

**ROCKLAND COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
July 27, 2023**

Members Present:

P. Carroll
R. Diaz
M. Genito
G. Hoehmann
T. Kenny
S. Lehman
A. Simon
M. Specht
J. Tursi

Members Absent:

K. Connell

Others Present:

M. Saber, M. Dolphin, T. Phillips, J. Gilberg, T. West

Item #1: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

M. Specht: Good evening everybody. I'll welcome you and call to order this meeting of the Rockland County Sewer District No. 1 for tonight, July 27, 2023. We're going to start with the pledge to the flag. I'm going to ask Commissioner Kenny to lead us in the Pledge. Thank you.

Item #2: Roll Call

M. Specht: Now we'll call the roll. Thank you.

Item #3: Public Participation

M. Specht: We'll go to Public Participation. Is there anyone from the public who wishes to speak?

G. Hoehmann: I'll move that, since there's nobody wishing to speak, to close Public Participation.

Item #4:

**RESOLUTION NO. 37 OF 2023
ADOPT MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 22, 2023**

WHEREAS, G. Hoehmann offered the following resolution, which was seconded by P. Carroll and approved unanimously, now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the transcribed Minutes of the Rockland County Sewer District No. 1 Meeting of June 22, 2023, as recorded by the Clerk, are hereby adopted.

Item #5:

M. Specht: We'll go to the next item. Actually, these items are related, the next several items. I'll ask our Executive Director to discuss them.

M. Saber: This will be for resolutions 5, 6, 7, and 8. The resolutions are for approving the supplemental engineering report and updated SEQRA, amending the Capital Budget, requesting increased bonding for the project and submitting an application to the NYS Comptrollers' Office

for the Sludge Dewatering Project. The centrifuges used for sludge dewatering and most of the auxiliary equipment are beyond economical repair.

During the design phase, it was noted that the original engineering report had sized the centrifuge equipment incorrectly for the projected sludge production. By having to increase the size of the centrifuge equipment, the roof needs to be raised, and additional modifications need to be made to the room configurations, plumbing, and electrical. Since all of this additional work needed to be done, the District chose to change the dewatering equipment to screw presses. The screw presses were originally preferred but not chosen due to roof and room constraints. Since now in either case the roof and rooms need to be modified, the District wishes to proceed with the screw press alternative. Since proposals were requested for this project, the District identified additional struvite deposits in our piping and equipment. Struvite deposits decrease the diameter of our piping and cause valves and pumps not to function. The District requested that EDR provide additional struvite mitigation as part of this project. An HVAC evaluation was also done. Based on current codes, additional HVAC improvements will need to be done.

The project's anticipated costs is \$44,000,000. The increase cost to a typical property owner ranges from \$16.92 to \$29.86.

I would recommend that the Board approve these resolutions.

M. Specht: Any questions for Mr. Saber? Why don't we take them one by one?

Motion to Approve:
Hoehmann/Lehman

Unan. **July 27, 2023**

**RESOLUTION NO. 38 OF 2023
APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL ENGINEERING REPORT ON THE COST INCREASE
AND SEQRA TYPE II ACTION AND REQUEST ROCKLAND COUNTY LEGISLATURE
TO ACCEPT THE SUPPLEMENTAL ENGINEERING REPORT FOR THE
SLUDGE DEWATERING UPGRADE PROJECT, CAPITAL PROJECT # 6320**

WHEREAS, the Sludge Dewatering Upgrade Project will be for the replacement of three centrifuges with three screw presses and all ancillary equipment which includes controls, sludge feed pumps, polymer feed systems, screw conveyors, hoppers, centrate piping, as well as building improvements, and struvite control, and,

WHEREAS, the District's existing sludge dewatering equipment has exceeded its expected useful life and needs to be replaced, and,

WHEREAS, an engineering report titled Sludge Dewatering Evaluation dated June 2019 has been prepared by GHD Consulting Services, Inc., and,

WHEREAS, the report included a review of alternatives, detailed cost estimates, a capacity analysis, and recommendations, and,

WHEREAS, the Sludge Dewatering Upgrade Project is included in the Rockland County 2023 Capital Budget under Project #6320 in the amount of \$25,800,000, and,

WHEREAS, a supplemental engineering report titled Basis of Design Memorandum dated June 13, 2023 has been prepared by Environmental Design & Research, Landscape Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Services, D.P.C., and,

WHEREAS, the increase in cost to the project is due to the following:

- Additional architectural and structural work for raising of the roof for the Sludge Dewatering

Building.

