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Thomas Tucci, Jr. Sworn In as New PVSC Commissioner



Tom Tucci, Jr. (left) taking the oath from Kenneth J. Lucianin (right)

Newark, NJ – Thomas Tucci, Jr. of Nutley was sworn-in today as the newest Commissioner at the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC). Mr. Tucci was nominated by Governor Chris Christie last month and confirmed by the New Jersey State Senate yesterday. He joins Kenneth J. Lucianin of Passaic, who has been serving on the Commission since 2009.

"We look forward to working with Commissioner Tucci in the coming weeks and months to plan the future of PVSC. Tom has excellent experience in public works and infrastructure projects, and I know we will benefit from his outstanding knowledge and expertise," said PVSC Executive Director Michael DeFrancisci.

Mr. Tucci is currently the Township Manager for Cedar Grove and brings to his post an extensive background in Engineering, Construction Technology, Public Works and Public Administration. Mr. Tucci received his Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), and has taken numerous graduate classes at Rutgers University in the Master of Public Administration program.



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He also holds a Certificate in Construction Technology from NJIT and has been certified as a Public Works Manager by Rutgers University-Newark. He holds several professional licenses and is active in a number of professional societies such as the New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers, the Building Officials Association of New Jersey, the Public Works Association of New Jersey and the New Jersey Municipal Managers Association.

Chief among his responsibilities at PVSC will be helping the facility recover from Superstorm Sandy. The position is voluntary, and Mr. Tucci will not receive compensation or stipend for his service.

"I am looking forward to assisting the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission rebuild and modernize the plant, so that we can be responsive to the needs of the ratepayers and our 48 municipalities. PVSC is an impressive facility and their mission is vitally important to the citizens of this region. My hope is to help the PVSC continue to recover quickly from Superstorm Sandy," Tucci said.

The PVSC is one of the largest wastewater treatment plants in the United States and serves 1.4 million residents in 48 municipalities, according to the PVSC's website. Such municipalities include those in Bergen, Essex and Hudson counties.

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In order to protect and preserve local streams and rivers from water pollution, the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission operates one of the country's oldest and largest treatment plants for the wastewaters of northern New Jersey, serving over 1.4 million people in five counties.