

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ROCKLEIGH SEWERAGE AUTHORITY  
BOROUGH HALL, 26 ROCKLEIGH ROAD, ROCKLEIGH, NJ  
JUNE 1, 2015 AT 7:00 PM.**

Mr. Cumiskey called the meeting to order and following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Opening Statement was read. 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.

The Secretary called the Roll Call of the Mayor and Council:

**Present**– Chairman Cumiskey, Authority Member Schaffer, and Authority Member Pontone.

**Absent:** Authority Members Agresta, Photiadis and Feulner.

**Also Present** –Robert T. Regan, Esq., Authority Attorney and William J. McGuire, Authority Administrator, Marcella Giampiccolo, RSA Secretary and Authority CFO, Kunjesh Trivedi. In addition, Gary Higgins, RSA Auditor present via phone for the RSA Rate Hearing only.

**MINUTE APPROVAL:**

Minutes of the April 6, 2015 Regular Meeting were deferred due to lack of voting eligible quorum.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No Old Business was presented.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Regan stated to the Chairman and Members that proper notice of the 2015 Rate Hearing was provided and advertised in two (2) newspapers as required by NJ Statute. Discussion ensued among the Members regarding the two (2) drafts of User Charges and prepared by the RSA Auditor. The Members discussed the comparison of 2015 User Charges versus the 2014 User Charges. Following the discussion, Gary Higgins, RSA Auditor, who participated by phone call, and the CFO recommended to approve the 2015 Sewer User Charge identified as "Schedule 1", totaling \$400,000 for 507 Units at \$788.95/Unit, attached to these Minutes.

A motion was offered by Mr. Pontone, seconded by Mr. Cumiskey to open the meeting to the public as to the 2015 Rate Hearing. All Members present voted in the affirmative. The Motion passed. Mrs. Bresnak came forward, not about the Rate Hearing, but to inquire about the status of the pump station sealing issue and inquired how the RSA was going to have the vendor who initially began the

wiring job complete it. Mr. McGuire, stated that the vendor did perform his job at the time it was assigned; however, since that time, it was not apparent that the mice would eat through the wiring. Pest control measures were taken over the winter and early spring. Mr. McGuire will seek out a contractor to correctly seal the lid to prevent damage to the wiring. It was the consensus of the Members present to have Mr. McGuire contact Fred Kirby to seal up the lid. No one from the public came forward regarding the 2015 Rate Hearing. A Motion to close the meeting to the public was offered by Mr. Pontone seconded by Mr. Schaffer. All Members voted in the affirmative. The Motion passed.

At this time a motion was called for to adopt the 2015 Sewer Rate Charges identified as \$400,000.00. This is the original proposal prepared by Lerch, Vinci & Higgins and not the "Alternate" version prepared for comparison purposes. A Motion was offered by Mr. Pontone, seconded by Mr. Schaffer. The Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Cumiskey, Pontone, Schaffer

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Agresta, Photiadis, Feulner

ABSTAIN: None

The Motion passed.

Mr. Cumiskey stated the Minutes of the April 6, 2015 meeting will remain deferred until a voting quorum can be reached.

Mr. Cumiskey presented the request of 49 Piermont Road to tie into the sanitary sewer system. The hook up is located on Piermont Road. In addition, permission has been requested of Orangetown Sewerage department. Charges will be at the homeowners' expense, should there be a hook-up charge on behalf of Orangetown. Approval by the RSA is contingent upon permission granted by Orangetown Sewerage department and that the owners of 49 Piermont Road are responsible for any and all fees associated with this hook up into the sanitary sewer system. A Motion was offered by Mr. Cumiskey, seconded by Mr. Pontone. The Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Cumiskey, Pontone, Schaffer

NAYS:

None

ABSENT: Agresta, Photiadis, Feulner

ABSTAIN: None

The Motion passed.

The CFO requested that going forward, the RSA issue once yearly bills to the Residential Sewer Users since it is a flat \$600.00 yearly fee. Bills will be issued in July. A Motion was offered by Mr. Cumiskey, that the CFO issue RSA user

charges once per year in the amount of \$600.00 at the beginning of the RSA billing cycle. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pontone. The Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Cumiskey, Pontone, Schaffer

NAYS:

None

ABSENT: Agresta, Photiadis, Feulner

ABSTAIN: None

The Motion passed.

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS:** The Bill List dated June 1, 2015 was presented for approval. Some discussion took place regarding invoices presented. The Chairman called for a motion to approve the Bill List. A Motion was offered by Mr. Pontone, seconded by Mr. Cumiskey to approve Bill List dated June 1, 2015 totaling \$46,345.11. The Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Cumiskey, Schaffer, Pontone

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Agresta, Photiadis, Feulner

ABSTAIN: None

The Motion passed.

With no further business to come before the RSA, a Motion was offered by Mr. Pontone, seconded by Mr. Schaffer 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