

**RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

**Summary of Minutes – Regular Meeting held January 15, 2026**

- Communications  
None
  
- Approval of Minutes  
December 18, 2025 Regular Meeting & Closed Session Minutes
  
- Treasurer’s Report  
None
  
- 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 Finance and Personnel Committees.
  
- Unfinished Business  
None
  
- Consent Agenda / New Business  
The following actions was taken: Authorizing the Executive Director/Chief Engineer to endorse Sewer Connection and TWA Applications; and voiding Resolution #26-02 Authorizing endorsement on a TWA for the construction of a 39-unit multi-family apartment building.
  
- Bills & Claims

OPERATING FUND	01	\$1,246,726.84
BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND	02	<u>\$434,688.14</u>
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS:</b>		<b>\$1,681,414.98</b>

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Michael Furci, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:33 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 24, 2025.

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. Furci requested a salute to the flag and a moment of silence.

**Roll Call**

The following members were present:

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
Michael J. Gelin	for the Township of Woodbridge

The following member was absent:

Edward Gottko	for the Town of Westfield
John J. Tomaine	for the Borough of Mountainside

The following were also present:

John Buonocore	Executive Director
Karen Lesane	Office Assistant
Karen Musialowicz	Secretary-Treasurer
Doug Reno	Assistant Director/Superintendent
Janet Thevenin	Manager of Regulatory Compliance
Diane Alexander	General Counsel – Maraziti Falcon
Howard Matteson	Consulting Engineer – CDM Smith

**Communications**

None.

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**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Rachlin made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Closed Session held on December 18, 2025. The motion was second by Mr. Beiner and approved by those present.

**Report of Treasurer**

None.

**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.

<b>Sewer Treatment Endorsement Permits 0-1999 gpd</b>			
<b>RVSA Number</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Applicant's Name</b>	<b>Municipality</b>
25-SCA-KW-2952	12/16/25	Angelo Gencarelli	Kenilworth
25-SE-WF-2953	12/18/25	Mayur Matai	Westfield
25-SE-RW-2954	12/18/25	Wend American Group LLC	Rahway
25-SE-WB-2955	12/22/25	Sardar Patel Plaza, LLC	Woodbridge
25-SE-WF-2956	12/23/25	Michael Cicarelli	Westfield
25-SE-SP-2957	12/29/25	Villane Building & Development	Scotch Plains
26-SE-WB-2958	01/02/26	Adam Investments USA	Woodbridge
26-TWA-CL-2959	01/07/26	27 Westfield Ave, LLC	Clark
26-SE-WB-2960	01/09/26	Main St Investments LLC	Woodbridge
26-SE-WB-2961	01/09/26	Main St Investments LLC	Woodbridge

Mr. Buonocore reported that the sewer endorsements listed have been processed since the last meeting. If the resolution passes, we will update the chart with additional information, including the approved flows. This updated chart will then be presented at monthly meetings.

**Plant O&M Update**

Mr. Buonocore reported that the treatment plant is operating well and we have not had any excursions with our NJPDES Permit. He stated the Headworks HVAC project is progressing well, with a significant amount of the electrical and rough-in work complete. Also, the new AHU has been delivered to the contractor's yard and will be installed in the next 2 months.

He stated the PST #2 repair work has been completed and we are performing a final inspection before bringing that tank online. He explained for PST #3, we have ordered the parts required for a full overhaul and will start that work once all the material is in and the weather warms up.

Mr. Buonocore also mentioned that Digester #3 is still out of service and we are working with CDM to develop plans to perform an inspection and cleaning of the digester and to make needed modifications. We met with the cover manufacturer yesterday to discuss procedures for removing the cover.

Additionally, he mentioned that we conducted a PJM Emergency Load Response test this week as part of our Demand Response program, which required us to operate in Island Mode. This was successfully completed, and we performed well during the test.

Regarding the cogen system, he explained that our engines are available for use with natural gas; however, we are currently unable to use digester gas in the engines due to a mechanical failure in the booster, which pushes the digester gas from our digesters to the cogen building. It appears that this issue is limited to a motor malfunction. The manufacturer will be on-site on Monday to inspect the equipment and provide a quote for repairs, which we expect to be completed quickly.

