |
| 6534 | 12/19/24 | CITY OF RAHWAY - VEOLIA WATER | 33 | 10,285.13 |
| 6535 | 12/19/24 | COGENT COMMUNICATIONS, INC. | 27 | 1,165.00 |
| 6536 | 12/19/24 | COMCAST | 27 | 847.60 |
| 6537 | 12/19/24 | CONFIRE FIRE PROTECTION | 31 | 5,168.50 |
| 6538 | 12/19/24 | DONNA CORRIS DANIELS | 04 | 524.10 |
| 6539 | 12/19/24 | CSL SERVICES, INC. | 30 | 12,000.00 |
| 6540 | 12/19/24 | GARY DEGROAT | 04 | 989.40 |
| 6541 | 12/19/24 | BARBARA DERKACK | 04 | 1,048.20 |
| 6542 | 12/19/24 | DOCUTREND INC | 16 | 106.11 |
| 6543 | 12/19/24 | ED-O INSULATION, INC. | 32 | 2,200.00 |
| 6544 | 12/19/24 | ELECTRONIC MEASUREMENTS LAB | 31 | 874.00 |
| 6545 | 12/19/24 | ENVIROLUTIONS LLC | 28 | 6,281.00 |
| 6546 | 12/19/24 | GREGORY EVELYN | 04 | 524.10 |
| 6547 | 12/19/24 | EXAMINETICS, INC. | 31 | 2,035.00 |
| 6548 | 12/19/24 | EXCEL MICRO | 27 | 13.30 |
| 6549 | 12/19/24 | EDWARD FARYNA | 04 | 1,048.20 |
| 6550 | 12/19/24 | IEP TECHNOLOGIES, LLC | 28 | 2,895.00 |
| 6551 | 12/19/24 | FOSS NORTH AMERICA, INC | 40 | 5,695.45 |
| 6552 | 12/19/24 | FREEHOLD WELDING, INC | 32 | 17,000.00 |
| 6553 | 12/19/24 | GANNETT NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY | 12 | 22.53 |
| 6554 | 12/19/24 | FREDERICK T. GEARDINO | 04 | 524.10 |
| 6555 | 12/19/24 | ANTHONY GENCARELLI | 04 | 524.10 |
| 6556 | 12/19/24 | GENSERVE LLC | 28 | 6,377.50 |

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| 6557 | 12/19/24 | GOVCONNECTION, INC. | 27 | 750.35 |
| 6558 | 12/19/24 | GP JAGER INC. | 32 | 6,380.74 |
| 6559 | 12/19/24 | GRAINGER | 28/31/32 | 4,116.29 |
| 6560 | 12/19/24 | GREENBAUM, ROWE, SMITH & DAVIS | 07 | 6,593.70 |
| 6561 | 12/19/24 | JOANNE GRIMES | 04 | 1,048.20 |
| 6562 | 12/19/24 | HACH COMPANY | 32/40 | 19,759.31 |
| 6563 | 12/19/24 | HAWKINS, DELAFIELD & WOOD LLP | 08 | 46,865.00 |
| 6564 | 12/19/24 | HAYES PUMP INC. | 32 | 15,115.00 |
| 6565 | 12/19/24 | MARGARET HERMAN | 04 | 445.50 |
| 6566 | 12/19/24 | HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES | 32/40 | 3,936.10 |
| 6567 | 12/19/24 | JOHN V. HRUSKA | 04 | 1,048.20 |
| 6568 | 12/19/24 | IRONBOUND SUPPLY CO. INC. | 32 | 7,459.04 |
| 6569 | 12/19/24 | JEM INDUSTRIAL SERVICES INC | 32 | 1,789.42 |
| 6570 | 12/19/24 | WALTER JORDAN | 04 | 1,048.20 |
| 6571 | 12/19/24 | KENNEDY LANDSCAPING | 32 | 1,650.00 |
| 6572 | 12/19/24 | KISTLER O'BRIEN | 28 | 3,632.88 |
| 6573 | 12/19/24 | JOANNE KRUGELSTEIN | 04 | 524.10 |
| 6574 | 12/19/24 | LABORATORY SALES & SERVICE LLC | 40 | 125.98 |
| 6575 | 12/19/24 | ALICIA MACKIN | 04 | 1,048.20 |
| 6576 | 12/19/24 | JEAN MANIGOLD | 04 | 1,048.20 |
| 6577 | 12/19/24 | ROBERT J. MATERNA | 04 | 494.70 |
| 6578 | 12/19/24 | MCMaster-CARR SUPPLY CO. | 32 | 1,031.14 |
| 6579 | 12/19/24 | MECHANICAL SERVICE CORP. | 32 | 2,337.00 |
| 6580 | 12/19/24 | MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY | 33 | 3,865.84 |
| 6581 | 12/19/24 | ROBERT MRASZ | 04 | 1,048.20 |
| 6582 | 12/19/24 | NAVITEND | 27 | 410.00 |
| 6583 | 12/19/24 | NAPA AUTO PARTS OF COLONIA | 35 | 62.00 |
| 6584 | 12/19/24 | NJ ADVANCE MEDIA | 12 | 916.22 |
| 6585 | 12/19/24 | RUTGERS, THE STATE UNIVERSITY | 31 | 395.00 |
| 6586 | 12/19/24 | OFFICE CONCEPTS GROUP, INC. | 32 | 222.70 |
| 6587 | 12/19/24 | ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. | 32 | 18.59 |
| 6588 | 12/19/24 | ROBERT POLTZ | 15 | 304.43 |
| 6589 | 12/19/24 | POLYDYNE INC. | 23 | 57,620.00 |
| 6590 | 12/19/24 | LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC | 32 | 750.96 |
| 6591 | 12/19/24 | PRIMEPOINT, LLC | 16 | 1,732.40 |
| 6592 | 12/19/24 | PSE&G COMPANY | 19 | 28,184.54 |
| 6593 | 12/19/24 | PUMPING SERVICES, INC. | 32 | 593.18 |
| 6594 | 12/19/24 | RARITAN SUPPLY | 32 | 804.66 |
| 6595 | 12/19/24 | RARITAN VALVE & AUTOMATION | 32 | 7,899.00 |
| 6596 | 12/19/24 | MICHAEL ROGERS, SR. | 04 | 494.70 |
| 6597 | 12/19/24 | ROBERT SAFCHINSKY | 04 | 1,048.20 |
| 6598 | 12/19/24 | SAKER SHOPRITES, INC. | 49 | 59.89 |
| 6599 | 12/19/24 | ANDREW SASSO | 04 | 1,048.20 |
| 6600 | 12/19/24 | SCIENTIFIC WATER CONDITIONING | 32 | 4,145.30 |
| 6601 | 12/19/24 | ALLIED UNIVERSAL TECH SERVICES | 27 | 2,284.68 |
| 6602 | 12/19/24 | SHALLCROSS BOLT & SPECIALTIES | 32 | 1,026.65 |
| 6603 | 12/19/24 | SKYLINE ENVIRONMENTAL INC | 31 | 2,000.00 |
| 6604 | 12/19/24 | JOSEPH SOWA | 04 | 838.80 |
| 6605 | 12/19/24 | SPECTRASERV INC. | 26 | 2,414.30 |
| 6606 | 12/19/24 | DONALD STUART | 04 | 524.10 |
| 6607 | 12/19/24 | SUPOR CRANE & RIGGING LLC | 32 | 2,365.00 |
| 6608 | 12/19/24 | TAYLOR OIL CO., INC. | 24 | 3,088.24 |

