

Regular Board Meeting  
Suffolk County Water Authority  
August 21, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.  
4060 Sunrise Highway, Oakdale  
and Virtually via Zoom

**Attendance**

**Present:**

Members: Charles Lefkowitz, Chairman  
Tim Bishop, Secretary  
Elizabeth Mercado, Member  
John M. Porchia III, Member  
John Rose, 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. Blevins, Bova, Brady, Donnelly, Doscher, Dubois, Deubel, Finello, Fuller, Huber, Kilcommons, Kleinman, Lehning, Niebling, O'Connell, Pokorny, Schneider, Seevers, Turcios, Wahl, and Warner; and Mmes. Berberich, Berroa, Cameron, Cantore, Kucera, Mancuso, Naccarato, Pfeuffer, Simson and Stewart.

Jason Spiegel, Chris Davanzo, and Ryan Gibbons from KPMG and Matt Edling from Sher Edling LLP were also in attendance.

Jeffrey Szabo, Chief Executive Officer called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. upon all Members of the Board being present. He noted the monthly reports in the Members' folders and specifically noted a letter to Council Member Kornreich of the Town of Brookhaven, requesting a continuing partnership to seek FEMA funds for improvements to our Sherry Lane Pump Station that were exacerbated by the recent storm event.

The CEO welcomed Jason Spiegel, Chris Davanzo, and Ryan Gibbons from KPMG and requested a brief overview of the audit results which were presented to the audit committee. Jason Spiegel, Lead Audit Engagement Partner noted that the audit for fiscal year ending May 31, 2024 is substantially complete. KPMG noted no deficiencies, no fraud or illegal acts and is prepared to give an unmodified opinion. Chris Cecchetto, CFO thanked KPMG and Internal Audit for their work the last 3 months. He then referred to his financial summary memo dated August 21, 2024 and stated that performance exceeded expectations with revenues outperforming initial projections in fiscal year ending May 31, 2024. He then answered questions from the Members. Chairman Lefkowitz noted that the amount of revenues of SCWA, the size of our capital budget

and that the debt service coverage exceeds most businesses. He thanked the employees of SCWA for their work and dedication that has resulted in positive financial position.

Mr. Szabo asked if there was anyone present or participating virtually who wished to provide public comment. No one wished to speak to the board at this time.

The Members took Item 6-Finance out of order. Mr. Szabo noted that the audit committee had recommended the Annual Financial Statements for approval. On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(304-08-2024) RESOLVED, That in accordance with the recommendations of the audit committee, the following are approved:

Audited Financial Statements for the year ending May 31, 2024, subject to KPMG's final review of the GASB 68 report, and that the Statements be forwarded to the Governor, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Chairman of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, the State Comptroller, the New York State Authority Budget Office, and other applicable state and local agencies;

Annual Investment Report including investment policy in draft including Audited Investment Statements for the year ending May 31, 2024, subject to KPMG's final review of the GASB 68 report, and that the Statements be forwarded to the Governor, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Chairman of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, the State Comptroller, the New York State Authorities Budget Office, and other applicable state and local agencies; and

Annual PARIS Report, subject to KPMG's final review of the GASB 68 report, and that the Report be posted electronically to Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's website EMMA system, Electronic Market Access.

Mr. Lefkowitz presented the minutes of the regular board meeting of July 25, 2024, and on motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado and unanimously carried, it was

(305-08-2024) RESOLVED, To approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on July 25, 2024.

Mr. Szabo presented the contracts to be considered for extension. After explanation on motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, the following contracts were approved on consent:

(306-08-2024) RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning January 1, 2025, Contract 7908 for miscellaneous concrete construction work with Christy Concrete Corp. of Huntington, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning December 1, 2024, Contract 7988 for painting, minor maintenance and repairs of elevated tanks, standpipes, reservoirs, and pressure vessels with JPI Painting Inc. of Lowellville, OH.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period April 1, 2025 through December 15, 2025, Contract 7998B for landscape and lawn maintenance at Coram, East Hampton and Oakdale-Group H, with Del Graz Enterprise Inc. d/b/a R&R Landscaping of Sayville, NY.

The CEO then referred to several 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 Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(307-08-2024) RESOLVED, That the low bid for Contract 8049 for drilling of wells and test borings throughout Suffolk County, Zone B, during the one-year period beginning November 1, 2024, submitted by Peconic Well & Pump Co. of Hampton Bays, 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 Nine Hundred Sixty-one Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$1,961,370), be and hereby is accepted; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute theis contract on behalf of the Authority.

