

Regular Board Meeting
Suffolk County Water Authority
February 29, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.
4060 Sunrise Highway, Oakdale
and Virtually via Zoom

Attendance

Present:

Members: Charles Lefkowitz, Chairman
Tim Bishop, Secretary
Jacqueline Gordon, Member
Elizabeth Mercado, Member
John M. Porchia, Member

Jeffrey W. Szabo, Chief Executive Officer

The meeting was attended by Counsels B. Malik and J. Milazzo; and was also attended by Messrs. Aponte, Blevins, Boudreau, Brady, Cecchetto, Derenze, Deubel, DiCarlo, Dubois, Finello, Fuller, Galante, Given, Huber, Jacobson, Kleinman, Kilcommons, Lehning, Litka, Marafino, Marsden, McDowell, Meyerdierks, Niebling, O'Connell, Penza, Pokorny, Rae, Schembri, Schneider, SeEVERS, Thompson, Turcios, Wahl and Warner; and Mmes. Bass, Berberich, Cameron, Cantore, Hann, Hannan, Kamm, Mancuso, Naccarto, Pell, Pfeuffer, Simson, Spaulding, Steel, Tinsley, and Wynhurst.

Barbara Yatauro of Local 393 was also present.

Chairman Lefkowitz called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. . At 3:01 p.m, on a motion by Ms. Porchia, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(028-02-2024) RESOLVED, That the Members go into executive session to discuss litigation and personnel matters, and reenter

At 3:17 p.m Chairman Lefkowitz called the meeting back into public session.

Chairman Lefkowitz discussed the press conference in Manorville that took place the day of the board meeting, concerning recent connection of new customers in an area that saw contamination in their well water. He thanked staff who connected the new customers, as well as the communications staff who organized the press conference. Mr. Szabo gave further information about the Manorville connection and thanked staff for their work on the project.

The Chairs of the Strategic Plan 2030 committees provided updates to the board on the work their members have completed, the challenges they are facing, and what they hope to accomplish this year.

(029-02-2024) Mr. Lefkowitz presented the minutes of the regular board meeting of December 20, 2023, and on motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia the minutes of the regular board meeting on January 25, 2024 were unanimously approved.

Mr. Szabo presented the contracts to be considered for extensions. Items 2a through 2n were approved on consent with a resolution motioned by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried.

(030-02-2024) RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning June 1, 2024, Contract 7792B to supply and maintenance of pumps and miscellaneous equipment (Zone B) with Eagle Control Corp.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning June 1, 2024, Contract 7841 for the installation and cleanout of overflow drain pits and other miscellaneous work with D.F. Stone Contracting, Ltd.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2024, Contract 7855 for maintenance of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning equipment at various authority sites with Nice 'N Cool, LLC.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning August 1, 2024, Contract 7857B for maintenance of diesel engines- Zone 2 with PowerPro Service Company, Inc.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2024, Contract 7866 A & C to furnish and deliver stainless steel repair clamps, and stainless steel and bell joint leak clamps with Powerseal Pipeline Products and Smith Blair Inc.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning April 1, 2024, Contract 7929A to furnish and deliver gate valves and butterfly valves (line items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 9) with T. Mina Supply Inc.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning June 1, 2024, Contract 7946 for installation of new water service lines and reconnection of service lines (tie-overs)- Group 1-West with Asplundh Construction Corp.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning June 1, 2024, Contract 7948B to furnish and deliver asphalt paving mixture for cold patching – option 1 (item 2) with Black Gold Industries Inc.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning June 1, 2024, Contract 7952 for painting of fire hydrants with Partners Industrial Services Inc.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning June 1, 2024, Contract 7953 A & B for installation of blowoff basins (Zone 1 and 2) with Ed Cork and Sons (Zone 1) and Green Velvet Landscaping (Zone 2).

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2024, Contract 7954 to furnish and deliver PH measuring equipment and pressure transmitters with Eagle Control Corp.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2024, Contract 7955 for removal and disposal of chlorinated wastewater from various sites (Zones A and B) with Island Pump & Tank Corp.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning June 1, 2024, Contract 7960 for installation of new water service lines and reconnection of service lines (tie-overs) – Group 2-East with Asplundh Construction Corp.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2024, Contract 7963 for repair of underground locating devices with Mohawk Ltd.

