

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROCKLEIGH SEWERAGE AUTHORITY HELD AT THE ROCKLEIGH BOROUGH HALL, 26 ROCKLEIGH ROAD, ON JUNE 2, 2014 AT 7:00 PM.

Mr. Cumiskey called the meeting to order and following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Cumiskey read the Opening Statement. It was announced that the meeting of this date was held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, and that adequate notice of same was given in writing to *The Record*, and that notice was also posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board as required.

ROLL CALL: Present– Chairman Cumiskey, Authority Member Pontone, Authority Member Schaffer, and Authority Alternate Member Feulner.

Absent: Authority Member Photiadis, Authority Member Agresta.

Also Present –Marcella Giampiccolo, RSA Secretary, Kunjesh Trivedi, Authority CFO, Robert T. Regan, Esq., Authority Attorney and William J. McGuire, Authority Administrator, and Gregory J. Polyniak, RSA Engineer for a portion of the meeting.

Mr. Cumiskey announced the Auditors were not in attendance of the meeting due to unresolved issues regarding the 2014 User Sewer calculations. The public hearing and adoption of the 2014 Sewer Rates for Commercial and Residential properties will take place during a special meeting of the RSA next month.

Discussion moved to the adoption of the 2013 RSA Audit report. A discrepancy was noted by Mrs. Feulner. Discussion followed as to the discrepancy. Following the discussion, the CFO stated he would contact the RSA Auditor for clarification. No further comments as to the audit report were presented. The resolution adopting the 2013 Audit Report was presented with the understanding that subject to a subsequent adjustment as to the correct amount noted by Mrs. Feulner on pages 5 and 19. Motion was offered by Mr. Pontone, seconded by Mr. Schaffer. The Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Cumiskey, Pontone, Schaffer, Feulner

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Agresta, Photiadis

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passed.

Additional comments were offered by Mrs. Feulner regarding the comparison of 2012-2013 operating expenses of prior year as compared to current year. Brief discussion took place noting the prior decreases in user charges by the Rockleigh Country Club in addition to the purchasing of maintenance contracts.

MINUTE APPROVAL:

Minutes of the February 3, 2014 Regular Meeting were presented for approval. Discussion took place regarding the portion of the Minutes identified as “Payment of Claims”, regarding payment to Rapid Pumping Services, Inc. The Secretary noted Rapid Pumping Services, Inc., is a contractual vendor and as such, payment could be made

without the need for a formal meeting as established by prior resolution of the RSA in 2010. Following discussion, the Secretary confirmed that even though the RSA did not approve in February to pay Rapid Pumping Service's invoice, the invoice had been paid back in December of 2013 pursuant to that contractual obligation. Discussion moved to the old RSA sewer pump and it was confirmed that after the February 3, 2014 meeting took place, Rapid Pumping Services did locate the old RSA pump removed by them and is now located at the Borough Hall. Without further discussion, a Motion was offered by Mr. Schaffer, seconded by Mrs. Feulner, and approved with all Members present voting in the affirmative, to accept the February 3, 2014 Minutes as presented. The Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Cumiskey confirmed the old pump has been recovered but had not been sent out for testing for potential repairs for further usage.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Regan advised the Commissioners that the sanitary sewer connection request by 3 Willow Avenue could be discussed in Executive Session; however, the Members decided to continue to hold this discussion during regular session. At this time, Gregory Polyniak, RSA Engineer reported his findings to the Commissioners as to where this project stood. Following the synopsis, the Commissioners agreed to Mr. Regan's suggestion that a title search of the County property would be beneficial. Mr. Polyniak agreed to contact Mr. Costa, the applicant's engineer, to advise him of the current issue. More discussion took place as the sewer maps were reviewed with the Mr. Polyniak as to ownership of the sewer easements. Mr. Schaffer stipulated that if County approvals are granted, then the Borough would also need to grant approval at the Mayor & Council level. It was the consensus of the Commissioners that the applicant, through his Attorney and Engineer, obtain the necessary approvals from the County. Additional discussion took place about the Borough's interest in moving forward with this sewer connection, and in so much as the applicant goes to the County, the County should be aware that it is with the backing of the Borough of Rockleigh. Mr. Regan suggested that Mr. Polyniak informally advise the County that the RSA had discussed this matter and is in favor of it, and further, the only hold up is the County approval.

Discussion took place regarding if the town needs more specific information from the County other than connections. Is there anything else the town needs from the County to put additional homes onto the sewer line. Mr. Polyniak noted that future homeowners would not need to go to the County for permission; however, he noted that the County at some point in time will be auctioning off those pieces of property and the Borough through the planning board will have the ability at that time to say now you must upgrade that sewer line. The sewer line would probably need to be relocated as the County property is sold, since it is located currently in the center of their property.

Mr. Polyniak will contact Mr. Costa and Mr. Bell to inform them of their need to obtain the title search of the County property and that the Borough would be amenable to this project, subject to their getting approvals from the County and specifications of the Borough Engineer. The idea of pursuing opening the road (Willow Avenue) to bring up the sewer line to the Borough Hall was presented. The Commissioners understood that

the applicant would bring the line up to their home, but the possibilities of the surrounding homeowners may want to contribute to the project via a local assessment ordinance.

At this time Mr. Polyniak exited the meeting.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS/ PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Discussion took place regarding the Bill List dated June 2, 2014 along with the March – May 2014 Bill List as those invoices are contractually agreed upon with the RSA and paid accordingly.

A Motion was offered by Mr. Pontone seconded by Mr. Cumiskey to approve the Bill Lists presented: June 2, 2014 Bill List totaling \$44,275.35 and the Bill List covering the period of March through May 2014 paying contractual obligations of the RSA in the total amount of \$17,428.58. The Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Cumiskey, Schaffer, Pontone, Feulner

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Agresta, Photiadis

ABSTAIN: None

The Motion passed.

The meeting was opened to the public by a Motion offered by Mr. Pontone, seconded by Mrs. Feulner. All Members present voted in the affirmative. The Motion passed. No one from the public came forward. A Motion to close the meeting to the public was offered by Mr. Pontone seconded by Mrs. Feulner. All Members voted in the affirmative. The Motion passed.

There will be a Special Meeting of the RSA for the purposes of a Public Hearing and Adoption of the 2014 Sewer Rates for Commercial and Residential Properties on July 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Publication will be listed in *The Record* and *Star Ledger* as required by Statute.

Brief discussion took place regarding the correspondence listed on the agenda noting that the information was covered in the 2013 Audit report.

With no further business to come before the RSA, a Motion was offered by Mrs. Feulner, seconded by Mr. Pontone to adjourn the meeting. All Members present voted in the affirmative to adjourn the meeting. The Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Marcella Giampiccolo, Secretary
Rockleigh Sewerage Authority