

Regular Board Meeting  
Suffolk County Water Authority  
March 28, 2024 at 2:00 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

Excused Absence: John M. Porchia, Member

Jeffrey W. Szabo, Chief Executive Officer

The meeting was attended by Counsels A. Bass, B. Malik and J. Milazzo; and was also attended by Messrs. Aponte, Blevins, Boudreau, Brady, Cecchetto, Derenze, Deubel, DiCarlo, Dubois, Finello, Given, Huber, Jacobson, Kleinman, Kilcommons, Litka, Marafino, McDowell, Niebling, O'Connell, Pokorny, Schembri, Schneider, Seevers, and Warner; and Mmes. Berberich, Cameron, Hannan, Mancuso, Naccarto, Pell, Simson, Spaulding, Tinsley, and Wynhurst.

Barbara Yatauro of Local 393, Vera Chinese, Kelly McClinchy, and Greg Carey were also present.

Chairman Lefkowitz called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. He then began the public hearing on the proposed rates changes. No one from the public wished to comment.

On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to close the public hearing.

Mr. Cecchetto then began his presentation on the budget and rates proposal. Chairman Lefkowitz thanked the staff and the board for their work on the proposed budget.

Mr. Szabo then showed the board the commercials produced by the Authority that were airing on television. He commented that he felt these were important to create, so as to build further trust in our service. Member Mercado noted that she liked the commercials.

(067-03-2024) Mr. Lefkowitz presented the minutes of the regular board meeting of February 29, 2024, and on motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon the minutes of the regular board meeting on February 29, 2024 were unanimously approved.

Mr. Szabo then asked the board to take resolution 089-03-2024 out of order because of a pressing deadline for its adoption. Mr. Finello then gave the board an overview of the insurance market. Chairman Lefkowitz thanked Mr. Szabo and Mr. Finello for their work on this policy. Mr. Bishop asked what the total cost of adopting this resolution would be, and Mr. Finello estimated it would be Three Million Five Hundred-Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000). Ms. Gordon asked what could be done to limit accidents. Mr. Szabo replied that steps were being taken to address this issue.

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

(089-03-2024) RESOLVED, To approve the purchase of the items listed on Schedule 1, which include insurance policies, broker services, legal services, and a TPA service agreement.

FURTHER RESOLVED, To approve the Authority's Risk Management Department in consultation with the CEO and General Counsel, to be authorized to recommend settlements to our insurers on claims that occur between April 1, 2024 thru March 31, 2025 and fall within the self-insured policy retention or deductible limits.

FURTHER RESOLVED, To approve the Authority's Risk Management Department in consultation with the CEO and General Counsel to increase/decrease the aforementioned coverages or to purchase additional insurance throughout the year as required by the operations of the Authority.

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

(068-03-2024) RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning June 1, 2024, Contract 7846 to furnish and deliver compressed gas cylinders with Airweld Inc.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning June 1, 2024, Contract 7848 to supply 12'-diameter granular activated carbon (GAC) adsorption systems at various pump stations with Calgon Carbon Corporation.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2024, Contract 7866B to furnish and deliver stainless steel repair clamps, and stainless steel and bell joint leak clamps with T. Mina Supply.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning August 1, 2024, Contract 7966C to furnish and deliver waterworks supplies, tools and equipment with T-Mina Inc.

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

(069-03-2024) RESOLVED, That the bid under Contract 8011 for general construction of new water mains and appurtenances in Oak Beach, Babylon (Project I) during the one-year period beginning April 15, 2024, submitted by Bancker Construction of Islandia, 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 Ninety-two Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-four Dollars (\$1,092,874), be and hereby is accepted; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the bid under Contract 8011 for general construction of new water mains and appurtenances in Oak Beach, Babylon (Project II) during the one-year period beginning April 15, 2024, submitted by Pioneer Construction Company of Kings 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 Two Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$275,000), 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 Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(070-03-2024) RESOLVED, That the bid under Contract 8020 construction of asphalt driveways, paved yard areas, and walkways (Western Zone) during the nine-month period beginning April 1, 2024, submitted by Stasi General Contracting LLC of Westbury, 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 Forty-two Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$342,260), be and hereby is accepted; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the bid under Contract 8020 construction of asphalt driveways, paved yard areas, and walkways (Eastern Zone) during the nine-month period beginning April 1, 2024, submitted by CAC Contracting Corporation of Mattituck, 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 Ninety-two Thousand One

Hundred Seventy-eight Dollars (\$292,178), 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

(071-03-2024) RESOLVED, That the bid under Contract 8023 for environmental services for Suffolk County Water Authority owned properties, during the one-year period beginning May 1, 2024, submitted by AARCO Environmental Services Group, of Lindenhurst, 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-seven Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-seven Dollars and Twenty-five Cents (\$27,837.25), 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 Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(072-03-2024) RESOLVED, That the bid under Contract 8025 to furnish and deliver pneumatic shoring shields, during a one-year period beginning June 1, 2024 submitted by Prospan Manufacturing Co., Inc., of Rosemount, IL, 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 Seventy-six Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-two Dollars (\$76,432), 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 Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(073-03-2024) RESOLVED, That the bid under Contract 8026 to furnish and deliver tools (Lines 1 and 3), during a one-year period beginning July 1, 2024 submitted by Colonial Hardware Corp., of Springfield, NJ, 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 discount of Twenty-five and a Half Percent (25.5%), be and hereby is accepted; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the bid under Contract 8026 to furnish and deliver tools (Lines 2 and 4), during a one-year period beginning July 1, 2024 submitted by Colonial Hardware Corp., of Springfield, NJ, 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 discount of Fifty-one and a Tenth Percent (51.1%), be and hereby is accepted; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the bid under Contract 8026 to furnish and deliver tools (Line 6), during a one-year period beginning July 1, 2024 submitted by Colonial Hardware Corp., of Springfield, NJ, 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 discount of Forty-seven and Eighty-three Tenths Percent (47.83%), be and hereby is accepted; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the bid under Contract 8026 to furnish and deliver tools (Line 7), during a one-year period beginning July 1, 2024 submitted by Colonial Hardware Corp., of Springfield, NJ, 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 discount of Sixty and Sixty-one Tenths Percent (60.61%), be and hereby is accepted; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the bid under Contract 8026 to furnish and deliver tools (Line 5), during a one-year period beginning July 1, 2024 submitted by Zo-Air Company, of Holbrook, 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 discount of Twenty-nine and a Half Percent (29.5%), 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 referred to a memo authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to award a contract. On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(074-02-2024) RESOLVED, to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to award the contract to install water mains and appurtenances in the Manorville area upon Construction/Maintenance's recommendation.

