

# Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Suffolk County Water Authority  
March 23, 2023 at 3:00 PM EDT  
@ 4060 Sunrise Hwy, Oakdale

## **Attendance**

### **Present:**

Members: Patrick Halpin, Chairman  
Tim Bishop, Secretary  
Elizabeth Mercado, Member  
Jacqueline Gordon, Member  
Charles Lefkowitz, Member

Jeffrey W. Szabo, Chief Executive Officer

The meeting was attended by Counsels T. Hopkins, B. Malik and J. Milazzo; and was also

attended by Messrs. Aponte, Blevins, Bova, Brady, Cecchetto, Deubel, Dubois, Finello, Galante, Givens, Huber, Kleinman, Lehning, Litka, Marafino, O'Connell, Pokorny, Rae, Seevers and Wahl; and Mmes. Beedenbender, Berberich, Cameron, Hannan, Mancuso, Matteo, Pfeuffer, Pell, Spaulding and Tinsley.

Barbara Yatauro of Local 393 was also present.

Members of the public present via zoom were Greg Carey, D. Corieri, Kelly McClinchy, Tam Ponn, and Carl Vellejo.

Mr. Halpin asked if anyone was present on Zoom wishing to make a comment. Mr. Brady identified there was no one at this time indicating to speak on zoom. Barbara Yatauro, of Local 393 addressed the board to renew her feelings on the paid parental leave program, being only offered to management employees at this time. Ms. Yatauro would like this reconsidered, as it is not a employee paid benefit, but an employer paid one. For this reason, she disagrees that is a benefit that would need to be negotiated, and would like it to include all employees, as to not divide staff. Mr. Hopkins advised, because it is a benefit of any kind, it is still required to be negotiated.

At 3:02pm, the members voted to go into Executive Session. On a motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was decided to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel matters, which were discussed and voted on in Executive Session.

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

**(105-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To employ Gregory Stenzinger of Holtsville, in the position of Utility Worker, Westhampton, in Construction Maintenance, at an hourly rate of Thirty-Four Dollars and 64/100 (\$34.67), effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

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

**(106-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To employ Aldrin Charles of Wheatley Heights, in the position of Field Operator in Production Control, at an hourly rate of Forty- Two Dollars and 35/100 (\$42.35), effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

On a motion by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Mr. Lefkowitz and unanimously carried, it was

**(107-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To employ Sarah Welch, in the position of Clerk, Call Center in Customer Service, at an annual salary in accordance with the CBA, effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

On a motion by Mr. Lefkowitz, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon and unanimously carried, it was

**(108-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To employ Adrian Chambers of Bohemia, in the position of Intern, in Information Technology, at an hourly rate of Eighteen Dollars (\$18.00), effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

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

**(109-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To employ Max Jacobsen of Deer Park, in the position of Environmental Health and Safety Manager in General Services, at an annual salary of One Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000), effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

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

**(110-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To employ Nicholas Baldassare, in the position of Utility Worker in Construction Maintenance, at an hourly rate of Thirty-Four Dollars and 64/100 (\$34.67), effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

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

**(111-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To employ Sintia Peraza of Islandia, in the position of Chemist in the Laboratory, at an annual salary of Fifty-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty-Four Dollars (\$54,744.63), effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

At 3:28pm, the board returned from Executive Session and re-opened the public session. Mr. Halpin thanked Mr. Cecchetto for his hard work on the budget and rates presentation. These

resolutions were recommended for approval by the Finance Committee, and will be voted on later in the agenda.

Mr. Halpin presented the minutes of the regular meeting of February 23, 2023, on a motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, it was unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 23, 2023 were approved.

Mr. Szabo 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 a motion made by Mr. Lefkowitz, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

**(112-03-2023)**

RESOLVED, to extend for a one-year period beginning June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024, Contract 7683 for fire extinguisher maintenance for a fourth year, with Professional Fire Service Inc., of Copiague, New York, in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions.

RESOLVED, to extend for a six-month period beginning November 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024, Contract 7785A, for snow removal services (Huntington Office), a second term, with DGB Landscaping, Inc., of Huntington, New York, in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions.

RESOLVED, to extend for a one- year period beginning June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024, Contract 7792B, to supply and maintain pumps and miscellaneous equipment for Zone B for a second year, with Eagle Control of Yaphank, New York, in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions.

RESOLVED, to extend for a one-year period beginning June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024, Contract 7841, for the installation and cleanout of overflow drain pits and other miscellaneous work for a second year, with D.F. Stone Contracting, Ltd., of Medford, New York, in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions.

RESOLVED, to extend for a one-year period beginning June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024, Contract 7854, to furnish and install carpet tile and cove base for a second year, with Milburn Flooring Mills of Copiague, New York, in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions.

RESOLVED, to extend for a one-year period beginning June1, 2023 through May 31, 2024, Contract 7848, for supplying of 12" diameter Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) adsorption systems at various pump stations for a second year, with Calgon Carbon Corporation of Moon Township, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions.

