

REGULAR MEETING
SUFFOLK COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

April 28, 2022

Oakdale, New York

Present: Patrick Halpin, Chairman
Jane Devine, Secretary
Tim Bishop, Member
Jacqueline Gordon, Member
Elizabeth Mercado, Member

Jeffrey W. Szabo, Chief Executive Officer

The meeting was also attended by Counsel T. Hopkins and J. Milazzo and by Messrs. Blevins, Brady, Byrnes, Cecchetto, Dubois, Durk, Finello, Fuller, Galante, Given, Huber, Kilcommons, Kleinman, Litka, Marafino, Pokorny, Rae, Reinfrank, Riegger, Schneider, Swain, Wahl, Wallach, Warner and by Mmes. Berkoski, Cameron, Cetta, Hannan, Mancuso, Palillo, Pell, Pfeuffer, Simson, Spaulding, Stewart, Taylor, Tinsley, Trombino, Vassallo and Walsh.

B. Yatauro, President of Local 393 was also in attendance.

Members of the public include J. Hofer and C. Hofer of Southampton, G. Gerbles, and T. Gerbles Shea.

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

At 3:05 p.m. the Chairman called the meeting to order.

The public was advised by Patrick Brady, I.T. 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, Chief Executive Officer introduced Daniel Dubois, Director of External Affairs to present a Grants Update to the Members of the Board. Mr. Dubois reviewed recent New York Grant Awards, including what the Authority will receive. This includes \$16.2 Million Dollars in Water infrastructure Improvement Act (WIAA) Grants and \$2.7 Million Dollars in Intermunicipal Grants (IMG). Mr. Dubois elaborated on the Manorville connection project as well as the

connection project in Calverton on South River Road. Mr. Dubois concluded by reviewing a brief summary of future grants and allocation of funds.

Mr. Halpin then opened the meeting for public comment. Public comment was received by Jeff and Christine Hofer, of 17 Ocean View Avenue in Southampton. Mr. Hofer stated his private well had failed and was hoping to clarify his options as far as connection to public water. A discussion was had regarding the options and Mr. Szabo stated that Mr. Warner, Director of Construction-Maintenance would contact them with regard to a solution.

Public comment was then received by Tim Gerbles Shea of Commack. Mr. Gerbles Shea inquired as to whether or not the aforementioned grant money could be allocated towards the war in Ukraine. Counsel John Milazzo stated that the grant allocation is for the direct benefit of Suffolk County residents only.

Mr. Halpin then presented the minutes of the regular meeting of March 31, 2022, for approval. On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 31, 2022 were approved.

Mr. Halpin then presented the minutes of the special meeting called on April 5, 2022, for approval. On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 5, 2022 were approved.

Mr. Szabo reviewed and recommended the correction and clarification of the contract pricing for Contract 7835 which was awarded in March 2022. On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Devine, and unanimously carried, it was

(110-04-2022) RESOLVED, To revise and clarify the bid amount indicated in the memorandum to the board and indicated in Resolution 071-03-2022 for Contract 7835 for the grading, material placement, clearing, excavating and miscellaneous sitework in Zone A during the one-year period beginning April 1, 2022 submitted by D.F. Stone Contracting Inc. to be Nine Hundred Seven Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$907,530).

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

(111-04-2022) RESOLVED, To extend for the one-year period beginning June 1, 2022, Contract 7613B for the furnishing and delivery of asphalt paving mixture for cold patching with Seaboard Asphalt Products, in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the contract.

RESOLVED, To extend on a month-to-month basis for the one-year period beginning June 1, 2022, Contract 7687 for the maintenance and repair of fire and burglar alarm systems and card access systems at various SCWA sites with VSS Security Systems Inc., in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the contract.

RESOLVED, To extend for the one-year period beginning June 1, 2022, Contract 7693 for the painting of fire hydrants with Building Services Industries LLC, in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the contract.

RESOLVED, To extend for the one-year period beginning June 1, 2022, Contract 7696B for the installation of blowoff basins in Zone 2 with Ed Cork & Sons Inc., in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the contract.