Mr. Szabo then referred to additional contracts and, recommended that they be awarded or rejected in accordance with the letters of recommendation.

On motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(031-02-2024) RESOLVED, That the bid under Contract 7998 for seasonal landscaping and lawn maintenance at Authority properties within the Towns of Brookhaven, East Hampton, and Islip, during the six-month period beginning April 1, 2024, submitted by BIB Services Corp. of North Bellmore, NY, on a unit price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at an estimated total cost of Eighteen Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-five Dollars (\$18,375), be and hereby is rescinded; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the bid under Contract 7998 for seasonal landscaping and lawn maintenance at Authority properties within the Towns of Brookhaven, East Hampton, and Islip, during the six-month period beginning April 1, 2024, submitted by Del graz Enterprise dba R&R Landscaping of Sayville, NY, on a unit price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at an estimated total cost of Twenty-four Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Dollars (\$24,990), be and hereby is accepted; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute these contracts on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(032-02-2024) RESOLVED, That the bid under Contract 8016 installation of water mains and services by directional drill technology for items 1A – 5J and Items 10 - 12 during the one-year period beginning May 1, 2024, submitted by Bancker Construction of Islip, NY, on a unit price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at an estimated total cost of Three Hundred and Thirty-five Thousand One Hundred and Thirteen Dollars (\$335,113), be and hereby is accepted; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the bid under Contract 8016 installation of water mains and services by directional drill technology for items 6A – 21G during the one-year period beginning May 1, 2024, submitted by Bove Industries of Setauket, NY, on a unit price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at an estimated total cost of One Million Forty-eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,048,500), be and hereby is accepted; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this contract on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(033-02-2024) RESOLVED, That the bid under Contract 8017 to furnish and deliver stainless steel tapping sleeves, during the one-year period beginning May 1, 2024, submitted by Powerseal Pipeline Products Corp., of Wichita Falls, TX, on a unit price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at an estimated total cost of One Hundred Forty-two Thousand Six Hundred and Eight Dollars (\$142,608), be and hereby is accepted; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute these contracts on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(034-02-2024) RESOLVED, That the bid under Contract 8021 to demolish and replace the roof at Authority property at 180 5th Avenue Bay Shore in the Town of Islip, during a one-year period beginning April 1, 2024 submitted by Statewide Roofing Inc., of Ronkonkoma, NY, on a unit price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at an estimated total cost of Two Hundred Forty-four Thousand One Hundred Ninety-four Dollars (\$244,194), be and hereby is accepted; that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute these contracts on behalf of the Authority.

On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(035-02-2024) RESOLVED, That the bid under Contract 8022 to furnish and deliver dewatering pumps and associated parts, during a one-year period beginning May 1, 2024 submitted by Barish Pump Company, of Deer Park, NY, on a unit price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at an estimated total cost of Sixty-five Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-seven Dollars and Ninety-three Cents (\$65,997.93), be and hereby is accepted; that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute these contracts on behalf of the Authority.

Mr. Szabo then moved onto a discussion of equipment. On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(036-01-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the quote of Otis Ford, of Quogue, NY to furnish one (1) Ford F-150 Truck at a price of Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-six Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$50,866.60).

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(037-02-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the quote of Gabrielli Truck Sales LTD, of Medford, NY to furnish seven (7) 2025 Mack trucks built upon a Knapheide chassis at a price of One Million Nine Hundred Eighty-two Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-seven Dollars and Fifty-two Cents (\$1,982,787.52).

On motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(038-02-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the quote of Winter Brothers Hauling, of West Babylon, NY for refuse removal and recycling services at a price of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000).

On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(039-02-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the quote of Airweld Inc., of Patchogue, NY for the removal and replacement of cryogenic tank used to store Argon gas at a price of Eighty-five Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$85,675).

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(040-02-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the quote of Industrial Controls Distributers, of New York, NY to procure ten (10) Honeywell controllers at a price of Twenty-four Thousand Forty-Eight Dollars (\$24,048).

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(041-02-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the quote of Thermo Fisher Scientific, of Bohemia, NY to provide a maintenance and preventative service agreement for ion chromatograph machines to test for chloride and nitrates at a price of Twenty Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-eight Dollars (\$20,578).