Mr. Mazzarella inquired about the cost of these repairs, which Mr. Buonocore stated would be approximately \$2,000. This work will require specialized expertise because the booster is handling explosive gas. Until this repair is complete, we are not using any digesters gas.

Lastly, he reported that we were able to bring the dryer back into operation last month and that the equipment was functioning well. However, this past Tuesday, there was a fault in our discharge conveyor that caused a small fire. The staff was able to activate the water system to contain the fire in the conveyor and minimize any damage. Cleaning and repairs are currently underway, and we anticipate having the dryer back online next week.

#### Collection System O&M Update

Mr. Buonocore stated that the GIS implementation is ongoing and we are scheduling a meeting for later this month with NJ Future and CDM.

#### Amendment to Contract #173 – Feedstock Enterprise Contract with WM

Mr. Buonocore reported that we have had productive progress meetings with the contractor. Waste Management is expected to receive an estimate from their subcontractor tomorrow, which will then require one to two weeks for review. We anticipate having a finalized estimate by the end of the month.

Additionally, Mr. Buonocore mentioned that he is exploring the installation of electric vehicle (EV) chargers. Two manufacturers visited the plant and will provide proposals for placing chargers throughout the facility. He is compiling all the relevant information and will present it to the board.

#### Monthly Reports

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

#### **Report of Consulting Engineer**

Howard Matteson, Consulting Engineer from the firm CDM Smith, submitted the following report for work activities for the month of December 2025 and through the date of this report.

- A. Retainer Services  
During the period, CDM Smith prepared the monthly report for December 2025 and attended the December Board Meeting.
- B. Miscellaneous Engineering Services  
During the period, CDM Smith assisted RVSA with the following:
- Collection System Assistance – Coordination with staff during monthly Collection System Meeting.
  - Contract #209 – Interceptor Chemical Grouting – Assisted staff in coordinating with Contractor and processing pay applications.
  - RNG Facility Electrical – Assisted staff in developing preliminary concept for the electrical feed for the new RNG facility.
- C. Influent Bar Screen Replacement  
During the period, the CDM Smith assisted RVSA with the following:
- Review with Contractor the remaining outstanding items required for project final completion. Met with Contractor onsite to discuss same. Area of focus are trough sensors, plates for coarse screen openings, and safety items in the lower level.
- D. Electrical Maintenance and Testing Assistance  
Work on the project was delayed further due to operational constraints. Testing remains for:
- 13.2 kV Utility Intertie / Cogen 480V / Control Generator SWGR
  - Switchgear and Protective Relays – 2 remain for testing

### **Report of General Counsel**

Diane Alexander, General Counsel from the firm Maraziti Falcon, submitted the following report for the period through January 12, 2026.

#### **1. Proposed Judicial Consent Order Approving Settlement with 3M Company and DuPont**

As discussed, RVSA received notices of proposed settlements with 3M Company and DuPont in the matter of *NJDEP, et al., v. E.I. Du Pont De Nemours and Company, et al.* As discussed at past meetings, the proposed settlement eliminates any recourse related to PFAS liability incurred by public entities (including the RVSA).

On January 7, 2026, a hearing was held at the US District Courthouse in Camden, Chief Judge Renée Bumb, presiding. The State of NJ, Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the defendants, 3M and DuPont, sought the Judge's

approval of the two proposed Judicial Consent Orders (JCOs). The Judge did not give her consent at that time, but instead ordered the NJDEP to prepare and submit evidence documenting how it assessed the costs of PFAS remediation statewide when NJDEP conducted the settlement talks with 3M and DuPont that led to the \$2.3 billion settlement amount. That documentation will be submitted to the objectors for their comment. Thereafter, a meeting will be scheduled to see if any of the differences can be reconciled. Thereafter, the state’s final version will be submitted to the court and presumably the objectors will be provided an opportunity to object. The court indicated that it wants to give the parties a fair opportunity to narrow any differences before a final ruling is made on the state’s motion.