Mr. Szabo then reviewed Contracts 7830, 7837, 7839, 7840, and 7841. Mr. Szabo recommended that these contracts be awarded/rejected in accordance with the letters of recommendation. On motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(112-04-2022) RESOLVED, That the low bid received under Contract 7830 (Group I items 1-5, Group III items 11-15, Group IV items 14-16, Group VII items 25-28) for the furnishing and delivery of cold water service meters during the one-year period beginning April 1, 2022 submitted by Neptune Technology Group Inc of Tallahassee, Alabama, 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 Five Hundred Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$500,630) be and hereby is accepted; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the low bid received under Contract 7830 (Group II items 6-10) for the furnishing and delivery of cold water service meters during the one-year period beginning April 1, 2022 submitted by Mueller Systems, LLC of Marlton, New Jersey, 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 Four Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$444,500) be and hereby is accepted; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the low bid received under Contract 7830 (Group V items 17-19, Group VI items 20-24) for the furnishing and delivery of cold water service meters during the one-year period beginning April 1, 2022 submitted by Ferguson Enterprises Inc of Bay Shore, 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-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars (\$199,436) 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 Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Devine, and unanimously carried, it was

(113-04-2022) RESOLVED, That the incumbent bid received under Contract 7837 (items 1-4) for the furnishing and delivery of heliex cable, communications products and electrical surge arrestors during the one-year period beginning June 1, 2022 submitted by Integrated Wireless Tech, LLC of Quogue, 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 Six Thousand Eight Hundred Nine Dollars (\$6,809) 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 Ms. Devine, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(114-04-2022) RESOLVED, That the low bid received under Contract 7839 (Items 1-6, 9, 10, 19-28, 34) for the furnishing and delivery of stainless steel tapping sleeves during the one-year period beginning May 1, 2022 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 Three Hundred Twenty-two Thousand One Hundred Sixty-five Dollars (\$322,165) be and hereby is accepted; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the low bid received under Contract 7839 (Items 7, 8, 11-18, 31, 33) for the furnishing and delivery of stainless steel tapping sleeves during the one-year period beginning May 1, 2022 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 One Hundred Fifty-six Thousand Seventy-eight Dollars (\$156,078) be and hereby is accepted; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the low bid received under Contract 7839 (29, 30, 35) for the furnishing and delivery of stainless steel tapping sleeves during the one-year period beginning May 1, 2022 submitted by Core & Main LP of St. Louis, Missouri, 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 Seventy-five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$175,470) 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

(115-04-2022) RESOLVED, That the only bid received under Contract 7840 for the furnishing and delivery of dewatering pumps and associated parts submitted by Barish Pump Co Inc of Farmingdale, 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 Sixty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$63,372), and be it 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

(116-04-2022) RESOLVED, That the low bid received under Contract 7841 for the furnishing, installation and cleanout of overflow drain pits and other miscellaneous work during the one-year period beginning June 1, 2022 submitted by D.F. Stone Contracting Ltd. of Medford, 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 Three Hundred Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$311,700); 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 special service agreements. Upon further explanation and on motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Devine, and unanimously carried, it was

(117-04-2022) RESOLVED, To extend the agreement under RFP 1534 with One Call Concepts Locating Services of Hanover, Maryland for the screening, locating and marking of underground facilities during the one-year period beginning May 1, 2022.

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

(118-04-2022) RESOLVED, To extend the agreement under RFP 1566 with H2M Architects & Engineers of Melville, New York for the inspection of Authority pipeline and road restoration projects on state roadways during the one-year period beginning June 1, 2022.

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

(119-04-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize the additional expenditure with CAI Technologies of Littleton, NH (previously approved by Resolution 144-06-2021) for the GIS/Strategic Initiatives department of a one-time increase of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) to complete the current year; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, To authorize a one-year extension of the agreement with CAI Technologies beginning July 1, 2022, in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000).

After further explanation of details by Mr. Tim Kilcommons, Chief Engineer, and on motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(120-04-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize the removal of a buried propane tank at Browns Hills Estates, Orient by Van Duzer of Staten Island, New York at a cost of Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500).

