

Regular Board Meeting
Suffolk County Water Authority January 23, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.
4060 Sunrise Highway, Oakdale, and Virtually via Zoom

Attendance Present:

Members: Charles Lefkowitz, Chairman
Tim Bishop, Secretary
John M. Porchia III, Member
John Rose, Member
Elizabeth Mercado, 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, Coppola, Donnelly, Doscher, Dubois, Deubel, Finello, Fuller, Galante, Given, Huber, Jacobson, Kilcommons, Kleinman, McDowell, Meyerdierks, Niebling, O'Connell, Pokorny, Rae, Riegger, Schneider, Seevers, Thompson, Turcios, Wahl, and Warner; and Mmes. Berberich, Berroa, Cameron, Cantore, Hannan, Kucera, Mancuso, Naccarato, Pell, Pfeuffer, Simson, Spaulding, Stewart, and Yatauro.

Jeffery Szabo, Chief Executive Officer called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. upon all Members of the Board being present.

Mr. Charles Lefkowitz, Chairman expressed his gratitude to the CM and CS departments for their extra efforts during the recent cold weather and water main breaks. He highlighted the 12-inch water main break in East Setauket, which impacted several businesses, and personally visited the site to observe the work being done by the men and women involved. The Chairman also mentioned kicking off the budget process and collaborating with the CFO, Mr. Christopher Cecchetto throughout this effort. Additionally, he emphasized the importance of ensuring that department heads provide workers with the necessary equipment and make it readily available. The Chairman also spoke about the East Hampton renovation and shared his enthusiasm about visiting the completed project. Looking ahead to 2025, he announced it as the year of expansion for the Oakdale campus, with a presentation of the project planned for the next board meeting in February and wishes everyone a successful and safe 2025.

Jefferey Szabo, Chief Executive Officer expressed his sincere gratitude to Mr. Jefferey Klieman for his exceptional leadership and contribution to the East Hampton project, emphasizing its remarkable success. He highlighted the ribbon-cutting ceremony that took place on Wednesday,

January 22nd as a proud and celebratory moment, sharing how impressed and pleased he was with the project's outcome. The seamless execution and positive impact on the community reflected the hard work and dedication of everyone involved.

Ms. Barbara Yatauro, President of Local 393 also expressed her gratitude for Mr. Charles Lefkowitz for visiting the water main break in East Setauket. The SCWA employees working deeply appreciate when the Board Members take the opportunity to see their hard work in action, as it highlights the importance of their efforts and boosts their morale. The Chairman's visit was a meaningful gesture that resonated with the team and reinforced the value of their dedication and expertise.

Mr. Lefkowitz presented the minutes of the regular board meeting on December 19, 2024, and on motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(001-01-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on December 19, 2024.

Mr. Szabo presented the contracts to be considered for extension. After brief explanation on a few items and contract leveling for the future; on motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, the following contracts were approved on consent:

(002-01-2025) RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, Contract 7846 to furnish and deliver compressed gas cylinders with Airweld Inc., Farmingdale, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, Contract 7946 to install a new water service lines and reconnection of service lines (tie-overs)- group 1-west with Asplundh Construction, LLC, Yaphank, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, Contract 7948B to furnish and deliver asphalt paving mixture for cold patching- option 1 (item 2) with Black Gold Industries Inc., Ridge, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, Contract 7952 to paint fire hydrants with Partners Industrial Services, Inc., Lindenhurst, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, Contract 7953A installation of blowoff basins (zone 1) with Ed Cork and Sons, Patchogue, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, Contract 7960 installation of new water service lines and reconnection of service lines (tie-overs)- group 2 east with Asplundh Construction, LLC, Yaphank, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026, Contract 8019 to furnish and deliver calcium hypochlorite tablets for automatic tablet chlorinators with Eagle Control Corp., Yaphank, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, Contract 8027 to furnish and deliver asphalt paving mixture for cold patching- (item 1) with Cold Mix Manufacturing Corp., Mount Vernon, NY.

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, Contract 8028 for fire extinguisher maintenance with Advantage Fire Protection, Deer Park, 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 Ms. Mercado, and unanimously carried, it was

(003-01-2025) RESOLVED, That the low bid for Groups I, II, V, VII, X, XIII, XVIII under Contract 8091 to furnish and deliver ductile iron pressure fittings during a one-year period beginning May1, 2025, submitted by Ferguson Waterworks, Medford, NY on a unit price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, at a total cost of Four Hundred Twenty-eight Thousand and Ninety Six 21/100 Dollars (\$428,096.21), be and hereby is accepted; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the low bid for Groups XIV, XVI under Contract 8091 submitted by T-Mina Supply, Medford, NY on the same basis and totaling Fifty-one Thousand Six Hundred and Two 35/100 Dollars (\$51,602.35), 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. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(004-01-2025) RESOLVED, That the only bid under Contract 8092 to furnish and deliver hydrogen peroxide to SCWA pump station- located at Bushwick Ave and Commercial Boulevard, during a one-year period beginning May 1, 2025, submitted by George S. Coyne Chemical Co., Inc, Croydon, 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 Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred and Five Dollars (\$12,805), 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. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried it was

(005-01-2025) RESOLVED, To authorize the purchase of a 70% sand and 30% salt mixture for winter operations, for the use by the Construction Maintenance Department, from D.F. Stone Construction, Medford, NY in the total amount of Thirteen Thousand and Two Hundred Dollars (\$13,200).