**2. Miscellaneous issues**

We are currently working with John to prepare a Shared Services Agreement with Rahway for RVSA’s use of salt from Rahway’s salt storage facility located adjacent to RVSA property. We are currently reviewing proposed revisions to the RVSA Contractor Safety Program, and issues relevant to procurement of a prefabricated building under the Sourcewell Co-op contract.

**Committee Reports**

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

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>02/2025 – 02/2026 Committee Members</b>		
Engineering	Michael Gelin	Michael Furci	Frank Mazzarella	Raymond Szpond
Finance	Loren Harms	Robert Beiner	Robert Rachlin	John Tomaine
Legal	Frank Mazzarella	Michael Gelin	Loren Harms	Craig McCarrick
Personnel	Raymond Szpond	Michael Furci	Chris Kolibas	Robert Rachlin
Nominating	Chris Kolibas	Robert Beiner	Craig McCarrick	John Tomaine

Finance Committee (Loren Harms, Committee Chairman)

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

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Harms made a motion, second by Mr. Rachlin, that the following items listed in the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion was approved by those present.

- Resolution #26-01** – Authorizing the Executive Director/Chief Engineer to endorse Sewer Connection and TWA Applications

**RESOLUTION #26-01**

WHEREAS, the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (“Authority”) routinely receives sewer connection permit applications and Treatment Works Approval (“TWA”) applications that require certification that proposed contributory flows will not cause the Authority to exceed its permitted treatment capacity; and

WHEREAS, such applications are reviewed by Authority staff to verify contributory flow calculations and confirm compliance with the Authority's permitted flow limitations; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners wish to delegate authority for the execution of these certifications in order to streamline the Authority's operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority that the Executive Director and Chief Engineer are hereby authorized to review, accept, and execute sewer connection permits and Certifications of Consent on Treatment Works Approval (TWA) applications, without individual Board approval, upon determination that the proposed connection or increase in flow will not cause the Authority to exceed its permitted flow of 40 million gallons per day (40 mgd).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

### **New Business**

Mr. Furci offered one resolution.

1. **Resolution #26-02** – Authorizing endorsement on a TWA for the construction of a 39-unit multi-family apartment building.

Motion: Mr. Gelin

Second: Mr. Mazzarella

**A motion was approved by those present to void this resolution because it was deemed unnecessary.**

### **RESOLUTION #26-02**

Resolution #26-01 WHEREAS, KSG Engineers submitted a Treatment Works Approval ("TWA") Application on behalf of 27 Westfield Ave, LLC, for property located at 27 Westfield Avenue in Clark, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the application is for the construction of a 39-unit multi-family apartment building; 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 8,709 gpd (0.008 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.

### **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. Beiner

The motion was approved by those present.

**BILLS AND CLAIMS LISTING****BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND**

CHECK	DATE	VENDOR	LINE/ACCT	AMOUNT
1176	01/15/26	CENTRISYS CORPORATION	140.3	8,027.16
1177	01/15/26	FAIRFIELD SERVICE COMPANY	140.3	35,400.00
1178	01/15/26	GP JAGER LLC	140.3	49,522.12
1179	01/15/26	PAULUS, SOKOLOWSKI & SARTOR	140.2	2,971.50
1180	01/15/26	RAPID PUMP & METER SERVICE	140.3	164,398.13
1181	01/15/26	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NEW JERSEY	140.2	174,369.23

**Total Building & Equipment Fund Checks: 6****Total Void Checks: 0****Total Void Check Amount: \$0.00****Total Building & Equipment Fund Checks Paid: \$434,688.14****OPERATING FUND – MANUAL**

CHECK	DATE	VENDOR	LINE/ACCT	AMOUNT
590	12/30/25	RAHWAY VALLEY S.A. - PAYROLL	01/02	305,314.91
591	01/12/26	NJIB - U.S. BANK NAT'L ASSOC.	09	3,075.00
592	01/13/26	RAHWAY VALLEY S.A. - PAYROLL	01/02	283,139.23
593	01/13/26	NJ STATE HEALTH BENEFITS	03/04	192,302.21

