

**RESOLUTION – ANNUAL REPORT (2023)**

At a meeting of the Rensselaer County Water and Sewer Authority, held at 333 Broadway, Troy, New York, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. local time, the following Members of the Authority were:

	<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>ABSENT:</b>
Robert Pasinella, Jr.	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>
Kenneth M. Harting	<u>          </u>	<u>  x  </u>
John Mooney	<u>x (via phone)</u>	<u>          </u>
John H. Murphy, IV	<u>  x  </u>	<u>          </u>

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Linda von der Heide, Chief Executive Officer  
Donna Murray, Secretary  
Philip H. Dixon, Authority Counsel

After the meeting had been duly called to order, the following Resolution was offered by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Mooney, to wit:

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Executive Officer of the Rensselaer County Water and Sewer Authority (the “Authority”) has prepared an Annual Report for calendar year 2023 for the Authority and the members of the Authority have reviewed such report.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the Annual Report for calendar year 2023, in the form annexed hereto, is hereby approved; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Annual Report be filed/posted as required by applicable provisions of law.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Robert Pasinella, Jr.	voting <u>yes</u>
Kenneth M. Harting	voting <u>absent</u>
John Mooney	voting <u>yes</u>
John H. Murphy IV	voting <u>yes</u>

The foregoing Resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**Rensselaer County Water and Sewer Authority**  
**2023 Annual Report**

**February 2024**

Robert Pasinella, Jr., Chairman  
John Mooney, Vice Chairman  
Kenneth M. Harting, Treasurer  
John H. Murphy, IV, Member

Linda von der Heide, Chief Executive Officer  
William Film, Chief Financial Officer  
Donna Murray, Secretary  
Philip H. Dixon, Authority Counsel  
Henry V. LaBarba, P.E., Authority Consulting Engineer

## **Overview**

The Authority owns the Pheasant Run sewer system, a fifteen unit community septic system in the Town of Schodack. The Authority collects \$950.00 per year per unit for its maintenance expenses. Due to the age of the system, there had been a significant number of pump replacements and electrical system repairs performed in the last ten years, as most of the pumps were over 20 years old. In the last two years, pump replacements have stabilized, but are expected to rise as the average life expectancy appears to be ten years. Now that funds are not being spent on the pumps, the Authority is now working to keep the leach fields running optimally including having the leach fields mowed regularly and replacing worn parts. The Pheasant Run account does not receive any County, Town or State direct support and is totally funded by the 15 serviced homes. The Authority will continue to pursue a more permanent operation and financing arrangement for this small system.

The Authority is also working with the Town of North Greenbush to finalize agreements for maintenance of the sewer line that the Authority owns along Valley View Road and the collection of hook-up fees for recent residential developments using the system. We are hopeful that the Administration in the Town of North Greenbush will finalize the agreements, in accordance with the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The Town is now working with the Authority when hook-ups occur and is now collecting and forwarding the hook-up fees for entities hooking into the system.

### **Rensselaer County Water and Sewer Authority** **Mission Statement**

It is the mission of the Rensselaer County Water and Sewer Authority to foster public health and well-being and to promote economic development through the financing, management and operation of public water and sewer utilities for Rensselaer County and its local governments. In doing so, the Authority shall strive to provide such services in a cost-efficient manner.

### **2023 Authority Measurement Report in Accordance with Section 2824 – a of the PAL**

Management's focus in 2023 was to continue its efforts to collect sewer fees it was owed by various entities and to make the Pheasant Run system work optimally as well as approve new hook-ups and collect hook-up fees for the Valley View Boulevard sewer line.

### **Management Report on Internal Controls**

Management's focus in 2023 was to operate the Pheasant Run Community Septic system optimally and continue its efforts to collect sewer fees it was owed by various entities. Additionally, the Authority is working with the Town of North Greenbush on the hook-up of 36 future apartments to its Valley View Boulevard.

## **Board Members**

(one vacancy)

**Robert Pasinella, Jr., Chairman** - Mr. Pasinella is the Director of the Rensselaer County Office of Economic Development and Planning, as well as the Executive Director of the Rensselaer County Industrial Development Agency.

**Kenneth M. Harting, Treasurer** – Mr. Harting is the former supervisor of the Town of East Greenbush's water system for the Department of Public Works and is the operator of a number of small private water systems in Rensselaer County.

**John Mooney, Vice Chairman** – Mr. Mooney is a licensed real estate broker with Howard Hanna and a past President of the Rensselaer City School District Board of Education.

**John H. Murphy, IV, Member** – Mr. Murphy is the Deputy Director of the Rensselaer County Office of Economic Development and Planning. Mr. Murphy formerly owned and ran a successful business in the City of Troy.