Mr. Szabo then began a discussion on special services. On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(042-02-2024) RESOLVED, To extend RFP 1599 with Three+One Company, Inc. of Pittsford, NY, to provide cash management services during the one-year period beginning July 1, 2024.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(043-02-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the quote in RFP 1620 with EMA Inc. of St. Paul, MN, to provide customer experience journey mapping during the one-year period beginning March 1, 2024.

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(044-02-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the quote in RFP 1621 with One Call Concepts Locating Services Inc. of Holbrook, NY, to provide screening locating and marking of underground facilities during the one-year period beginning May 1, 2024.

On motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(045-02-2024) RESOLVED, To Authorize payment of change order #6 with EIPUSE America Inc. covering extension of the SAP Success Factors project to complete the implementation project by August 2024 in the amount of Four Hundred Fifty-nine Thousand One Hundred Seventy-eight Dollars (\$459,178). This order includes development for previously out of scope items that must be included in the project, in addition to requirement changes identified during the integration testing phase in December. This order also provides a final integration testing phase and a complete payroll analysis and parallel testing phase.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(046-02-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the quote in RFP 1624 with Medtrac of New Haven, CT, to provide drug and alcohol testing services compliance during the one-year period beginning April 1, 2024.

Mr. Szabo then referenced memos regarding attending meetings, seminars, trainings, and conferences. On motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(047-02-2024) RESOLVED, To authorize Deputy CEO for Administration Donna Mancuso, Director of General Services Jeffrey Kleinman, Water Quality Supervisor Andrew Clare, Lead Electrical Engineer Lucas Schultz, Capital Projects Coordinator Stephen Huber, Call Center Manager Gina Spaulding, and Attorney Alyson Bass to attend the AWWA 2024 Annual Conference in Anaheim, California from June 10, 2024 - June 14, 2024, for a total cost of Twenty-three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$23,250).

On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(048-02-2024) RESOLVED, To authorize GIS Specialist Thomas Withers, GIS Technician II Caitlin Gormley, Engineering Technician Henry Gobrick and Junior Engineering Technician John Boudreau to attend the Esri User Conference in San Diego, California from July 15, 2024 – July 19, 2024 for a total cost of Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$13,400).

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(049-02-2024) RESOLVED, To authorize Deputy CEO of Operations Joseph Pokorny, Director of Strategic Initiatives Tyrand Fuller, Director of Production Control Michael O’Connell, Field Supervisor Catherine Nicoletti, Assistant Electrical Engineer Gabrielle Rumbolo-Lindstrom, Associate Engineer Nicholas Barnowski, Meter Mechanic I Brad Majuk and Assistant Engineer Douglas Carpluk to attend the NYS AWWA Spring Meeting in Saratoga Springs, New York from April 9, 2024 – April 11, 2024 for a total cost of Nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$9,200).

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(050-02-2024) RESOLVED, To authorize Applications Developer Andrew Rogerson to attend the LabWare Customer Education Conference 2024 in Las Vegas, Nevada from April 14, 2024 – April 19, 2024 for a total cost of Two Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$2,200).

On motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(051-02-2024) RESOLVED, To authorize Cross Connection Control Manager Laura Wynhurst and Assistant Supervisor Eric Pomilio to attend the American Backflow Prevention Association International Conference and Tradeshow in Charlotte, North Carolina from April 21, 2024 – April 24, 2024 for a total cost of Four Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$4,200).

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(052-02-2024) RESOLVED, To authorize Chief Executive Officer Jeffrey Szabo and Director of Communications and External Affairs Daniel Dubois to attend the AMWA Water Policy Conference in Washington, D.C. from March 18, 2024 – March 21, 2024 for a total cost of \$4,000.

Mr. Szabo then moved onto a discussion of budget matters. Items 7a through 7d were approved on consent with a resolution motioned by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried.

(053-02-2024) RESOLVED, To authorize revisions to the budget for year ending May 31, 2024 as follows:

Increase to item 031 (Construction Contracts – Tapping) in the amount of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000)

This change will increase the capital budget of One Hundred Five Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$105.1 million) to One Hundred Five Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$105.5 million); costs will be recovered through capital reimbursement revenues.

RESOLVED, To authorize revisions to the budget for year ending May 31, 2024
as follows:

Increase to item 010 (Replacement of Water Main) in the amount of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) This change will increase the capital budget of One Hundred Five Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$105.1 million) to One Hundred Nine Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$109.5 million).