**Total Operating Fund Manual Checks: 4****Total Void Checks: 0****Total Void Check Amount: \$0.00****Total Operating Fund Manual Checks Paid: \$783,831.35****OPERATING FUND**

CHECK	DATE	VENDOR	LINE/ACCT	AMOUNT
8046	01/15/26	A TOUCH OF ITALY	49	313.48
8047	01/15/26	ALL AMERICAN SEWER SERVICE INC	32	27,180.00
8048	01/15/26	PACE ANALYTICAL SERVICES, LLC	41	5,722.50
8049	01/15/26	ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL	52	6,354.00
8050	01/15/26	ATLANTIC ANALYTICAL LABORATORY	41	2,329.44
8051	01/15/26	B & B DISPOSAL	32	675.00
8052	01/15/26	BGIA, INC.	17	25,952.00
8053	01/15/26	CORTEL TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	11	1,999.69
8054	01/15/26	CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	16	783.18
8055	01/15/26	COGENT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	27	1,465.00
8056	01/15/26	COMCAST	27	889.97
8057	01/15/26	CONFIRE FIRE PROTECTION	31	846.00
8058	01/15/26	CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY, INC	19	85,721.20
8059	01/15/26	CSL SERVICES, INC.	30	12,000.00
8060	01/15/26	DAVID WEBER OIL COMPANY	32	354.00

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CHECK	DATE	VENDOR	LINE/ACCT	AMOUNT
8061	01/15/26	DELTA DENTAL OF NEW JERSEY INC	03	14,995.19
8062	01/15/26	DOCUTREND INC	16	83.72
8063	01/15/26	DYNA-TECH SALES CORPORATION	32	3,650.00
8064	01/15/26	EDMUNDS & ASSOCIATES, INC.	27	2,725.63
8065	01/15/26	ELIZABETHTOWN GAS	22	28,851.79
8066	01/15/26	ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH	21	3,793.22
8067	01/15/26	FISHER SCIENTIFIC	40	1,018.15
8068	01/15/26	GERHART SCALE CORPORATION	28	1,820.00
8069	01/15/26	GRAINGER	31/32	5,268.61
8070	01/15/26	HACH COMPANY	40	2,280.47
8071	01/15/26	HATFIELD SCHWARTZ LAW GROUP	08	980.00
8072	01/15/26	HAWKINS, DELAFIELD & WOOD LLP	08	375.00
8073	01/15/26	HAYES PUMP INC.	32	1,270.00
8074	01/15/26	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	32	3,103.04
8075	01/15/26	HUDSON ENERGY SERVICES	22	6,938.37
8076	01/15/26	HYDRO SERVICE & SUPPLIES, INC.	40	1,903.50
8077	01/15/26	JOHNSTONE SUPPLY	32	1,243.57
8078	01/15/26	MAIN POOL & CHEMICAL INC	29	5,758.50
8079	01/15/26	MECHANICAL SERVICE CORP.	32	726.75
8080	01/15/26	MID ATLANTIC BIOSOLIDS	52	1,312.50
8081	01/15/26	MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY	33	2,408.20
8082	01/15/26	NAVITEND	27	72.50
8083	01/15/26	NAPA AUTO PARTS OF COLONIA	32/35	625.01
8084	01/15/26	NJ ADVANCE MEDIA	12	41.28
8085	01/15/26	NJ MANUFACTURERS INSURANCE CO.	17	14,121.00
8086	01/15/26	STATE OF NJ BUREAU OF REVENUE	37	1,100.00
8087	01/15/26	NJ WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOC.	31	189.00
8088	01/15/26	OPTIMUM CONTROLS CORP.	28	2,154.50
8089	01/15/26	OFFICE CONCEPTS GROUP, INC.	49	245.99
8090	01/15/26	ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.	32	11.40
8091	01/15/26	OUTSTANDING SERVICE CO. INC.	28	290.85
8092	01/15/26	POLYDYNE INC.	23	80,422.00
8093	01/15/26	LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC	32	818.97
8094	01/15/26	PREMIER TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	27	1,472.00
8095	01/15/26	PRIMEPOINT, LLC	16	1,318.30
8096	01/15/26	PSE&G COMPANY	19	24,347.12
8097	01/15/26	PUMPING SERVICES, INC.	32	11,719.15
8098	01/15/26	RADWELL INTERNATIONAL, INC.	32	731.60
8099	01/15/26	RARITAN SUPPLY	32	1,668.00
8100	01/15/26	PETTY CASH	14	107.66
8101	01/15/26	SAKER SHOPRITES, INC.	13/49	409.01
8102	01/15/26	SCIENTIFIC WATER CONDITIONING	32	3,522.65
8103	01/15/26	SEEC, LLC	28	600.00
8104	01/15/26	SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	32	3,565.80
8105	01/15/26	SMARTSIGN	31	648.04
8106	01/15/26	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	03	13.75
8107	01/15/26	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY RD	03	1,942.77