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

(075-01-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the quote of Badger Daylighting Corp, of Bronx, NY to provide non-destructive vacuum excavating construction hole services as an amendment to Contract 7766A at a price of Forty-four Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-five Dollars (\$44,595) per month.

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

(076-02-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the the quote of Monarch Electric Company, of Port Washington, NY to furnish three (3) new automatic transfer switches (ATS) at a price of Sixty Thousand and Fifty Dollars (\$60,050).

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

(077-03-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the quote of Awash Corp., of New Hyde Park, NY for mobile fleet washing services at a price of Twenty-nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Six Dollars (\$29,906).

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

(078-03-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the quote of Barnwell House of Tires, of Ronkonkoma, NY for tire replacement and related services at the price of Seventy-three Thousand Dollars (\$73,000).

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

(079-03-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the quote of Pitney Bowes, of Syosset, NY for a lease providing the SendPro MailCenter 3000, the PB Ovation 210, meter rental, hardware and software maintenance, rate updates, installation, and training at the price of One Thousand One Hundred Fifty-five Dollars and Ninety-six Cents (\$1,155.96) per month.

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

(080-03-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the quote of Systems Integrated, of Orange, CA for troubleshooting of software, firmware updates, network monitoring/management and four-hour emergency response time for any requests for technical support at a cost not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000).

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

(081-03-2024) RESOLVED, To the quote of Redicare LLC, of Congers, NY for annual first aid kit services at a price of Ten Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-three Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$10,693.20).

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

(082-03-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the quote in RFP 1625 with AccuSourceHR, Inc. of Phoenix, AZ for pre-hire and Department of Transportation background check services for a two-year period at an estimated cost of Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000).

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

(083-03-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the quote in RFP 1626 with M&J Engineering P.C., of Farmingdale, NY for inspection services or Authority pipeline and road restoration for a one-year period at the agreed to hourly rates.

Mr. Szabo then referred to a memo on the construction of wells. On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(084-03-2024) RESOLVED, To authorize the construction of two production wells, nos. 2 and 3, at the Alvah's Lane well field located in Cutchogue, Town of Southold. Each well will have an

authorized capacity of Two Hundred Fifty (250) gallons per minute and will be used to alleviate system stresses during periods of peak water demand in the Southold Low Water Supply System.

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

(085-03-2024) RESOLVED, To authorize CEO Jeffrey Szabo to attend the AMWA Executive Board meeting in Anaheim, California from June 7, 2024 - June 11, 2024, for a total cost of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500).

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.

(086-03-2024) RESOLVED, To adopt the proposed budgets for fiscal year ending, May 31, 2025:  
 Operating & Maintenance Expenses: \$158.7M  
 Capital Budget: \$103.5M  
 Debt Service: \$41.3M

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

(087-03-2024) RESOLVED, To decrease to item 120 (Laboratory) in the amount of \$20,000  
 Increase to item 100 (Facilities) in the amount of \$20,000  
 This change will not impact the capital budget.

Mr. Szabo began a discussion on rates, rules, and regulations. On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(088-03-2024) RESOLVED, To approve the rate and fee recommendations as published in Newsday on March 21, 2024.

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

(090-03-2024) RESOLVED, To approve the following salary scale:

<b>Class</b>	<b>2023 Salary structure</b>	<b>Recommended 2024 Salary</b>
Freshman and Sophomore	\$ 16.00 per hour	\$ 17.00 per hour
Junior and Senior	\$ 18.00 per hour	\$ 19.00 per hour
Masters/Professional Degree	\$ 20.00 per hour	\$ 21.00 per hour

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

(091-03-2024) RESOLVED, To approve the following invoices be paid from the Operating Fund:

Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC	\$2,917.00
Dvirka and Bartilucci Consulting Engineers	\$24,051.50
Heslin Rothengerg Farley & Mesti P.C.	\$261.10
H2M Architects and Engineers	\$29,325.00
Rosenthal, Curry and Kranz, LLP	\$8,100.00

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

(092-03-2024) RESOLVED, That the members enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and litigation. The members will not return to public session.

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

(093-03-2024) RESOLVED, To employ Michael Mazur of North Babylon, NY to the position of Field Operator in Coram at an hourly rate of Forty-three Dollars and Forty-one Cents (\$43.41).

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

(094-03-2024) RESOLVED, To employ Charles Zervakos of Centereach, NY to the position of Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) Manager at a salary of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000).

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

(095-03-2024) RESOLVED, To employ Emmanuel Jaquez to the position of Communications Intern with the Central Pine Barrens Commission at an hourly rate of Twenty-one Dollars (\$21.00).

The next meeting of the board members was scheduled for April 18, 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 3:18 p.m.

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Timothy Bishop  
Secretary