

Regular Board Meeting
Suffolk County Water Authority
August 24, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.
4060 Sunrise Highway, Oakdale

Attendance

Present:

Members: Charles Lefkowitz, Chairman
Tim Bishop, Secretary
John M. Porchia, Member

Excused Absences: 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. Bova, Brady, Byrnes, Cecchetto, Dubois, Finello, Fuller, Jacobson, Kilcommons, Lehning, Litka, Marafino, Niebling, O'Connell, Rae, Schneider, Turcios, Wahl and Warner; and Mmes. Beedenbender, Berberich, Bonilla, Cameron, Cetta, Hannan, Mancuso, Naccarato, Pfeuffer, Pell, Ruiz, Simson, Spaulding and Tinsley.

Ron Busciolano and Mike Como from the USGS and Barbara Yatauro of Local 393 were also present.

Mr. Szabo called the meeting to order at 2:58pm. Mr. Lefkowitz noted Ms. Mercado and Ms. Gordon are both excused from today's meeting, we do have a quorum present. Chairman Lefkowitz stated that a press conference was held this morning documenting an historic moment for SCWA with the AOP systems in place and operational at Douglas Avenue well field in Northport. He noted that all these systems were engineered and designed by SCWA employees and he thanked them for their great work.

Mr. Szabo asked Mr. Fuller, Director of Strategic Initiatives, along with Ron Busciolano and Mike Como from USGS to present the details of the proposed agreement with the Authority.

Mr. Szabo asked Mr. Dubois, Director of External Affairs to present an update on grant submissions.

(359-08-2023) Mr. Lefkowitz presented the minutes of the regular board meeting of July 31, 2023, on a motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular board meeting on July 31, 2023 were approved.

Mr. Szabo presented the contracts to be considered for extensions. Items 5.1 through 5.11 were approved on consent with no resolution on a motion by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried.

(360-08-2023) RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024, Contract 7793 for furnishing of rigging and mechanical services associated with the relocation of granular activated carbon adsorption systems and other miscellaneous equipment with AALCO Transport and Storage Inc., of Farmingdale, New York.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, Contract 7803 to furnish and deliver control valves with CLA- VAL Company of Alexandria, Virginia.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, Contract 7804 to furnish and deliver laboratory sample vials and bottles with Quality Environmental Containers, Inc., of Beaver, West Virginia.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning beginning April 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, Contract 7826 for landscaping and lawn maintenance at SCWA Westhampton and Southold sites with Del Graz Enterprise dba R & R Landscaping of Sayville, New York.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024, Contract 7882 to furnish and install lime dust exhaust systems and miscellaneous appurtenances with Air Purifiers, Inc., of Rockaway, New Jersey.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, Contract 7895 for exterior pump station lighting upgrades with New York Trenchless of Aquebogue, New York.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, Contract 7900 to furnish and deliver insertion valves 4" to 12" with Carner Brothers of Roseland, New Jersey.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, Contract 7901A to furnish and deliver "no lead" brass/ bronze fittings for

underground service lines (Groups I, IV- VIII, IX and X) with Cambridge Brass of Cambridge, Ontario.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, Contract 7901C to furnish and deliver “ no lead” brass/ bronze fittings for underground service lines (Groups III) with AY McDonald Mfg., of Dubuque, Iowa.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one- year period beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, Contract 7907 to furnish and deliver wide range coupling and flanged adapter with Mueller Co., LLC of Decatur, Illinois.

RESOLVED, To extend for a one-year period beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, Contract 7913 to furnish and deliver reprinting services with Madison – Lohrius Inc., of Ronkonkoma, New York.

Mr. Szabo presented resolutions for new contracts to be considered.

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

(361-08-2023) RESOLVED, That the low bid under Contract 7978 for snow removal services at Various SCWA sites (Coram, Hauppauge, Oakdale) for a one-year period beginning September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024 submitted by Laser Industries, Inc., of Ridge, New York on a unit price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, for a total cost of Thirty-One Thousand, Three Hundred Forty Dollars (\$31,340) 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. Porchia, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(362-08-2023) RESOLVED, That the sole bid under Contract 7982 for the sale and removal of scrap meters, submitted by Suffolk Industrial Recovery Corp., dba PK Metals., of Coram, New York on a unit price basis as stipulated in the bidder's proposal and calculated on estimated quantities indicated in the contract documents, for a total estimated price of Forty-Eight Thousand, Three Hundred Dollars (\$48,300) 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 Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried, it was

(363-08-2023) RESOLVED, To table for consideration Contract 7988 for painting, minor maintenance and repairs of elevated tanks, standpipes, reservoirs and pressure vessels during the one-year period beginning September 1, 2023.