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

(006-01-2025) RESOLVED, To authorize the purchase of PromoChrom SPE-03 Auto Extractor, for the use of the Laboratory Department, from PromoChrom Technologies, Richmond British Columbia, Canada in the total amount of Twenty Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty 95/100 Dollars (\$20,350.95).

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

(007-01-2025) RESOLVED, To authorize the purchase of UCT solid phase extraction cartridges, for the use of the Laboratory Department, from United Chemical Technologies, Bristol, PA in the total amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000).

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

(008-01-2025) RESOLVED, To authorize the purchase of Millipore water purification system, for the use of the Laboratory Department, from Millipore Sigma, Burlington, MA in the total amount of Twenty-eight Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-seven 40/100 Dollars (\$28,747.40).

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

(009-01-2025) RESOLVED, To authorize the purchase of a replacement HVAC chiller in the Laboratory, under RFQ 1640 from Lizardos Engineering Associates D.P.C., Mineola, NY, in the total amount of Fifty-one Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$51,150).

The Members reviewed the one (1) request for budget amendment for fiscal year ending on May 31, 2025. After explanation of the one request, and on motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia and unanimously carried, it was

(010-01-2025) RESOLVED, to approve amendment number eight (8) to the budget for fiscal year ending May 31, 2025, to increase line item 031 (Construction Contracts-Tapping) in the amount of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000), this will increase the capital budget of One Hundred and Twelve Million Dollars (\$112,000,000) to One Hundred and Twelve Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$112,400,000).

The Members considered a request for training. On motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado and unanimously carried, it was

(011-01-2025) RESOLVED, To authorize the attendance of Caitlin Gormley and Brad Feldman of the GIS department, to attend the 2025 ESRI User Conference to be held from July 14-18, 2025 in San Diego, CA, in the total amount of Eight Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$8,100).

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

(012-01-2025) RESOLVED, To extend RFP 1626 with M&J Engineering D.P.C., Farmingdale, NY, to provide inspection services for pipeline and road restoration, for the period January 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, with an option to extend for a second year, representing the first two (2) possible one year extensions, in the estimated annual amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000); 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 Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(013-01-2025) RESOLVED, To delegate the authority to the Chief Executive Officer to accept the proposal under RFP 1643 and enter into agreement for property casualty insurance broker services for the Authority and Central Pine Barrens Commission; upon recommendation from the Risk Management 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.

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

(014-01-2025) RESOLVED, To accept quote and enter into agreement with the University of North Carolina, Charolette, NC to provide scavenger demand testing for the AOP system installations in the total amount of Forty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$48,750) for Twenty Five (25) samples; 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 explained there was one resolution for consideration related to the Members of the Board. On motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(015-01-2025) RESOLVED, To approve the record of activities for board member, Chairman Charles Lefkowitz and authorize that 6.93 days per month be submitted to the NYS Retirement System, after posting notice on SCWA website for 30 days.

The Members then reviewed the invoices for payment, on motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(016-01-2025) RESOLVED, That the following invoices be paid from the Operating Fund:

Bond, Schoeneck & King	\$1,257.00
Corrtech Inc	\$30,540.00
Dvirka & Bartilucci	\$1,290.00
H2M Architects & Engineers	\$14,400.00

The Members scheduled their next regular meeting for Thursday, February 27, 2025, beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Oakdale Administration Building.

At this time, Mr. Szabo asked if there was anyone from the public who had any comments. No one from the public wished to speak to the Members at this time.

At 3:18 p.m. on motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, the Members went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and possible litigation matters.

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

(017-01-2025) RESOLVED, To employ Michael Nardi of Miller Place, NY to fill the open position of Utility Person in Huntington, at an hourly rate of Thirty-six and 43/100 Dollars (\$36.43); upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(018-01-2025) RESOLVED, To employ Christopher Hansen of East Hampton, NY to fill the open position of Enforcement Officer in the Pine Barrens Department, at an hourly rate of Twenty-seven and 20/100 Dollars (\$27.20); upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(019-01-2025) RESOLVED, To employ Nathan LeClaire of Norwich, CT to fill the open position of Senior Firefighter/ Squad Boss Trainee (FFT1)- Prescribed Fire Squad in the Pine Barrens Department at an hourly rate, of Twenty-seven Dollars (\$27.00), including housing; upon successful completion of a pre-

employment physical and background check.

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

(020-01-2025) RESOLVED, To employ Ron Bagan of Oyster Bay, NY to fill the open position of Senior Firefighter/ Squad Boss Trainee (FFT-1)-Prescribed Fire Squad in the Pine Barrens Department at an hourly rate of Twenty-eight Dollars (\$28.00), including housing; upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(021-01-2025) RESOLVED, To employ Justin Mangibin of Plainview, NY to fill the open position of Firefighter Type 2-Prescribed Fire Squad Member in the Pine Barrens Department at an hourly rate, of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), including housing; upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(022-01-2025) RESOLVED, To employ Thomas Gilson of Islip, NY to fill the open position of Jr. Engineering Technician, in the total annual amount of Sixty-three Thousand Dollars (\$63,000); upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(023-01-2025) RESOLVED, To employ John O'Connor of North Babylon to fill the open position of Deputy Fleet Manager in the Fleet Department, in the total annual amount of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000); upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

As there was no further business to be considered, on motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Rose the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Timothy Bishop, Secretary