- Additional work for new room configurations on the second floor.
- Modifications for plumbing and electrical systems required for raising the roof and changing equipment.
- Additional work related to HVAC, plumbing, and electrical that were identified from the HVAC evaluation.
- Additional struvite mitigation,

and,

WHEREAS, the District has requested that the maximum cost of the capital project be amended to include an increase of \$18,200,000 for a total project cost of \$44,000,000, and,

WHEREAS, the supplemental engineering report has been reviewed by staff of the Sewer District and found to be acceptable, and,

WHEREAS, review of this Project indicates the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process classifies this Project to be a Type II Exempt action as defined in Section 617.5 (c) (2) of 6 NYCRR Part 617, the Statewide SEQRA regulations and is therefore not subject to the provisions of those regulations, now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, the Board of Sewer Commissioners hereby accepts the supplemental Basis of Design Memorandum prepared by Environmental Design & Research, Landscape Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Services, D.P.C., dated June 13, 2023 and SEQRA Type II Exempt action, and, be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Sewer Commissioners, Rockland County Sewer District No. 1, upon recommendation of the Executive Director, hereby requests the Legislature of Rockland County to approve the supplemental Basis of Design Memorandum for the increase in the project cost in the amount of \$18,200,000 for a total project cost of \$44,000,000 and SEQRA Type II Exempt action for the Sludge Dewatering Upgrade Project, and, be it,

STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized and directed to execute such documents as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution, after review by the Staff of the Sewer District and Office of the County Attorney, and, be it,

STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized to forward said documents to the County Executive for forwarding to the Rockland County Legislature for their approval.

Item #6:

Motion to Approve:

Genito/Diaz

Unan.

July 27, 2023

**RESOLUTION NO. 39 OF 2023
REQUEST ROCKLAND COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO AMEND THE CAPITAL
BUDGET FOR THE SLUDGE DEWATERING UPGRADE PROJECT –
CAPITAL PROJECT #6320**

WHEREAS, the Sludge Dewatering Upgrade Project will be for the replacement of three centrifuges with three screw presses and all ancillary equipment which includes controls, sludge feed pumps, polymer feed systems, screw conveyors, hoppers, centrate piping, as well as building improvements, and struvite control, and,

WHEREAS, the District's existing sludge dewatering equipment has exceeded its expected useful life and needs to be replaced, and,

WHEREAS, an engineering report titled Sludge Dewatering Evaluation dated June 2019 has been prepared by GHD Consulting Services, Inc. with a total cost of \$15,900,000, and,

WHEREAS, the report include a review of alternatives, detailed cost estimates, a capacity analysis, and recommendations, and,

WHEREAS, the Sludge Dewatering Upgrade Project, Capital Project #6320 is currently included in the 2023 Capital Budget in the amount of \$25,800,000 for this project, and,

WHEREAS, a supplemental engineering report titled Basis of Design Memorandum dated June 13, 2023 has been prepared by Environmental Design & Research, Landscape Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Services, D.P.C., and,

WHEREAS, the increase in cost to the project is due to the following:

- Additional architectural and structural work for raising of the roof for the Sludge Dewatering Building.
- Additional work for new room configurations on the second floor.
- Modifications for plumbing and electrical systems required for raising the roof and changing equipment.
- Additional work related to HVAC, plumbing, and electrical that were identified from the HVAC evaluation.
- Additional struvite mitigation,

and,

WHEREAS, the District has requested that the maximum cost of the capital project be amended to include an increase of \$18,200,000 for a total project cost of \$44,000,000, now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Sewer Commissioners, Rockland County Sewer District No. 1, upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, hereby requests the Rockland County Legislature to amend the District's capital budget in the amount of \$18,200,000 increasing the total project amount up to \$44,000,000 for the Sludge Dewatering Upgrade Project, Capital Project #6320, and, be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized and directed to execute such documents as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution, after review by the Staff of the Sewer District and Office of the County Attorney, and, be it,

STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized to forward said documents to the County Executive for forwarding to the Rockland County Legislature for their approval.