OPERATING FUND

CHECK	DATE	VENDOR	LINE/ACCT	AMOUNT
8108	01/15/26	SUNBELT RENTALS	32	1,540.42
8109	01/15/26	TAYLOR OIL CO., INC.	20	670.95
8110	01/15/26	TELEDYNE INSTRUMENTS, INC.	41	685.00
8111	01/15/26	THOMAS SCIENTIFIC	40	4,672.11
8112	01/15/26	TRINITY CONSULTANTS, INC.	41	3,836.00
8113	01/15/26	TURTLE & HUGHES INC.	32	5,833.99
8114	01/15/26	UNIFIRST CORPORATION	32	3,568.48
8115	01/15/26	UNITED RENTALS	32	5,124.16
8116	01/15/26	UNIVAR SOLUTIONS USA LLC	29	9,075.00
8117	01/15/26	USA BLUEBOOK	41	461.42
8118	01/15/26	US BANK	13/27	865.62
8119	01/15/26	VERITEXT	08	650.20
8120	01/15/26	VISION SERVICE PLAN	03	1,731.65
8121	01/15/26	WAGE WORKS INC.	03	220.00
8122	01/15/26	WB MASON COMPANY, INC.	13	639.62
8123	01/15/26	WELDON MATERIALS, INC	32	2,171.40
8124	01/15/26	Y-PERS INC	32	1,099.45
8125	01/15/26	MARAZITI FALCON LLP	07	4,800.00

**Total Operating Fund Checks: 80**  
**Total Void Checks: 0**  
**Total Void Check Amount: \$0.00**  
**Total Operating Fund Checks Paid: \$462,895.49**

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BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND	02	\$434,688.14
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**TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS: \$1,681,414.98**

**Open the floor to the Public for questions or comments**

No members from the public were present.

**Closed Session**

Mr. Mazzarella offered the following resolution.

**Resolution #26-03** – Authorizing Closed Session for discussion on issues regarding Attorney-Client Privilege, specifically the 3M PFAS Matter

Motion: Mr. Mazzarella  
 Second: Mr. Harms  
 Time: 6:03 p.m.

The motion was approved by those present.

**RESOLUTION #26-03**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026, as follows:

1. The Authority shall adjourn to executive session in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7), being the Open Public Meetings Act, in order to discuss matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, regarding the Proposed Judicial Consent Order Approving Settlement with the 3M Company in the Matter of NJDEP, et al., v. E.I. DuPont De Nemours and Company, et al., Case No.: 1:19-CV-14766-RMB-JBC (D.N.J.).
2. The minutes of the executive session relating to attorney client privilege will be released to the public as soon as the matters under discussion are fully resolved and are no longer of a confidential or sensitive nature and when they will not be detrimental to the public interest.
3. This Resolution shall take effect as provided by law.

**Return to Regular Order of Business**

Mr. Beiner made a motion to return to the regular order of business at 6:18 p.m. The motion was second by Mr. Gelin and approved by those present.

**Adjournment**

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

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Chairman

*Karen M. Lesane*  
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 Karen M. Lesane, Office Assistant

Attachments:  
 Flow Rights Report 12/2025  
 User Charge Report 12/2025