

REGULAR MEETING
SUFFOLK COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
May 19, 2021
Oakdale, New York

Present: Patrick Halpin, Chairman
Jane Devine, Secretary
Tim Bishop, Member
Jacqueline Gordon, Member
Excused Absence: Elizabeth Mercado, Member
Jeffrey W. Szabo, Chief Executive Officer

The meeting was also attended by Counsel T. Hopkins and by Counsel J. Milazzo and by Messrs. Bova, Brady, Brand, Cecchetto, Durk, Finello, Fuller, Given, Kilcommons, Kleinman, Kuzman, Litka, Motz, O'Connell, Pincott, Pokorny, Reinfrank, Ruby, Schneider, Swain, Torres, Wahl, Wallach, Warner and by Mmes. Berkoski, Cameron, Cetta, Hannan, Mancuso, Palillo, Simson, Spaulding, Tinsley, Trupia, Vassallo and Wynhurst.

B. Yatauro, President of Local 393 and members of the public were also in attendance.

Booklets containing detailed information for all Agenda items were distributed to each Member, Executive Staff and Counsel to the Authority.

At 3:03 p.m. the Chairman called the meeting to order.

At this time, Mr. Hopkins stated this meeting is being held in accordance with Executive Order No. 202.2 dated March 7, 2020, which authorizes public meetings to be held remotely by conference call or other similar service. Members of the public can call in on the number on SCWA's website and listen to the meeting or participate electronically through Zoom.

The public was advised by Patrick Brady, IT Manager, that they may speak during the public comment portion of the meeting by raising their hand in Zoom or dialing "*9" on the telephone.

Mr. Szabo began by updating the Board on a few pending items, previously

discussed at the April Board Meeting. Mr. Szabo announced that the Executive Staff are aggressively pursuing the federal earmarks that recently became available through the submission of applications for infrastructure grants. Mr. Szabo stated that multiple potential projects had been identified and proposals for the Senate office have been drafted, to be submitted Wednesday, May 26th.

Mr. Szabo also announced that it was a historic day regarding new CDC and State guidelines allowing vaccinated individuals to no longer wear masks. Mr. Szabo elaborated that Ms. Mancuso, Deputy CEO for Administration has been communicating CDC guidelines to the staff and would continue to encourage staff to get their vaccinations.

Mr. Halpin then opened the meeting for public comment. Public comment was received by Kelly Schauder of Romanski Inc. in Calverton with regard to previously approved resolution #339-11-2018, which prohibits tanker trucks between 3,000 and 8,000 gallons from utilizing Authority hydrants in the Town of Southold. Ms. Schauder requested the resolution be re-evaluated and overturned. After much discussion, it was determined by the Board that both the Authority Operations and Legal Department would evaluate this as a possibility and report their findings.

Mr. Halpin presented the minutes of the regular meeting of April 29, 2021, for approval. On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 29, 2021, were approved.

Mr. Szabo then referred to contracts scheduled to expire shortly, and he recommended that the Authority exercise its option to extend these contracts in accordance with the letters of recommendation. These items were considered on consent and on motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Devine, and unanimously carried, it was

(114-05-2021) RESOLVED, To extend for the one-year period beginning June 1, 2021, Contract 7566B for the supply and maintenance of pumps and miscellaneous equipment (Zone B) with Eagle Control Corp., in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the contract.

RESOLVED, To extend for the one-year period beginning August 1, 2021, Contract 7617 for the inspection of fire hydrants with Building Services Industries, in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the contract.

RESOLVED, To extend for the one-year period beginning September 1, 2021, Contract 7629 for the furnishing and delivery of soda ash with Independent Chemical Corp, in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the contract.

RESOLVED, To extend for the one-year period beginning August 1, 2021, Contract 7705 for the welding fabrication and repairs with Retro Fit Inc., in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the contract.

RESOLVED, To extend for the one-year period beginning August 1, 2021, Contract 7713 for the furnishing and delivery of enclosed soft starters with Conserve Lighting and Electrical Supplies, in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the contract.