RESOLVED, to extend for a one-year period beginning June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024, Contract 7846, to furnish and deliver compressed gas cylinders for a second year, with Airweld of Farmingdale, New York in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions.

RESOLVED, to extend for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, Contract 7855, for maintenance of heating, ventilation and air conditioning equipment at various SCWA sites for a second year, with Nice 'N Cool of Port Jefferson, New York, in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions.

Mr. Szabo then reviewed contracts 7937, 7938, 7939, 7942, 7944, and 7945. Mr. Szabo recommended these contracts be awarded or rejected in accordance with the letters of recommendation.

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

**(113-03-2023)** RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 7937, for maintenance of roofs and gutter systems at various SCWA sites for a one-year period beginning April 1, 2023, submitted by Statewide Roofing, Inc., of Ronkonkoma, 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 Ten Thousand, Seventy Dollars (\$110,070) be and hereby is accepted .

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

**(114-03-2023)** RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 7938, for excavating and backfilling construction holes for a one-year period beginning May 1, 2023, submitted by Quintal Contracting Corporation of Islip, 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 Two Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$259,875) be and hereby is accepted .

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

**(115-03-2023)** RESOLVED, That the sole bid under Contract 7939, to furnish and deliver calcium hypochlorite tablets for automatic tablet chlorinators for a one-year period beginning April 1, 2023 with Eagle Control Corp., of Yaphank, 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 Twenty-Four Thousand, Three Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$24,345) be and hereby is accepted .

On a motion by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Lefkowitz and unanimously carried, it was

**(116-03-2023)** RESOLVED, TO table the award of Contract 7942, to furnish and deliver stainless steel tapping sleeves for a one-year period beginning May 1, 2023.

On a motion by Mr. Lefkowitz, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon and unanimously carried, it was

**(117-03-2023)** RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 7944, for environmental services for Suffolk County Water Authority-owned properties for a one-year period beginning May 1, 2023 with Clear River Environmental of Ronkonkoma, 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 Twenty-Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred Twenty Two Dollars (\$28,922) be and hereby is accepted .

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

**(118-03-2023)** RESOLVED, That the sole bid under Contract 7945, to furnish and deliver ultra low sulfur diesel fuel for a one-year period beginning May 1, 2023, 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 Three Hundred Eighty- Seven Thousand, Three Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$387,360) be and hereby is accepted .

Mr. Szabo then referenced items listed under Special Services for consideration.

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

**(119-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To extend the agreement for RFP 1534, for screening, locating, and marking of underground facilities for a one-year period beginning May 1, 2023, for a second year, with One Call Concepts Locating Services, Inc., of Hanover, Maryland.

On a motion by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Lefkowitz and unanimously carried, it was

**(120-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To extend the agreement for RFP 1566, for inspection of Authority pipeline and road restoration projects for a one-year period beginning June 1, 2023, for a third year, with H2M Architects and Engineers, of Melville, New York.

On a motion by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Lefkowitz and unanimously carried, it was

**(121-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To approve the purchase of five hundred cellular end point pilot Advance Metering Infrastructure system as a pilot study to include endpoints, pit-lid adaptors, initial software setup and service fees from Itron, Inc., of Liberty Lake, Washington, for a total cost of Sixty-Five Thousand, Three Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars (\$65,362).

Mr. Szabo then presented those items related to equipment, materials and software for consideration.

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

**(122-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To approve the purchase of a new 42 inch diameter x 168 inch long hydrotank for use at the Oak Beach Road well field and pump station from USA Blue Book, of Gurnee, Illinois, for a total cost not to exceed Twenty- Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars (\$24,822.58).

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

**(123-03-2023)** RESOLVED, to approve the purchase of a one-thousand-gallon diesel double-wall fuel storage tank for the emergency backup generator at the Third Avenue pump station from Southern Tank & Mfg., of Owensboro, Kentucky for a cost not to exceed Six Thousand, Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$6,875).

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

**(124-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To approve the purchase of a 7,500-gallon (8' diameter x 20' long) hydropneumatic tank (hydrotank) at the Central Walk, Fair Harbor pump station from USA Blue Book, of Gurnee, Illinois for a total cost not to exceed Sixty-Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars and 50/100 (\$64,882.50).

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

**(125-03-2023)** RESOLVED, to approve the purchase of three (3) 2023 Ford transits for the Customer Service department from Lucas Ford of Southold, New York for a total cost of One Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand, Sixty-Five Dollars (\$199,065).

On a motion by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Mr. Lefkowitz and unanimously carried, it was

**(126-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To approve the purchase of four Ford F150s from Otis Ford, of Quogue, New York, for a total cost of One Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$189,520).

On a motion by Mr. Lefkowitz, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop and unanimously carried, it was

**(127-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To approve the purchase of a 2023 Jeep Wrangler from Security Dodge of Amityville, New York, for a total cost of \$42,280.

