

RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

Summary of Minutes – Regular Meeting held April 16, 2026

- Communications
None

- Approval of Minutes
March 19, 2026 Regular Meeting & Closed Session Minutes

- Treasurer’s Report
Report for January and February 2026

- 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
A report was given by the Finance Committee.

- Unfinished Business
None

- New Business
None

- Bills & Claims

OPERATING FUND	01	\$1,491,058.98
BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND	02	\$145,113.00
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS:		===== \$1,636,171.98

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Michael Furci, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:35 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 27, 2026.

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
John J. Tomaine	for the Borough of Mountainside
Robert Rachlin	for the City of Rahway
Raymond Szpond	for the Township of Scotch Plains
Michael Furci	for the Township of Springfield
Michael J. Gelin	for the Township of Woodbridge
Edward Gottko	for the Town of Westfield

The following member was absent:

Loren Harms	for the Borough of Roselle Park
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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 March 19, 2026. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tomaine and approved by those present, with the exception of Mr. Gottko, who abstained from the vote.

Report of Treasurer

Ms. Musialowicz stated that a report for January and February 2026 was forwarded to the Commissioners.

Report of Executive Director

Sewer Connection Applications

Mr. Buonocore reported that a total of seven sewer connection applications were processed in March. A copy of the monthly report was distributed to the commissioners.

Plant O&M Update

Mr. Buonocore noted that the TSS violations from February have been resolved, and our numbers were compliant throughout March and into April. However, there were elevated fecal levels in our effluent at the beginning of April, resulting in a violation of our weekly geomean permit limit. The DEP has been notified in accordance with regulations, and we have taken corrective action; our numbers are now back in compliance. We continue to meet all other permit requirements.

Mr. Buonocore updated the Board on the digester pH levels discussed last month. The Authority's interventions have successfully restored the digester pH to a normal range, and we are slowly returning to normal feed rates.

Mr. Buonocore reported that the operation of the dryer has been more consistent over the past month, although certain parts of the discharge conveyance system are being bypassed. We believe that the difficulties with the digesters affected the sludge characteristics, contributing to the issues we were experiencing. Now that the digesters are returning to their normal operating range, we anticipate seeing a more consistent product and will be able to restore normal operations.

Collection System O&M Update

Mr. Buonocore reported that we have begun conducting TVing in Cranford and will continue to work through the trunk sewer system. He stated that CDM is finalizing our CIPP (Cured-In-Place Pipe) bid, and we will be going out to bid for this work shortly. Additionally, GIS is continuing with the current focus on the Inter-Municipal Adjustments.

Amendment to Contract #173 – Feedstock Enterprise Contract with WM

Mr. Buonocore reported that we are still reviewing the price proposal from WM. We are also progressing with the EJ process, and our Environmental Impact Statement is nearing approval from the DEP, with a public hearing likely to be scheduled for July.

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PSE&G Engineered Solutions Project Update

Mr. Buonocore provided an update on the PSEG engineered solutions program. This program involves performing a funded energy audit for our projects. PSE&G presented 12 potential measures intended for implementation, with an estimated cost of approximately \$1.9 million.

Once the measures are accepted, PSEG will fund the design of this project and provide us with bid-ready documents, and will finance the entire construction of the project. The funding will include a grant portion, which will be between 30% and 40% of the total, while the remaining amount will come from a five-year, zero-percent interest loan. This loan will be repaid through our electric bill. Mr. Buonocore mentioned that this seems to be a promising program, and he is pleased with the proposal from PSEG.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station Installation

Mr. Buonocore reported that the Authority received a proposal from one of the cooperative companies in the state for the EV charging station project, which is set to begin in May. The total cost of the project is approximately \$140,000, with three-quarters of that amount funded through a combination of utilities, state, and federal grants. As a result, RVSA's total expense will be around \$40,000.

Mr. Mazzarella asked how many EV stations will be installed? Mr. Buonocore replied that there will be a total of six chargers: four will be near our maintenance department and two will be installed in our front parking lot. Mr. Buonocore noted that these chargers will be available for use with future Authority vehicles, as well as for use by the Authority's employees.

Monthly Reports

The Monthly Operations, IPP, Sewer Connection Application Monthly Report, Flow Rights, and User Charge 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 March 2026 and through the date of this report.