In August 2023, Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) was transferred from 015 (Distribution System Improvements) to 196 (Grant Projects) to permit the commencement of grant related capital projects. The work performed in 196 is now expected to be fully recovered through grant revenues as follows:

IMG Grant ID 18878: One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000) awarded Brookhaven ARPA Funding: Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) awarded EPA CDS Funding: Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) awarded.

RESOLVED, To authorize revisions to the budget for year ending May 31, 2024
as follows:

Decrease to item 050 (Tank Maintenance and Construction) in the amount of One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000) Increase to item 040 (New Wells) in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000)

Increase to item 047 (Replacement of Existing Wells) in the amount of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000) This change will not impact the capital budget.

RESOLVED, To authorize revisions to the budget for year ending May 31, 2024
as follows:

Decrease to item 095 (Transportation) in the amount of Five Hundred Eighty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$589,000)

Increase to item 135 (Information Technology Technological Advancements) in the amount of Five Hundred Eighty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$589,000) This change will not impact the capital budget.

Mr. Szabo referenced a memo personnel matters. On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(054-01-2024) RESOLVED, To revise the paid parental leave policy to remove the dollar amount and state that SCWA will pay up to Sixty-seven Percent (67%) of the New York State Average Weekly Wage.

The Members then reviewed the invoices for payment. On a motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon and unanimously carried, it was;

(055-02-2024) RESOLVED, To approve the following invoices be paid from the Operating Fund:

Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies	\$19,000.00
Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC	\$2,056.59
CorrTech, Inc.	\$63,481.00
Dvirka & Bartilucci	\$553.75
Heslin Rothengerg Farley & Mesti P.C.	\$100.00
Sobel Pevzner, LLC	\$2,826.50

The next meeting of the board members was scheduled for March 29, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. There was no new business or public comment. On motion made by Ms. Gordon and duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

(056-02-2024) RESOLVED, That the Members go into executive session to discuss litigation and personnel matters, and reenter

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and carried with one opposed, it was

(057-02-2024) RESOLVED, To employ Jared Knudsen to the position of Field Operator in Coram at an hourly rate of Forty-three Dollars and Forty-one Cents (\$43.41); to be effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

On motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was;

(058-01-2024) RESOLVED, To employ Tad Dieckhoff to the position of Field Operator in Coram at an hourly rate of Forty-three Dollars and Forty-one Cents (\$43.41); to be effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was;

(059-02-2024) RESOLVED, To employ Nathan LaClaire to the position of Senior Firefighter/Squad Boss Trainee on a full-time season basis from March 5, 2024 – May 31, 2024 at an hourly rate of Twenty-six Dollars (\$26.00) with housing; to be effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was;

(060-02-2024) RESOLVED, To employ Robert Kovacs to the position of Senior Firefighter/Squad Boss Trainee on a full-time season basis from March 5, 2024 – May 31, 2024 at an hourly rate of Twenty-six Dollars (\$26.00) with housing; to be effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was;

(061-02-2024) RESOLVED, To employ Justin Mangbin to the position of Firefighter Type 2 on a full-time season basis from March 5, 2024 – May 31, 2024 at an hourly rate of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) with housing; to be effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was;

(062-02-2024) RESOLVED, To employ Tara Murphy to the position of Environmental Planner at a salary of Sixty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$68,000); to be effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

On motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was;

(063-02-2024) RESOLVED, To employ Kyle Geraghty to the position of Paving Inspector at a salary of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000); to be effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was;

(064-02-2024) RESOLVED, To promote Matthew Guglielmo to the position of Field Supervisor at a salary of Ninety-two Thousand Dollars (\$92,000); to be effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

On motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was;

(065-02-2024) RESOLVED, To retain Joseph Roccaro in a part-time capacity to an hourly rate of Seventy-six Dollars and Ninety-two Cents (\$76.92) for a maximum of Forty (40) hours.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was;

(066-02-2024) RESOLVED, To retain Declan Moskowitz as an independent contractor to serve as a photographer at the hourly rate of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for up to Fifteen (15) hours per week, for a three (3) month period with the option for two (2) three (3) month extensions.

The next meeting of the board members was scheduled for March 28, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. As there was no further business to be considered, on motion made by Mr. Bishop and duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Timothy Bishop
Secretary