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

(308-08-2024) RESOLVED, That the low bid for Items 1-14 under Contract 8062 for furnishing and delivery of control valves during the one-year period beginning January 1, 2025, submitted by Cla-Val Company of Alexandria, Virginia, 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 Ninety-six Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$96,513), be and hereby is accepted; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the low bid for Items 15-17 under Contract 8062 submitted by Ferguson Waterworks of Medford, NY, on the same basis and totaling Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$17,314), 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 Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(309-08-2024) RESOLVED, That the low bid for Contract 8065 for maintenance and repair of fire and burglar alarm systems at various SCWA locations during the one-year period beginning November 1, 2024, submitted by Millennium Systems Integration Inc. of Dix Hills, New York, 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 Forty-seven Thousand Six

Hundred Dollars (\$47,600), 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. Porchia, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(310-08-2024) RESOLVED, That the bid meeting specifications for Contract 8068 for furnishing and delivery of hydrated lime (Group B), during the one-year period beginning October 1, 2024, submitted by Carmeuse Lime, Inc. of Pittsburgh, PA, 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 Million One Hundred Ninety-seven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$2,197,800), 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.

The Members reviewed several requests for equipment. After explanation of each, on motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(311-08-2024) RESOLVED, To authorize the purchase of Seepex pump parts directly from the manufacturer and supplier, Seepex, Inc. of Enon, Ohio, during the one-year period beginning September 1, 2024, in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000).

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

(312-08-2024) RESOLVED, To accept lowest quote and authorize the purchase of two (2) 2024 Ford F150's from Delacy Ford of Elma, New York, in the amount of Eighty-two Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-eight and 86/100 Dollars (\$82,638.86).

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

(313-08-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the lowest quote received of LPS Direct of Farmingdale, New York, and ratify the purchase of HON office furniture for the Finance department in Building 3 in Coram, under NYS contract, in the amount of Seventy-one Thousand Two Hundred Forty-five and 19/100 Dollars (\$71,245.19).

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

(314-08-2024) RESOLVED, To authorize the purchase of Arc flash analysis software power pack (1,000 bus package including a USB standalone license key), including technical support from SKM Systems Analysis Inc. of Zephyr Cove, Nevada, in the amount of Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-five Dollars (\$13,495), with an annual maintenance cost of One Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-seven and 62/100 Dollars (\$1,747.62).

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

(315-08-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the lowest quote and authorize the purchase of a replacement dump truck body for Construction-Maintenance Vehicle 0895 from Suffolk County Brake Service of Bohemia, NY in the amount of Thirty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$39,000).

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

(316-08-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the lowest quote meeting specifications and authorize the purchase of replacement rotary portable vehicle lift for the Fleet department from Statewide Installations of West Babylon, New York, in the amount of Fifty-two Thousand Dollars (\$52,000).

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

(317-08-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the lowest quote received of Milliport Sigma of Burlington, MA to provide a water purification system for the Laboratory in the amount of Thirty-two Thousand Two Hundred Five and 70/100 Dollars (\$32,205.70).

The CEO then referenced several special service agreements for approval. On motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(318-08-2024) RESOLVED, To extend the agreement under RFP 1554 for bond counsel services with Harris Beach LLC of Uniondale, New York, on an as needed basis during the one-year period beginning April 1, 2024; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

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

(319-08-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the lowest quote of Arrow Transfer & Storage of Westbury, New York, to move all required office furniture, boxes, and miscellaneous items from the Technical Services and Finance buildings to the Coram location, in the amount of Thirteen Thousand One Hundred Eight-five Dollars (\$13,185).

The Members reviewed two (2) requests for budget amendments for fiscal year ending May 31, 2025. After explanation of each and on motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(320-08-2024) RESOLVED, To approve budget amendment #3 for fiscal year ending May 31, 2025, and increase Item 095 (Transportation) in the amount of Ninety-one Thousand Dollars (\$91,000) to cover costs for the purchase of a replacement dump truck body and a replacement vehicle lift; this will increase the capital budget to One Hundred Four Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$104,100,000).

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

(321-08-2024) RESOLVED, To approve budget amendment #4 for fiscal year ending May 31, 2025, and increase Item 031 (Construction Contracts-Tapping) in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) to cover several new projects; this will increase the capital budget to One Hundred Four Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$104,400,000).

The Members then reviewed several requests for attendance at conferences. On motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(322-08-2024) RESOLVED, To authorize the attendance of Roland Jezek, P.E. of the Engineering Department at the AWWA Water Quality Technology Conference from November 17 through 21, 2024 in Chicago, Illinois, at a cost not to exceed Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500).

