

Regular Board Meeting- May 25, 2023 Minutes
Suffolk County Water Authority
May 25, 2023 at 3:00 PM EDT
@ 4060 Sunrise Hwy, Oakdale

Attendance

Present:

Members: Charles Lefkowitz, Chairman
Tim Bishop, Secretary
Elizabeth Mercado, Member
Jacqueline Gordon, 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. Brady, Blevins, Cecchetto, Dubois, Finello, Fuller, Givens, Jacobson, Kilcommons, Kleinman, Lehning, Litka, Marafino, Motz, Niebling, O'Connell, Pokorny, Rae, Schneider, Seevers, Wahl, and Warner; and Mmes. Beedenbender, Berberich, Bonventre, Cameron, Cetta, Hannan, Mancuso, Pfeuffer, Pell, Simson, Spaulding and Tinsley.

Barbara Yatauro of Local 393 was also present.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05pm. Mr. Szabo conducted roll call, with all members being present. Mr. Lefkowitz addressed the board and members of the staff to thank everyone for their congratulations and share his excitement for this role

Mr. Szabo shared the highlights of the recent Town Hall event, the first in a series. The first town hall was held at the Coram location, with the next one anticipated to be held before the end of June at the Hauppauge facility.

Ms. Tinsley advised of the success of World Cultural Diversity Day, with a highlight being the stories staff chose to share. Employees sharing their stories and reasons for the food they chose to bring in is at the heart of the intent of the day- to spark conversations. Ms. Gordon thanked Ms. Tinsley for sharing and the continued effort to engage the team.

Mr. Szabo asked Mr. Brady if anyone was present to speak during public comment, with no one to be recognized.

Mr. Lefkowitz presented the minutes of the regular board meeting of April 27, 2023, on a motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular board meeting on April 27, 2023 were approved.

(202-05-2023) Items 3.1 through 3.8 on the agenda are approved with one resolution on a motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon, and unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024, Contract 7766 for non-destructive vacuum excavating construction holes, with Badger Daylighting Inc., of Brownsburg, Indianapolis for Group I, in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024, Contract 7766 for non-destructive vacuum excavation construction holes, with AARCO Environmental Service Corp., of Lindenhurst, New York for Group II, in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024, Contract 7772 for fuel tank sludge removal with AARCO Environmental Service Corp., of Lindenhurst, New York in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions.

RESOLVED To extend for a one-year period beginning August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024, Contract 7849 to furnish and deliver valve boxes with General Foundries, LLC., of North Brunswick, New Jersey in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024, Contract 7858 for inspection of fire hydrants at various locations in Suffolk County with Building Service Industries, LLC of Riverhead, New York in accordance with the specifications, terms and conditions.

RESOLVED, To extend for a six-month period beginning February 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024, Contract 7864 to furnish and deliver thermoplastic, fiberglass reinforced concrete polymer and concrete meter vault with Alessio Pipe and Construction Co., Inc., of Huntington Station, New York in accordance with specifications, terms, and conditions.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024, Contract 7867B to furnish and deliver chemical pump and parts

(items 29-33) with Pumping Services, Inc., of Middlesex, New Jersey in accordance with specifications, terms and conditions.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024, Contract 7868 to furnish and deliver soda ash with Independent Chemical of Glendale, New York in accordance with specifications, terms and conditions.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024, Contract 7870 to furnish and deliver chemical metering pump and parts (JESCO parts) with Eagle Control Corp., of Yaphank, New York in accordance with specifications, terms and conditions.

Mr. Szabo presented one item to be rescinded.

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

(203-05-2023) RESOLVED, to rescind the award for Contract 7878 to furnish and deliver lime slurry tanks to Fred Burack Co., Inc. due to not meeting the insurance requirements; in addition, approval to retain the bid deposit of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) in accordance with contract documents.

Mr. Szabo then reviewed contracts 7953, 7956, 7957, 7958, 7959, 7960, and 7961. Mr. Szabo recommended these contracts be awarded or rejected in accordance with the letters of recommendation.

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

(204-05-2023) RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 7953 for the installation of blowoff basins for Zone 2 only submitted by Green Velvet Landscape 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 Three Hundred, Seventy- Eight Thousand, One Hundred Dollars (\$378,100) 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 a motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon and unanimously carried, it was

(205-05-2023) RESOLVED, That the sole bid under Contract 7956 for SCADA antenna maintenance at various locations in Suffolk County submitted by NW Management, Inc., of Freeport, 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 Forty-One Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars (\$341,735) 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 a motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado and unanimously carried, it was

(206-05-2023) RESOLVED, That the sole bid under Contract 7957 to supply resin and related service submitted by Carbon Activated Corporation of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina be rejected and the contract be re-bid.