Mr. Szabo then reviewed Contracts 7757, 7758 and 7760. Mr. Szabo recommended that these contracts be awarded/rejected in accordance with the letters of recommendation. On motion made by Ms. Devine, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(115-05-2021) RESOLVED, That the low/low responsive bidder under Contract 7757 for the furnishing and delivery of stainless-steel repair clamps, iron saddles and bell joint leak clamps for items 1, 2-6 (LR), 8, 14 (LR), 18-20, 25-28, 34-43 (LR) submitted by Powerseal Pipeline Products Corp of Wichita Falls, Texas 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 amount of Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Three and 37/100 Dollars (\$10,763.37), be and hereby is accepted, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the low bid received under Contract 7757 for the furnishing and delivery of stainless-steel repair clamps, iron saddles and bell joint leak clamps for items 7, 9-13, 15-17, 21-24 submitted by Mueller Co. of Chattanooga, Tennessee, 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 amount of Thirty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Sixteen and 13/100 Dollars (\$37,316.13), be and hereby is accepted; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the low bid received under Contract 7757 for the furnishing and delivery of stainless-steel repair clamps, iron saddles and bell joint leak clamps for items 29-33 submitted by Smith-Blair Inc., of Texarcana, Arkansas, 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 amount of Twelve Thousand Seventy-Nine and 35/100 Dollars (\$12,079.35), be and hereby is accepted; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, 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

(116-05-2021) RESOLVED, That the high discount bid received under Contract 7758 for the furnishing and delivery of tools (items 1-4, 6) submitted by Colonial Hardware Corp. of New York, New York on a discount-percentage basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, be and hereby is accepted, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED That the high discount bid received under Contract 7758 for the furnishing and delivery of tools (item 5) submitted by Zo-Air Company Inc. of Holbrook, New York on a discount-percentage basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, be and hereby is accepted, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, 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. Devine, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(117-05-2021) RESOLVED, That the low bid received under Contract 7760 for the furnishing and delivery of two (2) 15,000 gallon steel hydropneumatic tanks submitted by Aventura Construction Corp. of Holtsville, 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 amount of One Hundred Ninety-Three Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$193,460), 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.

Mr. Szabo then referred to three special service agreements. Upon further explanation of details by Mr. Kilcommons, Chief Engineer, and on motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Devine, and unanimously carried, it was

(118-05-2021) RESOLVED, To accept the proposal for RFP 1570 submitted by Dvirka and Bartilucci of Woodbury, New York to perform the water tank engineering services during the one-year period beginning July 1, 2021; 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 Ms. Devine, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(119-05-2021) RESOLVED, to accept the quote and enter into an agreement with the University of North Carolina – Charlotte to perform specialized water quality testing for each AOP system in the amount of Twenty-Seven Thousand Fifty-Six Dollars (\$27,056); 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 Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Devine, and unanimously carried, it was

(120-05-2021) RESOLVED, To ratify the purchase order issued to Baldwin Business Systems for the mass mailing of letters outlining the conservation rate changes to customers which are effective June 1, 2021, in the amount of Twenty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$27,775).

Mr. Szabo then reviewed several requests relating to equipment. On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Devine, and unanimously carried, it was

(121-05-2021) RESOLVED, To authorize the purchase of one TurboVap II Concentration Workstation from Biotage, of Charlotte, North Carolina as sole manufacturer, at a cost of Ten Thousand Three Hundred Twelve and 25/100 Dollars (\$10,312.25).

On motion made by Ms. Devine, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously

carried, it was

(122-05-2021) RESOLVED, To authorize the purchase of one Lumin Purge and Trap Concentrator (PTC) unit and one Aquatek LVA Autosampler from Teledyne Tekmar, of Mason, Ohio, as the Authority has standardized on Teledyne Tekmar units, in the amount not to exceed Thirty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Five Dollars (\$35,385).