Item #7:

M. Specht: We have a replacement resolution for item number 7.

Motion to Approve:
Genito/Lehman

Unan.

July 27, 2023

**RESOLUTION NO. 40 OF 2023
REQUEST THE ROCKLAND COUNTY LEGISLATURE SCHEDULE
A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES OF THE RCSD #1
AND TO APPROVE THE INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT FOR THE SLUDGE DEWATERING
UPGRADE PROJECT AND REQUEST THE ROCKLAND COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO AUTHORIZE
THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE SLUDGE DEWATERING UPGRADE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Sludge Dewatering Upgrade Project will be for the replacement of three centrifuges with three screw presses and all ancillary equipment which includes controls, sludge feed pumps, polymer feed systems, screw conveyors, hoppers, centrate piping, as well as building improvements, and struvite control, and,

WHEREAS, the District's existing sludge dewatering equipment has exceeded its expected useful life and needs to be replaced, and,

WHEREAS, the Sludge Dewatering Upgrade Project is included in the Rockland County 2023 Capital Budget (Capital Project # 6320) in the amount of \$25,800,000, and,

WHEREAS, the bond resolution is in the amount of \$15,900,000, and,

WHEREAS, the total project cost is now estimated to be \$44,000,000 due to changes to the project, and,

WHEREAS, the District is requesting to amend the Capital Budget increasing the amount up to \$44,000,000, and,

WHEREAS, the Sewer District is desirous of obtaining financing and/or a low cost State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan to finance the cost of the Sludge Dewatering Upgrade Project, now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Sewer Commissioners, upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, hereby requests the Legislature of Rockland County to schedule a public hearing and to authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$44,000,000 to finance the Sludge Dewatering Upgrade Project and to authorize the filing of applications and signatures of project financing agreements and other documents necessary for SRF assistance, and, be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized and directed to execute such documents as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution, after review by the Staff of the Sewer District and Office of the County Attorney, and, be it,

STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized to forward said documents to the County Executive for forwarding to the Rockland County Legislature for their approval.

Item #8:

**Motion to Approve:
Hochmann/Diaz**

Unan.

July 27, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 41 OF 2023

**REQUEST THE ROCKLAND COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE
THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER
FOR THE SLUDGE DEWATERING UPGRADE PROJECT AT A COST OF \$44 MILLION**

WHEREAS, the Sludge Dewatering Upgrade Project (Project) is estimated to be \$44,000,000, and,

WHEREAS, the Sewer District intends to finance the Project by the issuance of bonds, and,

WHEREAS, at a total project cost of \$44,000,000, the increase in cost to the typical property owner is above the estimated cost threshold computed by the Office of the State Comptroller, and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Law Section 268, an application for Permission of State Comptroller is required, and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Sewer Commissioners, Rockland County Sewer District No. 1 has determined that it is in the public interest, and that the project will protect the health of residents of Rockland County, and will not constitute an undue burden on the property which is to bear the cost thereon, and,

WHEREAS, the Application for Permission of the State Comptroller has been prepared by the Staff of the Rockland County Sewer District, now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, the Board of Sewer Commissioners, Rockland County Sewer District No. 1 hereby approves the Application for Permission of the State Comptroller for the Sludge Dewatering Upgrade Project and requests the Rockland County Legislature to approve and authorize the submission of said application to the Office of the New York State Comptroller for approval, and, be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized and directed to take any necessary and appropriate actions as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Item #9:

M. Specht: We'll go onto Item #9, Mr. Saber:

M. Saber: This is for the Screening Improvements Project at the wastewater treatment plant in Orangeburg. The resolutions are for approving the supplemental engineering report, amending the Capital Budget, and requesting increased bonding for the project. Currently, the equipment is past or near its useful life.

The increase in cost is related to providing additional maintenance/operational flexibility, additional HVAC requirements, equipment/material escalation, and labor escalation.

The project's anticipated costs is \$9,238,000. The increase cost to a typical property owner ranges from \$3.55 to \$6.27.

I recommend that the Board approve these resolutions.

M. Specht: Any questions for Mr. Saber?

Motion to Approve:
Hoehmann/Genito

Unan.