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

**(128-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To approve the renewal of the current Support Services Agreement for the SCADA system, for a one-year period beginning May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024 with Systems Integrated, of Orange, California, for an annual cost not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000).

On a motion by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Mr. Lefkowitz and unanimously carried, it was

**(129-02-2023)** RESOLVED, To approve an amendment to the existing agreement with Ironscales, of Atlanta, Georgia to add additional training modules and increase email security for an annual cost of Three Thousand, Fifty- Two Dollars (\$3,052), totaling Thirteen Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars (\$13,223) over the remainder of the five-year term.

On a motion by Mr. Lefkowitz, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon and unanimously carried, it was

**(130-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To approve the purchase of chlorine reagent for inventory from Hach, of Loveland, Ohio in the amount of Eighty-One Thousand Dollars (\$81,000).

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

**(131-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To approve the purchase of two Thermo Electron auto extractors for use in semi-volatiles from Thermo Electron North America of Madison, Wisconsin for a total cost of Eighty-Four Thousand, Fifty Dollars and 44/100 (\$84,050.44).

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

**(132-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To approve an amendment to board resolution 082-02-2023 for two Parker Balston Nitrogen systems and one Parker 20H-MD hydrogen generator due to a cost increase; the purchase from GSA Advantage of Washington, DC is a total cost of Forty- Five Thousand, Nine Hundred Nineteen Dollars and 95/100 (\$45,919.95), an overall increase of Two Thousand, Sixty-Eight Dollars and 65/100 (\$2,068.65).

Mr. Szabo explained the next two groups of resolutions for consideration were related to fiscal year 2024 and the budget and rate plan which were approved by the Finance Committee, as well as a rules and regulations change for the Manorville project.

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

**(133-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To approve the Operating & Maintenance and Construction Budgets for Fiscal Year ending May 31, 2024.

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

**(134-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To approve proceeding with a defeasance of certain Suffolk County Water Authority outstanding Water System Revenue Bonds, not to exceed Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000) and authorize the execution and delivery of one or more escrow agreements.

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

**(135-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To approve the rates and fees in accordance with the attached schedule effective June 1, 2023.

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

**(136-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To approve a rate increase for hydrant, fireline, and flow tests to 3.0% effective June 1, 2023, with a 3.0% rate increase be automatically applied to all hydrants, fireline, and flow test rates effective June 1 of every year until otherwise directed by the Board.

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

**(137-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To approve the modifications of the tapping fee structure, effective June 1, 2023.

On a motion by Mr. Lefkowitz, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop and unanimously carried, it was

**(138-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To approve the modifications to the meter vault fees for 1"-, 1.5"-, and 2"-meter vaults be modified as attached effective June 1, 2023.

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

**(139-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To approve an increase for the standard cost per foot for the new water main extensions to Two Hundred Forty-Four Dollars (\$244) per foot for the fiscal year 2024, representing a Thirteen percent (13%) increase over the current standard cost.

On a motion by Mr. Lefkowitz, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop and unanimously carried, it was

**(140-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To approve the amendments to Section 8- Extension of Mains in the Rules and Regulations, allowing the Authority to proceed with the establishment of a per home surcharge in the Riverhead portion of Manorville, based on actual cost, less the amount of grant monies received along with a seventy-five foot allowance.

Mr. Szabo then presented the renewal of the agreement with Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission, which is celebrating thirty years in existence this year.

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

**(141-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To approve an extension of the agreement with the Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission for a five-year term beginning on April 1, 2023.

Mr. Szabo asked Mr. Finello, Director of Risk Management, to brief the board on the insurance renewal resolution.

On a motion by Mr. Lefkowitz, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon and unanimously carried, it was

**(142-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To approve the purchase of the items listed on Schedule 1, which includes insurance policies, broker services, and a TPA service agreement, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, To approve the Authority's Risk Management Department in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Legal Officer, to be authorized to recommend settlements to our insurers on claims that occur between April



1, 2023 through March 31, 2024 and fall within the self- insured policy retention or deductible limits, and be it

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

Mr. Szabo shared an item for consideration related to expenditures.

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

**(143-03-2023)** RESOLVED, To approve the expenditure for the printing of the 2030 Strategic Plan booklets with Sir Speedy of Plainview, New York, for a total cost of Two Thousand, Four Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$2,413), which brings this vendor in excess of five-thousand dollars expensed in this fiscal year.

Mr. Szabo then reviewed the invoices to be approved.

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

**(144-03-2023)** RESOLVED, That the following invoices be paid from the Operating Fund:

Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC Attorneys at Law	\$413.00
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Heslin, Rothenberg, Farley & Mesiti PC	\$250.00
Dvirka & Bartilucci	\$1,310.25

Next Meeting Thursday, April 27th, 2023 at 3pm in Oakdale

At 4:25pm, with no one wishing to make public comment confirmed by Mr. Brady, on a motion by Mr. Lefkowitz, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

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Timothy Bishop, Secretary