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

(123-05-2021) RESOLVED, To authorize the purchase of upgraded Hewlett Packard Enterprise network equipment (which the Authority has standardized) from Networktigers.com, of San Mateo, California at an approximate cost of Seventeen Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Four and 15/100 Dollars (\$17,634.15).

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

(124-05-2021) RESOLVED, To authorize the purchase of additional connectivity capacity as a proprietary technology from FS.com, of New Castle, Delaware at an approximate cost of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Seven and 92/100 Dollars (\$7,587.92).

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

(125-05-2021) RESOLVED, To renew the license and support agreements with DNV GL of Katy, Texas, for the Synergi hydraulic modeling software, for the one-year period beginning February 28, 2021 at a cost of Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Six and 80/100 Dollars (\$12,856.80); 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 Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(126-05-2021) RESOLVED, To authorize the purchase of a fuel truck from Navistar Inc. to be used to provide emergency fuel deliveries to pump and fueling stations through Clarks Truck Center of Plattsburgh, New York (under NY State County Contract in Onondaga County) in the amount of One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty and 62/100 Dollars (\$155,920.62).

Mr. Szabo then referred to a request for outside use of property equipment. On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Devine, and unanimously carried, it was

(127-05-2021) RESOLVED, To enter into a lease agreement with the Suffolk County Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services (FRES) in Greenport for the purpose of leasing space for their cellular equipment on the tank/grounds at Moores Lane, Village of Greenport at an annual rent of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) paid to the Authority and the Village of Greenport to be shared equally, pending approval by the Authority's Legal Department; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

Mr. Szabo reviewed the original invoices to be paid from the Operating Fund, and on motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously

carried, it was

(128-05-2021) RESOLVED, That the following invoices be paid from the Operating Fund:

Heslin Rothenberg Farley & Mesiti P.C.	\$1,288.00
McCabe, Collins, McGeough, Fowler, Levine & Nogan, LLP	1,651.80
Milber, Makris Plousadis & Seiden, LLP	1,080.00
O'Connor, O'Connor, Hintz & Deveney LLP	837.99

SEQRA REVIEW

Where applicable, the foregoing resolutions, unless otherwise noted, will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment within the meaning of Section 8-0109 of the Environmental Conservation Law.

The Members scheduled their next regular meeting for Thursday, June 24, 2021, beginning at 3:00 p.m.

At this time, Mr. Halpin stated that the email inbox was checked for public comment. There was no public comment at this time.

Mr. Szabo, along with Mr. Pokorny, Deputy CEO for Operations, both thanked Mr. Kuzman, Director of Construction Maintenance for his thirty-four years of service to the Authority. Both expressed their gratitude for his dedication and hard work to various departments within the Authority and wished him well in his retirement. Mr. Szabo presented Mr. Kuzman with a plaque to thank him for his hard work. The Board members all echoed Mr. Szabo and Mr. Pokorny's sentiments.

At 3:57 p.m., on motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(129-05-2021) RESOLVED, That the Members go into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, personnel matters, and labor negotiations.

The meeting was again called to order at 4:29 p.m.

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

(130-05-2021) RESOLVED, That all employment, terminations and promotions of the list of candidates provided to the Members and discussed in Executive Session are hereby approved.

To employ Amadeusz Lipinski, of East Islip, New York as IT Technician at an annual salary of \$50,000.

To employ Sabrina Cohn, of East Setauket, New York as Part-Time Ecological Field Specialist at an hourly rate of \$20.

To promote Andrew Clare from Field Supervisor in Production Control to Water Quality Supervisor at an annual salary of \$90,000, effective immediately.

To promote Amanda McLeod from Assistant Cellular Program Manager in Engineering to Cellular Program Manager at an annual salary of \$75,000, effective immediately

To terminate the employment of Danielle Meyerowitz, Assistant Internal Auditor, effective immediately.

To promote Michael Friedman from Utility Person in Construction Maintenance to Construction Maintenance Supervisor at an annual salary of \$87,500, to be effective upon his resignation from the Union.

As there was no further business to be considered, on motion made by Ms. Devine, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Jane Devine, Secretary