July 27, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 42 OF 2023
APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL ENGINEERING REPORT ON THE COST INCREASE AND
REQUEST ROCKLAND COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO ACCEPT THE SUPPLEMENTAL
ENGINEERING REPORT FOR THE SCREENING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT –
CAPITAL PROJECT #6315

WHEREAS, the Screening Improvements Project at the wastewater treatment plant in Orangeburg will be for the replacement of screens, conveyors, gates, heating, ventilating, and lighting; equipment relocation; building improvements; and building addition, and,

WHEREAS, the District's existing influent screenings have exceeded their expected useful life and need to be replaced, and,

WHEREAS, an engineering report titled Influent Screenings Improvements Project dated June 2021 has been prepared by Environmental Design & Research, Landscape Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Services, D.P.C. (EDR) and reviewed by staff of the District, and,

WHEREAS, the report includes a review of alternatives, detailed cost estimates, and recommendations, and,

WHEREAS, by Legislative resolution 386 of 2021, the project was increased by \$1,600,000 for a total project cost of \$6,600,000, and,

WHEREAS, the Screening Improvements Project is included in the Rockland County 2023 Capital Budget under Project #6315 in the amount of \$6,600,000, and,

WHEREAS, a supplemental engineering report titled Screening Improvement Project (RCSD Screens Rehab), Basis of Design Report dated June 14, 2023 has been prepared by Hazen and Sawyer, D.P.C (Hazen), and,

WHEREAS, the increase in cost is related to providing additional maintenance/operational flexibility, additional HVAC requirements, equipment/material escalation, and labor escalation, and,

WHEREAS, the District has requested that the maximum cost of the capital project be amended to include an increase of \$2,638,000, for a total project cost of \$9,238,000, and,

WHEREAS, the supplemental engineering report has been reviewed by staff of the Sewer District and found to be acceptable, now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, the Board of Sewer Commissioners hereby accepts the Screening Improvement Project (RCSD Screens Rehab), Basis of Design report prepared by Hazen dated June 14, 2023, and, be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Sewer Commissioners, Rockland County Sewer District No. 1, upon recommendation of the Executive Director, hereby requests the Legislature of Rockland County to approve the Screening Improvement Project (RCSD Screens Rehab), Basis of Design report for the increase in the project cost in the amount of \$2,638,000 for a total project cost of \$9,238,000 and cost estimate for the Screening Improvements Project, and, be it,

STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Sewer Commissioners hereby authorizes and directs the Executive Director to execute such documents as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution, after review by the Staff of the Sewer District and Office of the County Attorney, and, be it,

STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized to forward said documents to the County Executive for forwarding to the Rockland County Legislature for their approval.

Item #10

Motion to Approve:
Lehman/Tursi

Unan.

July 27, 2023

**RESOLUTION NO. 43 OF 2023
REQUEST ROCKLAND COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO AMEND THE CAPITAL
BUDGET FOR THE SCREENING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT –
CAPITAL PROJECT #6315**

WHEREAS, the Screening Improvements Project at the wastewater treatment plant in Orangeburg will be for the replacement of screens, conveyors, gates, heating, ventilating, and lighting; equipment relocation; building improvements; and building addition, and,

WHEREAS, the District's existing influent screenings have exceeded their expected useful life and need to be replaced, and,

WHEREAS, an engineering report titled Influent Screenings Improvements Project dated June 2021 has been prepared by Environmental Design & Research, Landscape Architecture, Engineering & Environmental Services, D.P.C. (EDR) with a total cost of \$6,600,000, and,

WHEREAS, the report includes a review of alternatives, detailed cost estimates, and recommendations, and,

WHEREAS, the Screening Improvements Project, Capital Project #6315 is currently included in the 2023 Capital Budget in the amount of \$6,600,000 for this project, and,

WHEREAS, a supplemental engineering report titled Screening Improvement Project, Basis of Design Report dated June 14, 2023 has been prepared by Hazen and Sawyer, D.P.C. (Hazen), and,

WHEREAS, the increase in cost is related to providing additional maintenance/operational flexibility, additional HVAC requirements, equipment/material escalation, and labor escalation, and,

WHEREAS, the District has requested that the maximum cost of the capital project be amended to include an increase of \$2,638,000 for a total project cost of \$9,238,000, now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Sewer Commissioners, Rockland County Sewer District No. 1, upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, hereby requests the Rockland County Legislature to amend the District's capital budget in the amount of \$2,638,000 increasing the total project amount up to \$9,238,000 for the Screening Improvements Project, Capital Project #6315, and, be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized and directed to execute such documents as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution, after review by the Staff of the Sewer District and Office of the County Attorney, and, be it,

STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized to forward said documents to the County Executive for forwarding to the Rockland County Legislature for their approval.

