

Regular Board Meeting
Suffolk County Water Authority
November 20, 2024, at 3 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 Blevins, Bova, Brady, Cantore, Donnelly, Doscher, Dubois, Deubel, Finello, Fuller, Galante, Given, Huber, Jacobson, Kilcommons, Kleinman, Lehning, McDowell, Meyerderks, Niebling, O'Connell, Pell, Pokorny, Rae, Riegger Schneider, Seevers, Thompson, Turcios, Wahl, and Warner; and Mmes. Berberich, Berroa, Cameron, Hannan, Kucera, Mancuso, Naccarato, Pfeuffer, Simson, Spaulding, and Stewart.

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

Chairman Lefkowitz

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.

Mr. Lefkowitz presented the minutes of the regular board meeting on October 17, 2024, and on motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(399-11-2024)

RESOLVED, To approve the minutes of the regular board meeting

held on October 17, 2024; and be it

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:

(400-11-2024) RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026, Contract 7929A to furnish and deliver gate valves & butterfly valves (line items, 1,2,3,4,5 and 9) with T. Mina Supply Inc., Medford, NY

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026, Contract 7937 for maintenance of roofs and gutter systems at various SCWA sites; with Statewide Roofing, Inc, Ronkonkoma, NY

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning May 1, 2025, through April 30, 2026, Contract 7956 for maintenance and installation of overhead garage-type doors roll-up doors; with Superior Overhead Door Inc., Selden, NY

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning May 1, 2025, through January 31, 2026, Contract 8020B for SCADA antenna maintenance at various SCWA locations; with NW Management Inc., Freeport, NY

RESVOLVED, To extend for the period beginning April 1, 2025- March 31, 2026, Contract 8014A to furnish and deliver cement lined ductile iron pipe (push-on and flanged), Group I; with Ferguson Waterworks, Medford, NY

RESOLVED, To extend for the period beginning May 1, 2026- April 30, 2026

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

(381-10-2024) RESOLVED, That the low bid for Contract 8071 to furnish and install pioneer HVLS fans in Oakdale and Westhampton during the period of November 1, 2024 through October 21, 2025, submitted by Enertech Associates Inc, of East Meadow, 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 Twenty Six Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Dollars (\$26,190) 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. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(382-10-2024) FURTHER RESOLVED, That the sole bidder under Contract 8072 to repaint and repair work for granular activated carbon (GAC) systems at various Authority-owned properties during the period of December 1, 2024, through April 30, 2025, submitted by Enecon Northeast APS Inc, of Farmingdale, 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 Six Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand and Four Hundred Dollars (\$688,400) 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. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(383-10-2024) RESOLVED, To delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to award Contract 8051 for Project I, general construction of New York water mains and appurtenances by open cut in Manorville and Calverton, Project II, installation of new water main appurtenances by directional boring technology in Manorville and Calverton, and Project III, installation of new water service taps and meter assemblies, upon the recommendation of the Construction-Maintenance Department; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Executive Officer be and hereby is authorized to execute these contracts on behalf of the Authority.

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

(384-10-2024) RESOLVED, To delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to award Contract 8076 to award installation of new water service lines and service taps in designated areas of Brookhaven, upon the recommendation of the Construction-Maintenance Department.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That 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. Rose, and unanimously carried, it was

(385-10-2024) RESOLVED, To confirm the award of Project I under Contract 8077 for the extension of water, installation of services and restoration in Medford, to Bancker Construction Corp. of Islip, 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 Two Hundred Eighteen Thousand, Seven Hundred and Twenty Nine and 06/100 Dollars (\$218,729.06); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, To confirm the award of Project II under

Contract 8077 to Asplundh Construction, LLC of Yaphank, NY, on the same basis, at an estimated total cost of One Hundred Twenty Thousand, Five Hundred and Fifty-Five and 50/100 Dollars (\$120,555.50); 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.

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

(386-10-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the only quote and authorize the approval to issue a blanket purchase order to Fastenal of Bellport, NY in the amount of \$9,500 under Suffolk County Contract.

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

(387-10-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the only quote and authorize approval to purchase one (1) 2025 Kenworth T280 Aero Truck with Knapheide 7165HR Body, for use by the Construction Maintenance Department, from Gabrielli Truck Sales LTD, of Medford, NY in the total amount of Three Hundred Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-three Dollars (\$307, 873).