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

(207-05-2023) RESOLVED, That the sole bid under Contract 7958 to furnish and install pioneer HVLS fans in Oakdale and Westhampton stores submitted by Enertech Associates of East Meadow, 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 Dollars (\$24,300) 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 a motion made by Ms. Mercado, duly seconded by Ms. Gordon and unanimously carried, it was

(208-05-2023) RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 7959 to furnish and install electrical systems for advanced oxidation process (AOP) water treatment facility and systems at the Old Dock Road well field submitted by L.E.B. Electric Ltd., of Copiague, 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, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) 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 a motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado and unanimously carried, it was

(209-05-2023) RESOLVED, That the sole bid under Contract 7960 for installation of new water service lines and reconnection of service lines (tie-overs) for Group II East, submitted by Asplundh Construction 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 Five Hundred Seventeen Thousand, Two Hundred Forty Dollars (\$517,240) 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 a motion made by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado and unanimously carried, it was

(210-05-2023) RESOLVED, That the sole bid under Contract 7961 for shelving for the new East Hampton storage building submitted by Sierra Construction Corp., of Astoria, New York be rejected and the contract re-bid.

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

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

(211-05-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the agreement of RFP 1604 to perform legal description of each easement for Laurel Lake Drive with Young & Young Associates of West Babylon, New York for an estimated cost of Six Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$6,200) 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 a motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado and unanimously carried, it was

(212-05-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the agreement of RFP 1599 for cash management services with Three+One Company of Pittsford, New York for an estimated cost of Sixty-Seven Thousand, Three Hundred Dollars (\$67,300) 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 presented those items related to equipment, materials, and software for consideration.

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

(213-05-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the agreement for an on-going consultation agreement for the GIS department with CAI Technologies of Littleton, New Hampshire for a total cost not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000).

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

(214-05-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the purchase of solar security lights for installation across the Authority from Granger of Bohemia, New York for a total cost not to exceed Six Thousand, Six Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars (\$6,647).

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

(215-05-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the purchase of an electric forklift battery from GB Industrial Battery of New York, New York for a total cost not to exceed Six Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars (\$6,222).

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

(216-05-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the purchase of eyewash stations to be installed by Facilities staff at the SCWA Laboratory from Granger of Bohemia, New York for

a total cost not to exceed Fourteen Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty-Nine Dollars (\$14,739).

Mr. Szabo presented one resolution related to DEC approval for a well.

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

(217-05-2023) RESOLVED, To construct Wells Nos. 5A and 6A at the West Neck Road Well Field, .256-acre site, located on the south side of West Neck Road, 309.39 feet west of Menatic Road and West Neck Road, Shelter Island Heights, Town of Shelter Island; to equip each well with one (1) electrically-driven, deep well turbine pump, motor, piping, electrical controls and miscellaneous appurtenances; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that application be made to the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York and that said application may be executed by any Member of the Authority, its Chief Executive Officer, or its Chief Engineer.

Mr. Szabo presented items to be considered related to the rates, rules and regulations of the Authority.

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

(218-05-2023) RESOLVED, To approve a pilot program to allow the Suffolk County Water Authority Education Center located at 260 Motor Parkway in Hauppauge, New York to be utilized for non-SCWA hosted events (excluding religious or political events) according to the requirements outlined in a memo from Director of General Services, Jeff Kleinman dated Ma, 2023.

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

(219-05-2023) RESOLVED, To approve a change in the rules and regulations to allow non-community and community water systems with compound exceedances over the MCL tested within the last six months to finance connection costs.

Mr. Szabo and Ms. Mancuso explained the item for consideration for personnel matters.

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

(220-05-2023) RESOLVED, To approve a renewal with Sun Life Financial of Lansing, Michigan for life insurance, long term disability (LTD) and short-term disability (STD) with a two-year rate guarantee effective July 1, 2023.

Mr. Szabo presented several items for consideration related to delegation of authority.

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

(221-05-023) RESOLVED, To approve the Chief Executive Officer to award the RFP to the firm most qualified to perform the necessary SEQRA review as related to the Southold water main improvements, the decision to be ratified at the June board meeting.