Item #11:
Motion to Approve:
Diaz/Tursi

July 27, 2023

Unan.

RESOLUTION NO. 44 OF 2023
REQUEST THE ROCKLAND COUNTY LEGISLATURE SCHEDULE
A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF FACILITIES OF THE RCSD #1
AND TO APPROVE THE INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT FOR THE SCREENING IMPROVEMENTS
PROJECT AND REQUEST THE ROCKLAND COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO AUTHORIZE THE
ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE SCREENINGS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Screening Improvements Project at the wastewater treatment plant in Orangeburg will be for the replacement of screens, conveyors, gates, heating, ventilating, and lighting; equipment relocation; building improvements; and building addition, and,

WHEREAS, the District's existing influent screenings have exceeded their expected useful life and need to be replaced, and,

WHEREAS, the Screening Improvements Project is included in the Rockland County 2023 Capital Budget (Capital Project #6315) in the amount of \$6,600,000, and,

WHEREAS, the total project cost is now estimated to be \$9,238,000 due to the increase in cost related to providing additional maintenance/operational flexibility, additional HVAC requirements, equipment/material escalation, and labor escalation, and,

WHEREAS, the District is requesting to amend the Capital Budget increasing the amount up to \$9,238,000, and,

WHEREAS, the Sewer District is desirous of obtaining financing and/or a low cost State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan to finance the cost of the Screenings Improvement Project, now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Sewer Commissioners, upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, hereby requests the Legislature of Rockland County to schedule a public hearing and to authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$9,238,000 to finance the Screening Improvements Project and to authorize the filing of applications and signatures of project financing agreements and other documents necessary for SRF assistance, and, be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized and directed to execute such documents as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution, after review by the Staff of the Sewer District and Office of the County Attorney, and, be it,

STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized to forward said documents to the County Executive for forwarding to the Rockland County Legislature for their approval.

Item #12:

M. Saber: The sewer mains on Twin Avenue in Spring Valley along with the downstream sewer mains on Maple Avenue and Parker Street up to the Ramapo Interceptor are near capacity. The sewer mains need to be increased in size. As part of this project, SEQRA must be performed. The resolution before the Board is to declare the District as lead agency. The Sewer District maintains the sewers in Spring Valley for the Village.

I recommend that the Board declare the District as lead agency in order to move this project forward.

M. Specht: Commissioner Simon, will you make a motion?

A. Simon: Yes, I will. I move that it be adopted.

M. Specht: Thank you.

Motion to Approve:
Simon/Carroll

Unan.

July 27, 2023

**RESOLUTION NO. 45 OF 2023
DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE RCSD #1 TO ESTABLISH ITSELF LEAD
AGENCY FOR THE TWIN AVENUE SEWER UPGRADE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Rockland County Sewer District No. 1 (hereinafter “RCSD”) proposes to increase the capacity of the sewer mains on Twin Avenue and downstream sewer mains on Maple Avenue and Parker Street up to the Ramapo Interceptor in the Village of Spring Valley, and,

WHEREAS, these sewer mains are near capacity and need to be increased in size, and,

WHEREAS, the Twin Avenue Sewer Upgrade Project (hereinafter “Project”) is subject to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 6 NYCRR Part 617 (“SEQRA”), which requires activities like the Project, that are proposed by a unit of local government, like the RCSD, to conduct an environmental impact assessment to identify and mitigate the significant environmental impacts of the proposed Project, and,

WHEREAS, under SEQRA, a lead agency must be designated to conduct the environmental assessment of the proposed Project, and,

WHEREAS, RCSD is the agency that will most closely be involved with the planning, designing and construction of the proposed Project, now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Rockland County Board of Sewer Commissioners hereby approves RCSD’s intent to declare itself as lead agency for the purpose of conducting an environmental assessment of the proposed Project, and, be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to take any and all necessary or appropriate actions for the RCSD to be lead agency, including, without limitation, the issuance of all necessary notices.