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

(323-08-2024) RESOLVED, To authorize the attendance of Gina Spaulding, Call Center Manager at the 2024 Water Customer Care Forum (CWWF) fall conference from September 10 through 12, 2024 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at a cost not to exceed One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$1,600).

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

(324-08-2024) RESOLVED, To authorize the attendance of Jeff Szabo, Chief Executive Officer at the 2024 AMWA Executive Management Conference from October 20-23, 2024, in Miami, Florida, at a cost not to exceed Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000).

Mr. Szabo then referred to two items regarding property. The Chairman recommended that we reach out to a non-profit charitable organization to ascertain interest in obtaining the furniture. On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(325-08-2024) RESOLVED, That in accordance with Policy 903 for Disposal of Authority Property and due to office moves, to declare approximately 80% of current office furniture in Finance and Technical Services buildings as surplus, due to the age and condition of the furniture no monetary value is assigned to any of the pieces.

After further explanation by John Milazzo, General Counsel, and on motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, the following resolution was unanimously carried:

(326-08-2024) WHEREAS, the Suffolk County Water Authority is the sponsor of a project to connect its South Shore Low distribution zone to its Southold Low distribution zone by extending water main between the two, and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2024, the Suffolk County Water Authority circulated a Long Environmental Assessment Form assessing the potential environmental impacts of the Authority's North Fork Water Main Project to 28 agencies, municipalities, and non-governmental entities for their consideration, and

WHEREAS, the Authority informed the 22 other potential involved agencies, those with potential jurisdiction of one or more aspect of the project of its preference to serve as Lead Agent for the purposes of the review and requested any entity opposed to such designation to inform the Authority within 30 days of their opposition, and

WHEREAS, to maintain timely review of the project, the Chief Executive Officer should be authorized to declare the Authority as Lead Agent provided no objections are received to the same and to issue a determination of significance for the project, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to declare the Authority as Lead Agent for the purposes of the environmental review of the North Fork Water Main Project provided no objection to the same is timely received; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board further delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to issue a determination of significance for the project.

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

(327-08-2024) RESOLVED, That the following invoices be paid from the Operating Fund:

Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC	\$ 708.00
Heslin Rothenberg Farley & Mesiti, PC	351.04
Morris Duffy Alonso Faley & Pitcoff	1,175.00
Sobel Pevzner, LLC	6,360.85

The next meeting of the board members was confirmed for September 26, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. in Oakdale. Mr. Szabo asked if there was any public comment or new business to be discussed at this time. There was none.

At 3:40 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(328-08-2024) RESOLVED, That the Members enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing several 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

(329-08-2024) RESOLVED, To promote Theresa Marrone from the position of Compliance & Operations Officer to the position of Quality Assurance/Control Officer in the Laboratory, at an annual salary of One Hundred Two Thousand Dollars (\$102,000).

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

(330-08-2024) RESOLVED To promote Dorota Matyjaezek from the position of Senior Chemist to the position of Compliance and Operations Officer in the Laboratory, at an annual salary of Eighty-eight Thousand Dollars (\$88,000).

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

(331-08-2024) RESOLVED, To promote Alena Lawston from the position of Enforcement Officer to the position of Chief Enforcement Officer in the Central Pine Barrens Joint Policy & Planning Commission, at an hourly salary of Thirty-one and 74/100 Dollars (\$31.74) on a part-time basis, maximum 22.5 hours per week with no benefits.

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

(332-08-2024) RESOLVED, To employ Kristin Bendy of Stony Brook, NY in the position of Facilities Project Coordinator in the Facilities department, at an annual salary of Seventy-eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$78,500); upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check. .

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

(333-08-2024) RESOLVED, To employ Jessica Mattera of St. James, NY in the position of Executive Assistant to the CEO and Board at an annual salary of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000); upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(334-08-2024) RESOLVED, To employ Christopher Sapone of Seaford, NY in the position of Chemist I in the Laboratory, at an annual salary of Fifty-nine Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-six and 08/100 Dollars (\$59,466.08); upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(335-08-2024) RESOLVED, To transfer Kyle Geraghty of East Patchogue, NY from the position of Pipeline Inspector to the position of Utility Person in Westhampton, at an hourly rate of Thirty-six and 43/100 Dollars (\$36.43); upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(336-08-2024) RESOLVED, To employ Ryan Guarriello of Sayville, NY as a Utility Person in East Hampton, at an hourly rate of Thirty-six and 43/100 Dollars (\$36.43); upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(337-08-2024) To confirm the termination of Bryant Figueroa, Field Operator in Production Control, effective August 20, 2024.

As there was no further business to be considered, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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Timothy Bishop  
Secretary