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

(222-05-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the Chief Executive Officer to award the RFP to the firm most qualified for an archaeologist related to the South River Road water main extensions, the decision to be ratified at the June board meeting.

Mr. Szabo presented three items for consideration related to training and seminars.

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

(223-05-2023) RESOLVED, To approve Polly Weigand, Science and Stewardship Manager, Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission to attend the Northeast- Midwest Prescribed Fire Science and Management Workshop from August 29-31, 2023 in Madison, Wisconsin for an estimated cost of Two Thousand, One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$2,120).

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

(224-05-2023) RESOLVED, To approve Roland Jezek, Water Quality Engineer, Engineering, to attend the AWWA Annual Conference and Exhibition from June 11- 14, 2023 in Toronto, Canada for an estimated cost of Two Thousand, Five Hundred (\$2,500).

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

(225-05-2023) RESOLVED, To approve John Flood, Field Supervisor, Production Control and Alex Rodack, Associate Mechanical Engineer, in Engineering, to attend the AWWA Young Professionals Summit on Thursday, June 8, 2023 in Albany, New York for an estimated cost of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400) per person.

Mr. Szabo then reviewed the invoices to be approved.

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

(226-05-2023) RESOLVED, That the following invoices be paid from the Operating Fund:

1. Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC Attorneys at Law \$13,791.00
2. Sobel, Pevzner LLC \$10,341.50

Mr. Szabo stated the next meeting is Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 3pm in Oakdale.

Mr. Szabo asked Mr. Brady if anyone from the public wished to speak, none were identified.

At 3:55pm, on a motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Mercado and unanimously carried, the Members went into Executive Session to discuss 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

(227-05-2023) RESOLVED, To employ Sean Clennan of Riverhead, in the position of Field Operator, Westhampton, in Production Control at an annual salary of Eighty- Eight Thousand, Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$88,088), 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

(228-05-2023) RESOLVED, To promote Amanda Comando to the position of Supervising Chemist, Liquid Chromatography in the Laboratory with an annual salary of One Hundred, Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000).

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

(229-05-2023) RESOLVED, To promote Erdal Kadioglu to the position of Supervisor of Receiving, in the Laboratory at an annual salary of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000).

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

(230-05-2023) RESOLVED, To promote Philip Thompson to the position of Deputy Director of Production Control at annual salary of One Hundred, Thirty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$138,000).

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

(231-05-2023) RESOLVED, To promote Robert Beck to the position of Mechanical Supervisor in Production Control at an annual salary of Ninety- Three Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$93,500).

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

(232-05-2023)

RESOLVED, To promote Kevin Hough to the position of Trades Field Supervisor in Production Control at an annual salary of Ninety-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$98,000).

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

(233-05-2023)

RESOLVED, To employ Tyler Furia of Bellport in the position of Pipeline Inspector in Construction Maintenance at an annual salary of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000) effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(234-05-2023)

RESOLVED, To approve the transfer of Tim Motz, Communications Director, to the Central Pine Barrens Commission, effective May 29, 2023; with his title to be changed to Environmental Outreach and Communications Coordinator, Central Pine Barrens Commission, effective August 31, 2023 upon the resignation of Melissa Parrot; his salary is to be absorbed by the Commission upon his physical transfer on May 29, 2023.

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

(235-05-2023)

RESOLVED, To promote Craig Johnson of Greenport to the position of Field Supervisor in Construction Maintenance at an annual salary of Ninety- Two Thousand Dollars (\$92,000).

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

(236-05-2023)

RESOLVED, To employ Joseph Nave in the position of Field Supervisor in Construction Maintenance at an annual salary of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) 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

(237-05-2023)

RESOLVED, To employ Madison Tutone of Lake Grove, New York in the position of Intern in Production Control at an hourly rate of Eighteen Dollars (\$18) 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

(238-05-2023)

RESOLVED, To employ Noah Endelson of Mount Sinai, in the position of Junior Engineer in Construction Maintenance at an annual salary of Sixty-Six Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$66,500) effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(239-05-2023)

RESOLVED, To approve the return of Electra Bennett to employment in the position of Cellular Program Assistant at an annual salary of Sixty-Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars and 35/100 (\$64,747.35).

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

RESOLVED, To approve the Legal department to move forward with the proposal for the chiller investigation with Setty.

At 4:45pm, with no one wishing to make public comment confirmed by Mr. Brady, on a motion by Ms. Gordon, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Timothy Bishop, Secretary