Mr. Szabo then referenced equipment requests. On motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(121-04-2022) RESOLVED, To renew the support services agreement for the SCADA system software, with Systems Integrated, of Orange, California, for a one-year period beginning May 1, 2022, for a total cost not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000).

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

(122-04-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize the interim additional purchase of 200 thermoplastic meter vaults from the single quote received of Bingham and Taylor of Culpeper, Virginia, in the amount of Twenty-Seven Thousand Fifty Dollars (\$27,050), due to supply chain issues.

Mr. Halpin requested that the following procurement contracts be approved under consent agenda. On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Devine, and unanimously carried, it was

(123-04-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize, under File 1408, the purchase of hardware and software by Information Technology under NYS, GSA contracts and Cooperative Purchasing Consortium Agreements during the one-year period beginning June 1, 2022.

RESOLVED, To authorize, under File 1409, the purchase of equipment and supplies for the Laboratory under NYS and Suffolk County and Cooperative Purchasing Consortium Agreement contracts during the one-year period beginning June 1, 2022, in the approximate aggregate amount of One Million Eight Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$1,882,000).

RESOLVED, To authorize, under File 1411, the purchase of equipment, parts, vehicles, gasoline and biodiesel fuel for the Transportation Department under NYS, Suffolk County and Town Contracts and Cooperative Purchase Consortium Agreements during the one-year period beginning June 1, 2022.

RESOLVED, To authorize, under File 1412, the purchase of various office supplies and parts used in Stores (Oakdale) under NYS and Suffolk County Contracts and Cooperative Purchase Agreements during the one-year period beginning June 1, 2022.

RESOLVED, To authorize, under File 1413, the purchase of various office supplies and parts used in Stores (Bay Shore) under NYS and Suffolk County Contracts and Cooperative Purchasing Consortium Agreements during the one-year period beginning June 1, 2022.

RESOLVED, To authorize, under File 1520, the purchase of products/services for Facilities under NYS Contracts Cooperative Purchasing Consortium Agreements during the one-year period beginning June 1, 2022.

Mr. Szabo then referred to a request concerning rates, rules and regulations. Upon further explanation by Mr. Richard Reinfrank, Director of Customer Service and on motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(124-04-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize the refund of Six Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Two and 74/100 Dollars to overcharged customer account #3000584094-FAA due to a technical issue.

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

(125-04-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize the refund of Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Two and 71/100 Dollars (\$8,252.71) to overcharged customer account #3000143287-Town of Islip due to a

mechanical issue.

Upon further explanation by Mr. Brendan Warner, Director of Construction Maintenance and on motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Devine, and unanimously carried, it was

(126-04-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize a standard cost fee of One Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,650) for the retirement of services sized 2" and below.

Mr. Szabo then referred to a revision to an SCWA policy. Upon further explanation of details by Ms. Donna Mancuso, Deputy CEO for Administration and on motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(127-04-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize the revision to Policy 504, tuition/certification/license reimbursement to include the reimbursement for fees associated with attaining and renewing certificates and licenses that are directly related to the employee's current position.

Mr. Szabo then referred to several membership, conference, training and seminar requests. On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Devine, and unanimously carried, it was

(128-04-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize members in the International Facility Management Association (IFMA) for three Facility staff members at a total cost of Six Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars (\$657) annually.

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

(129-04-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize Nicholas Swain to attend training courses to achieve the Certified Safety Professional (CSP) certification in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Nine Dollars (\$1,509); and the Associate Safety Professional (ASP) certification in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Nine Dollars (\$1,509).

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

(130-04-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize the attendance of Andrew Donnelly, Assistant Superintendent in Production Control, Steven Scala, Construction and Maintenance Field Supervisor and Henry Gobrck, Construction and Maintenance Junior Engineering Technician at AWWA ACE Annual Conference and Exhibition in San Antonio, Texas, from June 12 through 15, 2022 at a total cost of Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$8,250).

