

**RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

**Summary of Minutes**

**Special Meeting held February 9, 2006**

- New Business  
Approved the appointment of the Interim Executive Director.

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The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

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 has been provided by the inclusion of the date, time and place in a Notice which was forwarded to the Star Ledger, the Home News Tribune and was filed with the Clerk of each of the eleven member municipalities on February 2, 2006.

The Chairman asked if any member of the body believed that this meeting was being held in violation of the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act; to please state their objection and the reasons for same.

Hearing no objections, the Chairman stated we shall proceed with our scheduled meeting.

The Chairman requested that everyone stand to salute the Flag and a moment of silence for our troops overseas.

**Roll Call**

The following members were present:

Rosalie F. Berger	for the Township of Springfield
Allen Chin	for the Town of Westfield
C. Clark Landale	for the Borough of Mountainside
Charles Lombardo	for the Borough of Garwood
Robert G. Luban	for the Township of Woodbridge
John C. Ludington, II	for the City of Rahway
Thomas J. McHale	for the Borough of Kenilworth
Frank G. Mazzarella	for the Township of Clark
James J. Murphy	for the Township of Cranford
Joan Papen	for the Township of Scotch Plains
Attilio S. Venturo	for the Borough of Roselle Park

The following were also present:

Richard P. Tokarski	Executive Director
Robert J. Materna	Secretary-Treasurer
Joanne Grimes	Office Administrator/Board Secretary
Michael J. Brinker, Jr., P.E.	Chief Engineer
Brian Hak, Esq.	Counsel
James Wancho, P.E.	Consulting Engineer/Project Team

Dave Coats, P.E.	CCMS
Lino DeAlmeida, Jr.	CCMS
Manuel Parada	CCMS
Robert L. Valent	Superintendent
Anthony Gencarelli	Manager of Regulatory Compliance
Jean Manigold	Laboratory Supervisor
Robert Poltz	Network Administrator
Alexander Biel	Cogeneration Supervisor
Andrew Sasso	Shift Supervisor
Gary Marano	Maintenance Foreman
Robert Safchinsky	Maintenance Coordinator
Thomas Macaluso	Asst. Laboratory Supervisor
Rob Remite	Electrician
Scott Mackin	Maintenance Man
John Derkack	Maintenance Man
Fred Geardino, Jr.	Maintenance Man
Thomas Watters	Process Operator
Francisco Rivera, Jr.	Utility Worker
Fred Rossi	Scotch Plains Times

The Chairman stated that the sole purpose of this meeting is to take action on matters related to the Executive Director’s position as discussed at the Personnel Committee Meeting held earlier this evening.

**New Business**

The following Resolutions #06-09 was offered by Mr. Luban, on motion of Mr. Luban, and seconded by Mr. Lombardo.

**AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE RAHWAY VALLEY SEWERAGE AUTHORITY**

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Director of the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority (the “Authority”) will resign his position effective as of March 1, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of the Authority find it necessary and essential to have an Interim Executive Director until such time as a permanent Executive Director can be appointed by the Commissioners of the Authority.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority, County of Union, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Authority appoints Michael J. Brinker as Interim Executive Director of the Authority effective as of March 1, 2006 for such period of time as the Commissioners of the Authority deem appropriate or until such time as a permanent Executive Director is appointed.

2. The Interim Executive Director shall receive a monthly stipend of \$2,000.00, which shall not be included in the base salary, as compensation for the additional duties and responsibilities that he shall be obliged to undertake as the Interim Executive Director.
  
3. The Authority’s Executive Director, Secretary/Treasurer and all of the Authority’s other officials, employees and professionals are authorized and directed to execute those documents and perform those tasks that will affect the purposes of this Resolution.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately and/or as required by law.

Mr. Venturo noted that in recognizing his fiscal responsibility to his municipality, he stated that he thinks that the additional \$2,000.00 per month is excessive when added to the present salary. He noted that he wanted to recognize the economy.

Mrs. Papen stated that she disagreed with Mr. Venturo and noted that the Authority is undergoing the largest capital improvement project and added that Mr. Brinker will be taking on a lot of added responsibility and is worth every bit of the additional monies he will be receiving.

Mr. Chin added that we will not be paying the Executive Director during this time as he will be retired and therefore, in essence the Authority will be saving money.

The Chairman asked for a roll call vote.

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Clark			
Cranford			
Garwood			
Kenilworth			
Mountainside			
Rahway			
Roselle Park			
Scotch Plains			
Springfield			
Westfield			
Woodbridge			

As the vote was 11 to 0, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Berger congratulated Mr. Brinker on his appointment.

Mr. Tokarski stated that it has been interesting serving as the Executive Director for the past 26 years. He added that March 1<sup>st</sup> is the anniversary date of his appointment to the position and noted that was why he chose that date for his retirement to become effective.

Mrs. Berger stated that she has worked with Mr. Tokarski for a long time and wished him the best of luck.

Mr. Mazzarella stated that he has been one of Mr. Tokarski's biggest critics, but added that he does hold him in high regard and wishes him the best during his retirement.

**Adjournment**

As there was no further business, on motion of Mr. Luban, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

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Allen Chin, Chairman

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Robert J. Materna, Secretary-Treasurer

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