

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ROCKLEIGH SEWERAGE AUTHORITY  
BOROUGH HALL, 26 ROCKLEIGH ROAD, ROCKLEIGH, NJ  
APRIL 3, 2017 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*, *The Star Ledger* and that notice was also posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board as required.

No Oath of Office was administered to Mr. Photiadis as he was absent from this meeting.

The Secretary called the Roll Call of the Rockleigh Sewerage Authority:

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

**Absent:** Authority Member Feulner and Authority Member Photiadis

**Also Present** –Robert T. Regan, Esq., Authority Attorney; Marcella Giampiccolo, RSA Secretary; Authority Administrator William J. McGuire, Gary Higgins, Authority Auditor; and Kunjesh Trivedi, Authority CFO.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** Minutes of the February 15, 2017 meeting were presented for approval. No discussion took place. Motion offered by Mr. Schaffer, seconded by Mr. Pontone to approve the Minutes of the February 15, 2017 meeting as presented. All Members present voted in the affirmative. The Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No Old Business was discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Higgins provided a summary of the 2016 RSA Audit. Brief discussion took place regarding the current year budget. Following that discussion, Mr. Higgins stated there were no audit recommendations for the 2016 Audit. Motion offered by Mr. Pontone, seconded by Mr. Schaffer to approve the Audit Report for 2016. The Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Cumiskey, Pontone, Schaffer

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Feulner, Photiadis

ABSTAIN: None

The Motion passed.

The Group Affidavit was distributed to Members present for signature. Discussion took place on whether or not Mr. Photiadis should sign the Group Affidavit, as he has not been sworn is as a Member and has an expired term with the RSA. The Authority professionals advised that Mr. Photiadis should not sign the Group Affidavit.

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Mr. Cumiskey announced the public hearing for the RSA 2017 Sewer Rate Study was next on the agenda. Mr. Higgins reviewed the Rate Study with the Members. Discussion took place regarding the proposed per unit charge differential between 2016 and 2017 and Mr. Higgins noted there are fewer accounts than the prior years and less water usage purchased from Suez. Mr. Higgins noted the large decrease of units from 8 King Road, MCP. In addition, Mr. Higgins commented on the Rockleigh Country Club account and their historical sewer flow data. Following that discussion, a Motion was offered by Mr. Pontone, seconded by Mr. Schaffer to open the meeting to the public as to the 2017 Sewer Rate Study. All Members present voted in the affirmative to open the meeting to the public. The Motion passed. No public came forward. A Motion was offered by Mr. Pontone, seconded by Mr. Schaffer to close the meeting to the public. All Members present voted in the affirmative to close the meeting. The Motion passed. A Motion was offered by Mr. Pontone, seconded by Mr. Cumiskey to approve the RSA 2017 Sewer Rate Study accepting the 2017 User Charges totaling \$426,000, a per unit charge of \$841.90, representing 506 units. The Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Cumiskey, Pontone, Schaffer

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Feulner, Photiadis

ABSTAIN: None

The Motion passed.

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**FINANCIAL BUSINESS/ PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:**

The Bill Lists for March 2017 and April 3, 2017 was presented for discussion. No discussion took place. A Motion was offered by Mr. Pontone, seconded by Mr. Schaffer to approve the Bill Lists for March 2017 and April 3, 2017 representing the RSA contractual obligations in the total amount of \$1,091.62. The Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Cumiskey, Pontone, Schaffer

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Feulner, Photiadis

ABSTAIN: None

The Motion passed.

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Mr. McGuire spoke about the recent power outage at the pump station. Neglia Engineering directly contacted Rapid Pump & Meter Service to respond to the call. Rapid Pump enabled the generator to start again. Discussion ensued regarding the need to set up a more specific protocol as to responding to alarms at the pump station, especially for minor electric power outages that could cause the generator to start up. Discussion took place regarding various alarm messages the generator puts out and responses during non-business hours. It was the consensus of the Members present that Rapid Pump & Meter Services should be dispatched for high-water alarms directly by Neglia Engineering; however, the Members also asked Mr. McGuire to investigate what alarm codes are issued directly from the generator. Mr. McGuire will contact the alarm installer regarding these issues.

The meeting was opened to the public by a Motion offered by Mr. Cumiskey, seconded by Mr. Pontone. All Members present voted in the affirmative. The Motion passed. Mrs. Bresnak came forward power outages and pump alarms for high water. Brief discussion took place. At the conclusion of that discussion, high water alarms need immediate attention, no matter the time of day or night. 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.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence was discussed or presented.

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