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

(131-04-2022) RESOLVED, That the following invoices be paid from the Operating Fund:

<u>Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies Membership</u>	\$16,930.00
<u>Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC</u>	4,233.00
<u>Dvirka & Bartilucci</u>	4,840.25
<u>Heslin, Rothenberg Farley & Mesiti P.C</u>	350.00
<u>McCabe, Collins, McGeogh, Fowler, Levine & Nogan LLP</u>	385.05
<u>O'Connor, O'Connor, Hintz & Deveney LLP</u>	11,613.85

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 Monday, May 23, 2022, beginning at 3:30 p.m. at the Oakdale Administration Building.

At this time, Mr. Halpin stated that the email inbox was checked for public comment and there were no comments. No one from the public wished to speak to the Members at this time.

At 4:02 p.m., on motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Devine, and unanimously carried, it was

(132-04-2022) RESOLVED, That the Members go into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, personnel matters, and labor negotiations.

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

(133-04-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize a reimbursable service agreement for a term of ten (10) years for a water main extension for Mr. and Mrs. Hofer of 17 Ocean View Avenue, Southampton; and that any Member and/or the Chief Executive Officer be and here is authorized to execute this agreement on behalf of the Authority.

A discussion was had regarding the awarded proposal of RFP 1579, submitted by Minority Millennials at the March 31, 2022 Board Meeting. Ms. Devine asked that this proposal be reconsidered. Mr. Bishop requested that this matter be handled by roll call vote. On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Devine, and unanimously carried, it was

(134-04-2022) RESOLVED, To rescind the previous award for RFP 1579 submitted by Minority Millennials under Resolution 078-03-2022.

On motion made by Ms. Devine, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, with two abstentions

by Ms. Gordon and Mr. Halpin, it was

(135-04-2022) RESOLVED, To accept the proposal of Minority Millennials of Amityville, New York for RFP 1579 for the social media outreach for workforce diversity in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000); 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. Mercado, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, it was

(136-04-2022) RESOLVED, To promote Claire Walsh, HR Assistant to Talent Acquisition Coordinator at a salary of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000), effective immediately.

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

(137-04-2022) RESOLVED, To employ Bilal Malek of Brightwaters, New York in the position of Attorney, at an annual salary of One Hundred Twenty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$127,500) with three weeks' vacation granted upon employment, effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(138-04-2022) RESOLVED, To employ twenty-four (24) summer interns in accordance with the schedule below indicating name, city of residence, department, year, and hourly rate, all with no benefits:

First	Last Name	City	Assigned Department	Year
Shelby	Kucera	Medford	Human Resources	Senior
Ashley	Amaya	Islandia	General Services	Senior
Valerie	Buonasera	Islip	Facilities	Senior
Joshua	Ecker	Port Jefferson	Construction Maintenance	Junior
Isabella	Pasha	Islip Terrace	Construction Maintenance	Senior
Joseph	LeGuernic	Dix Hills	Construction Maintenance	Junior
Noah	Endelson	Mount Sinai	Construction Maintenance	Senior
Milton	Turcios	Bellport	Internal Audit	Senior
Jose	Sanchez	Greenport	Engineering	Graduate
Chloie	Reyes	West Babylon	Legal	Graduate
Marykate	Carroll	East Islip	GIS	Senior
John	Boudreau	Smithtown	GIS	Senior
**Joseph	Lyons	Center	Customer Service	Junior
**Natalie	Rosich	Bay Shore	Laboratory	Senior
**Christa	Post	Greenlawn	Laboratory	Senior
Jessica	Womble	Wheatley	Laboratory	Senior
Jasha	Leonhardt	Brentwood	Laboratory	Senior
Lindsey	Belmonte	Yaphank	Laboratory	Sophomore
Cristopher	Mesimeris	Commack	Finance	Junior

Casey	Scharpf	Aquebogue	Communications	Senior
Henry	Farahani	Huntington	Information Technology	Graduate
Joseph	Hanrahan	Centereach	Information Technology	Junior

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FURTHER RESOLVED, To amend the salary structure for interns as follows:

Freshman and Sophomore	\$16/hour
Junior and Senior	\$18/hour
Graduate and Professional degree	\$20/hour

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 5:03 p.m.

Jane Devine, Secretary