A. **Retainer Services**

During the period, CDM Smith prepared the monthly report for March 2026 and attended March 2026 Board Meeting.

Performed Annual Inspection walkthrough with staff and began working on Annual Inspection Report.

B. **Miscellaneous Engineering Services**

During the period, CDM Smith assisted RVSA with the following:

- RNG Facility Electrical – coordinated with staff on RNG power supply options.

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- Paving Assistance – worked to finalize project documents in advance of RVSA bidding out the project.
- Digester Operations – coordinated with RVSA staff on digester upset conditions. Reviewed data and provided recommendations to staff to address prior upset conditions.
- GIS Assistance – incorporated Intermunicipal Agreements into ArcGIS Online, and development of tabular data for comparison with past documentation.

C. Influent Bar Screen Replacement

No activity during the period.

D. Electrical Maintenance and Testing Assistance

Testing is now complete.

During the period, CDM Smith submitted the Draft Report for the Electrical Maintenance and Power System Analysis to staff for review and comment.

Report of General Counsel

Diane Alexander, General Counsel from the firm Maraziti Falcon, submitted the following report for the period through March 19, 2026 through April 13, 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.

Virtual Settlement Meetings were held on March 20, 2026 with Magistrate Judge Schneider; on March 23, 2026 and March 27, 2026 with attorneys representing the State and NJDEP; on February 17, 2026 with attorneys for the State and NJDEP as well as representatives from the NJDEP and AEA’s technical consultants, as well as additional virtual meetings with counsel for the State and NJDEP on April 6, 2026.

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Submission of the State’s final version supplementing its motion to approve the 3M and DuPont JCOs is due April 16, 2026. The deadline for the response of Amici to the State’s supplement is due May 11, 2026 and an in-person court hearing on the State’s motion to approve the settlements is scheduled for June 24, 2026.

2. Miscellaneous issues

We are currently working with the RVSA Executive Director, as needed, with regard to sharing PFAS cost information and regulatory process concerns with member municipalities; a Shared Services Agreement with Rahway for RVSA’s use of salt from Rahway’s salt storage facility located adjacent to RVSA property and procurement of a prefabricated building under the Sourcewell Co-op contract.

Committee Reports

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

Committee	Chairman	02/2026 – 02/2027 Committee Members		
Engineering	Michael Gelin	Frank Mazarella	Craig McCarrick	Raymond Szpond
Finance	Loren Harms	Robert Beiner	Robert Rachlin	John Tomaine
Legal	Frank Mazarella	Loren Harms	Chris Kolibas	John Tomaine
Personnel	Raymond Szpond	Ed Gottko	Chris Kolibas	Robert Rachlin
Nominating	Craig McCarrick	Robert Beiner	Michael Gelin	Ed Gottko

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.

Approval of Communications and Reports

Chairman: Do I hear a motion to receive and file communications and reports as listed.

Motion: Mr. McCarrick

Second: Mr. Beiner

The motion was unanimously approved.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

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Bills and Claims

Mr. Beiner offered one motion.

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

Motion: Mr. Beiner

Second: Mr. Tomaine

The motion was approved by those present.

BILLS AND CLAIMS LISTING

BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND

CHECK	DATE	VENDOR	LINE/ACCT	AMOUNT
1193	04/16/26	PAULUS, SOKOLOWSKI & SARTOR	140.2	31,923.00
1194	04/16/26	ENVIROCON LLC	140.2	113,190.00

Total Building & Equipment Fund Checks: 2

Total Void Checks: 0

Total Void Check Amount: \$0.00

Total Building & Equipment Fund Checks Paid: \$145,113.00

OPERATING FUND - MANUAL

CHECK	DATE	VENDOR	LINE/ACCT	AMOUNT
605	03/25/26	RAHWAY VALLEY S.A. - PAYROLL	01/02	250,443.25
606	03/30/26	ELIZABETHTOWN GAS	22	27,941.34
607	03/30/26	TREASURER STATE OF NEW JERSEY	37	10.00
608	04/08/26	ELIZABETHTOWN GAS	22	3,581.29
609	04/08/26	RAHWAY VALLEY S.A. - PAYROLL	01/02	263,522.02
610	04/13/26	NJ STATE HEALTH BENEFITS	03/04	190,429.26