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

(388-10-2024) RESOLVED, To accept lowest quote and authorize purchase of various Power Operator parts from Muller Co., of Decatur, IL, in the total amount of Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-seven and 54/100 Dollars (\$12,687.54).

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

(389-10-2024) RESOLVED, To accept the lowest quote and authorizing the purchase of four replacement subframes from Brand FX Body Company of Fort Worth, TX, in the amount of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-four and 52/100 Dollars (\$8,524.52).

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

(390-10-2024) RESOLVED, To extend the master sales agreement to furnish and deliver parts to maintain Authority's mobile auto meter reading system, for a three-year period

beginning June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2027, with Itron Inc. of Liberty Lake, WA; 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 explained the next request from Construction Maintenance to increase the capital budget to complete water main installation projects. On motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado and unanimously carried, it was

(391-10-2024) RESOLVED, To authorize an increase to Item 031-Construction Projects-Tapping in the amount of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000) and an increase to Item 035-Developer Contracts in the amount of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000); this will increase the capital budget to \$105.8 Million Dollars

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

(392-10-2024) RESOLVED, To authorize the attendance of Matthew Charland, Junior Applications Developer to attend the LIMS Labware I Administrator course, to be taken remotely, in the amount of Three Thousand and One Hundred Dollars (\$3,100).

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

(393-10-2024) RESOLVED, That the following invoices be paid from the Operating Fund:

Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies	\$22,800.00
Bond, Schoeneck & King	\$1,722.50
Dvirka & Bartilucci	\$18,412.75

The next meeting of the board members was confirmed for November 20, 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 3:12 pm, on motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, the Members went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and possible litigation matters.

At 4:05 p.m., the Members returned to public session. On motion made by Mr. Rose, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

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

(394-10-2024) RESOLVED, To employ Leonard Petrone of Sayville, NY, in the position of Utility Person, Oakdale, at an hourly rate of Thirty-six Dollars and 43/100 Dollars (\$36.43); upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(395-10-2024) RESOLVED, To employ Daniel Oliveau, as a Senior IT Technician, at an annual salary of Seventy-eight Thousand Dollars (\$78,000); 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

(396-10-2024) RESOLVED, To enter into agreement with Michael Litka of Setauket, NY, to provide consulting services for company-wide technology projects as needed during the period beginning October 21, 2024 through December 31, 2024, with two possible three month extensions, at a cost not to exceed Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) in calendar year 2024 and 2025; 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. Mercado, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop and unanimously carried, it was

(397-10-2024) RESOLVED, To promote Danielle Puma, Purchasing Clerk to fill the vacant position of Assistant to the General Counsel, with an annual salary of Seventy-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$76,500); to be effective upon transfer.

(398-10-2024)

On motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop and the following resolution was unanimously carried,

WHEREAS, at the June 18, 2024 Board Meeting, the board awarded Contract 8039-Construction of Well Head Enclosure Buildings with Precast Concrete Walls and Wood Frame Roofs on Existing Foundations to D.F. Eastwood Construction Corp d/b/a All Island Fence & Railing (“D.F. Eastwood”) as low bidder, in the amount of Nine Hundred Eighty-four Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$984,900); and

WHEREAS, this award was made following a pre-award meeting where terms were reiterated including fixed unit prices, the inability of the Authority to determine in advance the exact quantity of buildings to be constructed, and payment

structure; and

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2024, members of the Engineering team with D.F. Eastwood wherein DF Eastwood, demanded payment up front. The contract provides for progress payments; SCWA progress payments are made upon completion of at least substantial completion of work; and

WHEREAS, Engineering will continue to work with D.F. Eastwood in an attempt to resolve the impasse and D.F. Eastwood's refusal to abide by the terms of the contract and SCWA's progress payment practice; and

WHEREAS, in the event a resolution cannot be achieved, and for the purposes of expediency and in accordance with the department's recommendation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the board authorizes the CEO to execute any and all documents required to rescind or cancel this contract together with the preservation of all rights for the Authority to seek damages through available remedies; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon cancelation, the board further delegates to the CEO, the authority to award Contract 8039 to the next responsive bidder.

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

Timothy Bishop, Secretary