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| 6609 | 12/19/24 | RICHARD P. TOKARSKI | 04 | 989.40 |
| 6610 | 12/19/24 | TRANE SUPPLY | 32 | 9.05 |
| 6611 | 12/19/24 | TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY | 37 | 5,144.00 |
| 6612 | 12/19/24 | TRI-STATE BEARING | 32 | 384.36 |
| 6613 | 12/19/24 | UNIFIRST CORPORATION | 32 | 4,018.57 |
| 6614 | 12/19/24 | UNITED STATES PLASTIC CORP. | 40 | 160.19 |
| 6615 | 12/19/24 | ROBERT VALENT | 04 | 494.70 |
| 6616 | 12/19/24 | VERITEXT | 08 | 1,535.30 |
| 6617 | 12/19/24 | WAGE WORKS INC. | 03 | 100.00 |
| 6618 | 12/19/24 | WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW JERSEY | 25/26 | 28,340.75 |
| 6619 | 12/19/24 | THOMAS WATTERS | 04 | 402.00 |
| 6620 | 12/19/24 | WB MASON COMPANY, INC. | 13/32 | 3,663.57 |
| 6621 | 12/19/24 | ARTHUR M. WRIGHT, JR | 04 | 989.40 |
| 6622 | 12/19/24 | Y-PERS INC | 32 | 3,691.25 |
| 6623 | 12/19/24 | ROBERT BEINER | 49 | 750.00 |
| 6624 | 12/19/24 | MICHAEL FURCI | 49 | 750.00 |
| 6625 | 12/19/24 | MICHAEL J. GELIN | 49 | 750.00 |
| 6626 | 12/19/24 | EDWARD GOTTKO | 49 | 600.00 |
| 6627 | 12/19/24 | LOREN HARMS | 49 | 750.00 |
| 6628 | 12/19/24 | CHRISTOPHER KOLIBAS | 49 | 750.00 |
| 6629 | 12/19/24 | FRANK G. MAZZARELLA | 49 | 750.00 |
| 6630 | 12/19/24 | CRAIG McCARRICK | 49 | 600.00 |
| 6631 | 12/19/24 | ROBERT I. RACHLIN | 49 | 750.00 |
| 6632 | 12/19/24 | RAYMOND SZPOND | 49 | 750.00 |
| 6633 | 12/19/24 | JOHN TOMAINE | 49 | 500.00 |
| 6634 | 12/19/24 | CDM SMITH, INC | 05/06 | 8,145.00 |
| 6635 | 12/19/24 | MRI SERVICES | 32 | 4,339.01 |
| 6636 | 12/19/24 | WEATHERPROOFING TECHNOLOGIES | 32 | 1,750.00 |

Total Operating Fund Checks: 131
 Total Void Checks: 0
 Total Void Check Amount: \$0.00
 Total Operating Fund Checks Paid: \$700,699.09

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|----------------------------|----|-----------------------|
| OPERATING FUND | 01 | \$1,724,922.85 |
| BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND | 02 | \$163,562.54 |
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| TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS: | | \$1,888,485.39 |

Open the floor to the Public for questions or comments

Mr. Gelin shared that he feels it is disrespectful to table a resolution that a Commissioner wants to pass simply because the Chairman is not able to attend the meeting. Mr. Rachlin explained that Mr. Tomaine had respectfully asked that this be tabled as he would like to participate in the discussion but unfortunately was not able to attend tonight’s meeting. Mr. Szpond added that Mr. Tomaine asked in good faith, and he would have honored this request for any Commissioner who asked, not just the Chairman. He also added that he would second Mr. Mazzarella’s motion in January.

Mr. Mazzarella thanked Mr. Szpond for his input and for inquiring about stipend information for all other authorities in the State.

Adjournment

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

Chairman

Andrea De Carlo
Andrea DeCarlo, Board Secretary

Attachments:
Report of Treasurer 08/2024
Flow Rights Report 11/2024
User Charge Report 11/2024