Item #13:

M. Saber: This is for a PLA Feasibility Study. Pursuant to Rockland County Resolution 303 of 1996, in all construction projects in excess of \$250,000.00 (which is currently in the process to be increased to \$4,000,000), the County departments are required to explore and consider using project labor agreements. We have been doing this with the help of consultants who draft PLA Feasibility Studies. Arace & Company Consulting, LLC assisted the District with this effort. The PFS for Sludge Thickeners Upgrade Project recommends a PLA with a potential savings of \$163,509. I recommend moving forward with a PLA for this project due to the savings potential and labor harmony.

Motion to Approve:
Hoehmann/Diaz

Unan.

July 27, 2023

**RESOLUTION NO. 46 OF 2023
APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY
PREPARED BY ARACE & COMPANY CONSULTING, LLC IN CONNECTION WITH THE SLUDGE
THICKENERS UPGRADE PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Sludge Thickeners Upgrade Project will include the replacement of internal components along with flood mitigation and increase operational flexibility of the District's four (4) sludge thickeners, and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Rockland County Resolution 303 of 1996, in all construction projects in excess of \$250,000.00, the County Executive and the appropriate department head are required to explore and consider using project labor agreements to reduce construction costs, avoid delay claims and potential litigation, when the use of a project labor agreement is rationally based upon reasons in the public interest promoted by the competitive bidding statutes, and,

WHEREAS, the District hired Arace & Company Consulting, LLC (Arace) to conduct a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) Feasibility Study for the Sludge Thickeners Upgrade Project, and,

WHEREAS, Arace submitted its findings to the District in a report dated June 15, 2023 entitled Project Labor Agreement Feasibility Study, and,

WHEREAS, the report indicates that the use of a PLA for the Sludge Thickeners Upgrade Project will result in approximately \$163,509.00 in potential savings for labor costs if a PLA is approved for this project, and,

WHEREAS, Arace recommends that a PLA be incorporated into the Sludge Thickeners Upgrade Project based upon a review of many factors that will result in an estimated cost savings, now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Sewer Commissioners, Rockland County Sewer District No. 1, accepts the report prepared by Arace & Company Consulting, LLC, and, be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Sewer Commissioners, Rockland County Sewer District No. 1, authorizes the Executive Director of the District and requests the County Executive of Rockland County to present to the Legislature of Rockland County the findings and recommendations associated with the use of a project labor agreement in connection with the Sludge Thickeners Upgrade Project contained in the report prepared by Arace & Company Consulting, LLC which recommendations will thereafter be subject to ratification by the Legislature of Rockland County, and, be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Sewer Commissioners, Rockland County Sewer District No. 1, authorizes the Executive Director of the District to do and cause to be done any and all acts necessary or proper in connection with or for carrying out this resolution.

Item #14:

M. Saber: This is for a standard work day. Pursuant to Regulation 315.4 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations, elected/appointed officials are required to submit a record of work-related activities for three consecutive months beginning on April 1, 2023, as activities which reflect duties performed that are directly related to their elected/appointed position.

Some Sewer Commissioners need to comply with the reporting requirements of a Standard Workday. Those Sewer Commissioners were notified.

I recommend that the Board consider approving this resolution.

M. Specht: Do we have any questions for Mr. Saber?

Motion to Approve:
Lehman/Kenny

Unan.

July 27, 2023

**RESOLUTION NO. 47 OF 2023
ADOPTING A STANDARD WORKDAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION FOR ELECTED
AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OFFICE
OF THE NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER**

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Regulation 315.4 of the New York Codes, Rules and Regulations, elected/appointed officials are required to submit a record of work-related activities for three consecutive months beginning on April 1, 2023, as activities which reflect duties performed that are directly related to their elected/appointed position, and,

WHEREAS, some Sewer Commissioners need to comply with the reporting requirements of a Standard Workday, now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, the Board of Sewer Commissioners, Rockland County Sewer District No. 1 approves Adopting a Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials in Compliance with the Requirements of the Office of the State Comptroller, and, be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized and directed to execute such documents as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution, after review by the Office of the County Attorney, and, be it,

STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is authorized to forward said Agreement to the County Executive for forwarding to the Legislature for their approval.

