



# Rensselaer County Water and Sewer Authority

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### **Meeting Minutes**

**April 16, 2021 10 AM**

**In Person, Zoom and Phone**

Attendees: In person: John Fetscher, Vice-Chairman; Linda von der Heide, CEO; Jay Sherman, Secretary; William Film, CFO; By Zoom: John Mooney; By Phone: Kenneth Harting, Treasurer

The meeting opened at 10 AM.

The first item on the agenda was the contract with North Greenbush update. Mr. Dixon stated that he will send the contract to the Town but that the Town Board will likely set it aside. It is better that we work with DEC and a copy of the letter and will be sent to Bonnie Starr in the DEC. For the hook-ups on Heywood Lane, Mr. Dixon stated that a letter will be sent to the Town requesting payment or else the individual homebuyers will receive a letter and bill requesting payment. There were 9 certificates of occupancy given out by the Town after the letter was sent to Lou Desso, the then Supervisor, advising him that there was a \$1,500 for each unit that will ultimately use the Valley View Boulevard sewer line. Mr. Dixon thought that the Town would prefer to pay up rather than deal with 9 angry homeowners. The members agreed to Mr. Dixon's sending of the letters and contract.

The second item was a resolution approving payments to Wojeski & Company, CPAs, PC for \$593.96 and Law Office of Philip Dixon for \$765.00. Mr. Mooney offered the resolution and Mr. Fetscher seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

The third item was a resolution for the Election of Chief Financial Officer. Mr. William Film was recommended by the Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency as he is doing work for them as well. Mr. Mooney offered the resolution and Mr. Fetscher seconded. The resolution was passed unanimously. Ms. von der Heide presented Mr. Film with the unofficial headwear.

Mr. Sherman related that A Septic had informed him that they had a call from the Roohans at 3141 Partridge Drive who had septage flowing up in their lawn with possibly a discharge line broken. A Septic stated that the last time this occurred in 2015, the discharge elbow needed replacing, which took about 3 to 4 weeks to arrive. All that time, the tank needed to be sucked out regularly. A Septic wanted to pre-order the elbow to have it as quickly as possible. The elbow costs around \$300. Ms. von der Heide stated that at that cost, it may be good to have a spare one on hand. Mr. Sherman stated that the cost of storing one might be the issue there. The cost of each septic tank clean out is around \$150. This is the first issue in Pheasant Run this year. If this few issues occur, it will be the first year that the costs of running the system would be somewhat less than the funds collected. 2019 cost more than the funds collected and 2020 was on track to do the same, but a lack of late year calls allowed a little funds to be left over. Since the system is over 20 years old, significant issues may arise soon. A cushion of funds is needed for expected large emergencies.

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Harting and seconded by Mr. Mooney and Mr. Fetscher. The meeting was closed at 10:20 AM.