Total Operating Fund Manual Checks: 6

Total Void Checks: 0

Total Void Check Amount: \$0.00

Total Operating Fund Manual Checks Paid: \$735,927.16

OPERATING FUND

CHECK	DATE	VENDOR	LINE/ACCT	AMOUNT
8359	04/16/26	A&M INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY COMPANY	32	67.68
8360	04/16/26	A TOUCH OF ITALY	49	432.25
8361	04/16/26	ACCELERATED TECHNOLOGY	40	11,389.89
8362	04/16/26	AIRGAS USA, LLC	32	679.37
8363	04/16/26	ALL AMERICAN SEWER SERVICE INC	32	9,000.00
8364	04/16/26	APPROVED FIRE PROTECTION CO.	31	1,004.28
8365	04/16/26	PACE ANALYTICAL SERVICES, LLC	41	8,247.00
8366	04/16/26	ATLANTIC FIRE PROTECTION LLP	31	1,492.00
8367	04/16/26	BARTELL FARM & GARDEN SUPPLY	32	27,936.00
8368	04/16/26	BGIA, INC.	17	49,568.00
8369	04/16/26	CORTEL TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	11	1,999.69
8370	04/16/26	BOWCO LABORATORIES, INC.	32	141.00

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8371	04/16/26	CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.	16	783.18
8372	04/16/26	CENTRISYS CORPORATION	28	336.17
8373	04/16/26	CITY OF RAHWAY - VEOLIA WATER	33	10,559.76
8374	04/16/26	COGENT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	27	1,465.00
8375	04/16/26	COMCAST	27	877.26
8376	04/16/26	CORROSION PRODUCTS & EQUIPMENT	32	27,307.66
8377	04/16/26	CSL SERVICES, INC.	30	12,000.00
8378	04/16/26	DELTA DENTAL OF NEW JERSEY INC	03	7,812.62
8379	04/16/26	DOCUTREND INC	16	137.37
8380	04/16/26	ELECTRONIC MEASUREMENTS LAB	31	2,008.12
8381	04/16/26	ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE ASSOC.	40	3,100.08
8382	04/16/26	IEP TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	28	3,450.00
8383	04/16/26	FIBERGLASS FABRICATORS, INC.	32	5,850.00
8384	04/16/26	FISHER SCIENTIFIC	40	248.82
8385	04/16/26	GENSERVE LLC	28	1,320.00
8386	04/16/26	GLOBAL INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT	31	857.09
8387	04/16/26	GMIS USERS GROUP	27	125.00
8388	04/16/26	GOVCONNECTION, INC.	27	8,190.58
8389	04/16/26	GENERAL PLUMBING SUPPLY	32	2,447.78
8390	04/16/26	GRAINGER	28/31/32	10,099.66
8391	04/16/26	GREAT LAKES ENVIRONMENTAL	41	786.83
8392	04/16/26	HACH COMPANY	40	1,346.93
8393	04/16/26	HATFIELD SCHWARTZ LAW GROUP	08	164.00
8394	04/16/26	HAWKINS, DELAFIELD & WOOD LLP	08	1,540.50
8395	04/16/26	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	32/40	3,326.00
8396	04/16/26	HOSE HEAVEN INC.	32	1,000.00
8397	04/16/26	HUDSON ENERGY SERVICES	22	10,472.95
8398	04/16/26	INGERSOLL RAND COMPANY	32	10,774.63
8399	04/16/26	IN-LINE AIR CONDITIONING, INC.	32	3,839.33
8400	04/16/26	IRONBOUND SUPPLY CO. INC.	32	1,577.00
8401	04/16/26	JRM MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.	40	3,132.00
8402	04/16/26	JONATHAN RENO	31	535.00
8403	04/16/26	BRAY PROCESS CONTROL-NORTHEAST	28	4,125.00
8404	04/16/26	KISTLER O'BRIEN	28	17,021.82
8405	04/16/26	EDWARD KOCHICK	32	160.00
8406	04/16/26	MARAZITI FALCON LLP	07	4,008.00
8407	04/16/26	MCMASTER-CARR SUPPLY CO.	32	215.59
8408	04/16/26	MECHANICAL SERVICE CORP.	32	726.75
8409	04/16/26	MIDDLESEX WATER COMPANY	33	8,188.92
8410	04/16/26	MILLER AND CHITTY CO., INC.	32	9,358.39
8411	04/16/26	MODERN GROUP LTD.	32	992.25
8412	04/16/26	STEPHEN MOREIRA	32	160.00
8413	04/16/26	MORTON SALT, INC.	32	2,036.05
8414	04/16/26	MOYE HANDLING SYSTEMS, INC.	31	1,728.23
8415	04/16/26	NAVITEND	27	4,435.00
8416	04/16/26	NAPA AUTO PARTS OF COLONIA	35	1,284.13
8417	04/16/26	NJ ADVANCE MEDIA	12	121.93
8418	04/16/26	NJ MANUFACTURERS INSURANCE CO.	17	14,121.00
8419	04/16/26	NJ STATE LEAGUE	12	480.00
8420	04/16/26	NW FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC	09	2,625.00
8421	04/16/26	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CENTERS	50	325.00

