

READINGTON-LEBANON SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

August 23, 2023

OPENING: Dr. Schaible, Chairman opened this regular meeting and announced that the Sunshine laws have been satisfied for the convening of this meeting.

PRESENT: Dr. Schaible, Messrs. Burton, Cichone, Heller, Mueller members, Mrs. Plesnarski, Administrator. Mr. Villa did not attend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of July 26, 2023 as written, was carried with roll call of ayes all, nays none.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES: Motion to approve the invoices for the month of August in the amount of \$ **75,871.03** and authorization for the administrator to transfer this amount into the Operating Checking account on September 1, 2023 and (8) invoices totaling \$ **20,530.50** to be paid from the General Fund on September 1, 2023 was made by Mr. Burton seconded by Mr. Cichone and carried with a roll call of ayes all, nays none.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET STATEMENT: Motion to acknowledge the review and approve the August Budget Statement without any exceptions noted as written was made by Mr. Burton seconded by Mr. Cichone and carried, with a roll call of ayes all, nays none.

NEW BUSINESS: *Amendment to Water Quality Management Plan* - Mr. Heller noted that Harriet's Mobile Home Park on Route 22 has requested an increase from 22 units to 24 units. The existing units are using cesspools. The Township would like to get them hooked up to the sewer system. The mobile home park is included in Readington's COAH allocation. Motion to approve the Amendment to the Upper Raritan Water Quality Management Plan was made by Mr. Heller, seconded by Mr. Mueller, and carried with a roll call of ayes all, nays none.

Feasibility Study Progress Report – Mr. Ponte, Authority engineer noted that the Township did not complete their usage projection for the Wastewater Management Plan for Hunterdon County. He added that Lebanon Borough prepared their plan in 2014 and the State and NJDEP have adopted it. He would like to reference that info in his next report. Mr. Ponte reviewed his progress on the Feasibility Study. He has assisted the Authority in selecting Van Cleef Engineering to perform the land survey and reviewed the scope of work required with them. He expected the survey to be completed shortly due to weather delays. Mr. Ponte has reviewed the jar testing results and prepared a memorandum on the chemical addition required to remove Total phosphorous and Ortho-phosphorous. Drafted a technical memorandum addressing plant loads and design criteria for process evaluation and equipment sizing. Mr. Ponte continues to review analysis of influent and effluent sampling. He will prepare a feasibility and cost analysis to repair and upgrade the oxidation ditch versus replacement. Mr. Ponte continues to discuss the outcome of NJDEP meetings that Mrs. Plesnarski has had that may potentially change permit requirements.

NJDEP Meeting – Mrs. Plesnarski informed the board that the next NJDEP meeting will be September 5th. She understands that NJDEP will prefer biological removal versus use of a coagulant chemical. Ortho-phosphorous will probably have a lower limit but total phosphorous will be a higher limit. She noted that biological removal will be initially more expensive to install but would eliminate the need for filtration and decrease chemical costs and sludge disposal costs, so in the long term may be less expensive. Mr. Mueller questioned how NJDEP has come up with these limits and feels the changes make phosphorous a moving target that will be difficult to achieve. Mrs. Plesnarski would prefer at this time that NJDEP revoke our current permit and reissue it with the change in limits. We will need additional time to design for the change in limits and preferred removal method. Mr. Heller would ask NJDEP to re-evaluate the limits imposed. Mrs. Plesnarski noted that NJDEP is checking the numbers from the TMDL and is working on checking the limits.

OLD BUSINESS: *UV Modules* – Mrs. Plesnarski noted that the UV modules have been installed this week and went online this morning.

Oxidation Ditch Rotor – Mrs. Plesnarski informed the board that the rotor shaft has been returned and remanufactured. The shaft has been picked up and the blades are being reinstalled.

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by motion made by Mr. Heller seconded by Mr. Mueller and carried, with a roll call of ayes all, nays none.

Respectfully submitted:

Jonathan Heller
Secretary/Treasurer

Virginia Weierich
Recording Secretary

Resolution

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**Readington-Lebanon Sewerage Authority
Resolution Consenting to the Proposed Water Quality Management (WQM) Plan
Amendment
Entitled "Amendment to the Upper Raritan Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP)"**

WHEREAS, the Readington-Lebanon Sewerage Authority of Hunterdon County desires to provide for the orderly development of wastewater facilities within the Readington-Lebanon Sewer service area and Hunterdon County; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) requires that proposed wastewater treatment and conveyance facilities and wastewater treatment service areas, as well as related subjects, be in conformance with an approved WQM plan; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP has established the WQM plan amendment procedure through the WQMP rules at N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5 as the method of incorporating unplanned facilities into a WQM plan; and

WHEREAS, a proposed WQM plan amendment publicly noticed in the New Jersey Register on August 7, 2023 for Readington Township, Block 38, Lot 86 (Program Interest No: 435434, Activity No: AMD200003), (aka Harriet's Mobile Home Park), Readington Township, Hunterdon County has been prepared by the, NJDEP;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 23rd day of August 2023, by the governing body of the Readington-Lebanon Sewerage Authority that:

1. The governing body of the Readington-Lebanon Sewerage Authority hereby consents to the "Readington Twp, Block 38, Lot 86" amendment entitled "Amendment to the Upper Raritan Water Quality Management Plans (WQMP)", and publicly noticed in the New Jersey Register on August 7, 2023, prepared by the NJDEP, for the purpose of its incorporation into the applicable WQM plan(s).
2. This consent shall be submitted to the NJDEP in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:15-3.5(g)6.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Readington-Lebanon Sewerage Authority at a meeting duly held on August 23, 2023.

Date: August 23, 2023

Recording Secretary