Item #15: Centrifuges

M. Saber: If you don't mind, I'd like to combine it with the quarterly report.

M. Specht: Sure. Certainly.

Item #16: Quarterly Report

M. Saber: So, currently, the normal expenditures appear to be within reason with a few exceptions but the need to purchase a new centrifuge at an installed cost of \$928,775 is causing some budgetary issues. Now, a little bit on the centrifuge. We have three (3) centrifuges. We're in the process of doing a capital improvement project but I'm struggling to get to the finish line without replacing one (1) at this point in time. A couple of weeks ago we were down to zero (0) centrifuges. We managed through it. We got two (2) back and running. They have a tendency to fail at any given moment. So, we need to get this new one in place so it can get us through to when the capital project is completed which will probably be in about three (3) to four (4) years from now. So, that's for the centrifuge but to make up for some of these budgetary issues, I have deferred a pilot study until next year and I am looking at curtailing some other projects or expensing them next year. In addition, the budget is being evaluated as to where potential savings can be had or where a favorable budget line item exists. I will also be looking to use salary savings and/or requesting the contingency fund of \$100,000 to be accessed later this year to offset some expenses, if needed.

I'll have a better position later in September when some of this stuff kind of smooths out and I'll have only the last quarter left to see where we are.

M. Specht: Thank you, Mr. Saber.

M. Saber: You're welcome.

M. Specht: Any questions about this? Very good.

Item #17: Orangeburg Plant Performance

M. Saber: In your packet is a summary of some of the performance parameters of the wastewater treatment plant in Orangeburg. The CBOD limit of 85% removal was met the last two months

after several months of not meeting the parameter. Unfortunately, we did not meet the CBOD concentration level of 25 mg/L. We are continuing to monitor our progress for July.

M. Specht: Thank you. Very good.

Item #18: We have one item of New Business to discuss in Executive Session. It's an Executive Session that we need because we are going to discuss matters leading to the appointment of a particular person or corporation. So, it will fall under one of the exceptions that allow an Executive Session.

Enter Executive Session at 6:13pm

Motion: G. Hoehmann and R. Diaz

Leave Executive Session at 6:25pm

Motion: G. Hoehmann and M. Genito

M. Specht: We are now out of Executive Session. At this time, for the record, we had a discussion about matters leading to the appointment of a particular person or corporation.

At this time, we'll go back up to the Quarterly Report discussion for one (1) additional item.

M. Saber: So, after the budget was approved at the last Board meeting, on July 7th, we received some information on a re-financing that occurred. What happened was we had over borrowed so we were using some of that money partly to pay down the bond this year and partly next year but when they re-financed the bond, they applied everything to the principal this year. So, there's no funds available for next year. There's a net that we'll be short of \$304,000 next year that wasn't in the budget. The way we're going to do this is we're just going to take that additional \$304,000 out of fund balance. Currently we have \$11.5 million which would get reduce to 11.2 million. I just want to let the Board know this was something that occurred after the Board approved the budget. I don't need anything done from the Board right now because in December I'll come back and that's when you set the rates. I just didn't want this to be a surprise that I knew it for six (6) months and didn't say anything.

S. Lehman: We did a refinancing and ended up being a net loss to us?

M. Saber: No. Over the entire borrowing, it's about a \$106,000 saving a year and it winds up in the overall number of over a million dollars.

S. Lehman: Okay.

M. Saber: What happened is the money that we were going to use for next year they used against the principle before they refinanced.

S. Lehman: Okay. I get it.

M. Specht: We appreciate your updating us on that. We'll just mention that we're not going to hold a meeting in August. We'll come back in September.

Motion to Adjourn.

**RESOLUTION NO. 48 OF 2023
ADJOURNMENT**

G. Hoehmann offered the following resolution, which was seconded by P. Carroll and approved unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED that the July 27, 2023, Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Rockland County Sewer District No. 1, is hereby adjourned.

The Board of Sewer Commissioners Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

M. Specht: Thank you everybody. Enjoy the rest of the summer and see everyone in September.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Langan
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners
Rockland County Sewer District No. 1