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8422	04/16/26	OFFICE CONCEPTS GROUP, INC.	32	125.19
8423	04/16/26	ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.	32	15.20
8424	04/16/26	OUTSTANDING SERVICE CO. INC.	28	290.85
8425	04/16/26	POLYDYNE INC.	23	59,340.00
8426	04/16/26	LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC	32	769.09
8427	04/16/26	PRECISION ELECTRIC MOTOR WORKS	28	5,865.00
8428	04/16/26	PRIMEPOINT, LLC	16	3,026.45
8429	04/16/26	PSE&G COMPANY	19	36,180.56
8430	04/16/26	PUMPING SERVICES, INC.	32	1,668.30
8431	04/16/26	RADWELL INTERNATIONAL, INC.	28/32	3,313.92
8432	04/16/26	TOWNSHIP OF RANDOLPH	52	1,250.00
8433	04/16/26	RARITAN SUPPLY	32	5,078.31
8434	04/16/26	REPUBLIC SERVICES INC.	26	8,111.14
8435	04/16/26	RYAN HERCO FLOW CONTROL SYSTEM	32	726.84
8436	04/16/26	SAKER SHOPRITES, INC.	13/49	384.71
8437	04/16/26	SCIENTIFIC WATER CONDITIONING	32	622.65
8438	04/16/26	SKYLINE ENVIRONMENTAL INC	31	4,000.00
8439	04/16/26	SOS GASES, INC.	28	68.00
8440	04/16/26	SPECTRASERV INC.	25/26	142,862.70
8441	04/16/26	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY	03	13.75
8442	04/16/26	STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY RD	03	1,999.27
8443	04/16/26	SUNBELT RENTALS	32	1,540.42
8444	04/16/26	THOMAS SCIENTIFIC	40	10,267.04
8445	04/16/26	TRINITY CONSULTANTS, INC.	41	1,060.50
8446	04/16/26	UGI ENERGY SERVICES, LLC	22	119,634.74
8447	04/16/26	UNIFIRST FIRST AID & SAFETY	1	209.57
8448	04/16/26	UNIFIRST CORPORATION	32	3,677.98
8449	04/16/26	UNITED RENTALS	32	10,106.38
8450	04/16/26	US BANK	12/27	553.64
8451	04/16/26	VISION SERVICE PLAN	03	1,790.35
8452	04/16/26	VISUAL COMPUTER SOLUTIONS	21	1,620.00
8453	04/16/26	VANTON PUMP & EQUIPMENT	32	4,589.80
8454	04/16/26	WAGE WORKS INC.	03	210.00
8455	04/16/26	WB MASON COMPANY, INC.	13	550.93
8456	04/16/26	WOODBRIIDGE PRINTING CENTER	13	67.00
8457	04/16/26	Y-PERS INC	32	2,000.00

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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.

1. **Resolution #26-11** – Authorizing Closed Session for discussion on issues regarding Attorney-Client Privilege, specifically the PFAS Ligation.

Motion: Mr. Mazzarella
Second: Mr. Rachlin
Time: 5:51 p.m.

The motion was approved by those present.

RESOLUTION #26-11

BE IT RESOLVED by the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority on this 19th day of March, 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. Mazzarella made a motion to return to the regular order of business at 6:33 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. Tomaine, second by Mr. Gottko, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. The motion was approved by those present.

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Chairman

Karen M. Lesane

Karen M. Lesane, Office Assistant

Attachments:
Report of Treasurer 01/2026 & 02/2026
Flow Rights Report 03/2026
User Charge Report 03/2026