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

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

(364-08-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the extension of Contract 1521 for automated vehicle location and monitoring system (ALVM) for a three-month period beginning October 1, 2023 with IntelliShift (formerly Vehicle Tracking Solutions, LLC) of Commack New York 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 a motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop and unanimously carried, it was

(365-08-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the extension of RFP 1562 for insurance agent/ broker services employee benefits and insurance with Brown and Brown of Garden City, New York for a one-year period beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024; 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 a motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(366-08-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the extension of RFP 1582 for a customer satisfaction survey with Probolsky Research for a one-year period beginning November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024; 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 a motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop and unanimously carried, it was

(367-08-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the extension of RFP 1587 for for water tank inspection services for elevated and ground water storage tanks with CorrTech of Hopkington, Massachusetts, for a one-year period beginning November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024; 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 a motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(368-08-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the extension of RFP 1588 for labor and employment counsel with Bond, Schoeneck, & King, PLLC of Syracuse, New York for a one-year period beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024; 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 a motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop and unanimously carried, it was

(369-08-2023) RESOLVED, To approve RFP 1610 for lockbox services for a three-year period beginning November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2026 with Kubra Data Transfer, Ltd., of Piscataway, New Jersey for an estimated cost of Eighty-Two Thousand, Six Hundred

Seventy-Four Dollars (\$82,674); 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 a motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(370-08-2023) RESOLVED, To enter into a five-year cooperative funding agreement between SCWA and the United States Geologic Survey (USGS) for the period beginning October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2028 in accordance with detailed information provided in the memorandum of Tyrand Fuller, Director of Strategic Initiatives dated August 16, 2023; 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 presented resolutions for consideration under equipment, materials, and software. On a motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop and unanimously carried, it was

(371-08-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the purchase of a replacement electric forklift battery to be installed in the Hauppauge Meter Shop from GB Industrial Battery, of Albany, New York for a total cost of Six Thousand, Two Hundred Twenty Two Dollars (\$6,222).

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

(372-08-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the purchase of various Power Operator parts used by the Construction Maintenance department from Mueller Co., of Decatur, Illinois for a cost of Eighteen Thousand, Six Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars and 05/100 (\$18,688.05).

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

(373-08-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the purchase of replacement infrared quartz heat lamps from Fannon Products LLC of Algonac, Michigan for a cost not to exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000).

Mr. Szabo presented a resolution related to DEC approval. On a motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, and unanimously carried, it was

(374-08-2023) RESOLVED, to construct Well No. 2 at the Halsey Manor Road well field, 3.765 acre site, located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Halsey Manor Road and the South Service Road, (not open) of the Long Island Expressway, Manorville, Town of Brookhaven; to equip the 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 resolutions related to the budget and the recommendations of the Audit Committee.

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

(375-08-2023) RESOLVED To approve the reallocation of funds to allow for beginning the Halsey Manor Road Water Main Extension Grant Project by transferring Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) from line 015 (Distribution System Improvement) to line 196 (Grant Projects); this revision will not increase the total amount of the capital budget.

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

(376-08-2023) RESOLVED, That in accordance with the recommendations of the audit committee, the following are approved:

- i) Audited Financial Statements for the year ending May 31, 2023, subject to KPMG's final review of the GASB 68 report, and that the Statements be forwarded to the Governor, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Chairman of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, the State Comptroller, the New York State Authority Budget Office, and other applicable state and local agencies;
- ii) Annual Investment Report including investment policy in draft including Audited Investment Statements for the year ending May 31, 2023, subject to KPMG's final review of the GASB 68 report, and that the Statements be forwarded to the Governor, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, Chairman of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, the State Comptroller, the New York State Authorities Budget Office, and other applicable state and local agencies; and
- iii) Annual PARIS Report, subject to KPMG's final review of the GASB 68 report, and that the Report be posted electronically to Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's website EMMA system, Electronic Market Access.

Mr. Szabo presented items to be considered related to the rates, rules and regulations of the Authority. On a motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop and unanimously carried, it was;

(377-08-2023) RESOLVED, To approve an account adjustment in the amount of Thirteen Thousand, Three Hundred Sixty Dollars and 12/100 (\$13,360.12) for the Babylon School of Beauty, for wasted water and late fees.

Mr. Szabo presented an item to be considered related to personnel and policy.

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

(378-08-2023) RESOLVED, To approve revisions to Policy 604-Workers' Compensation and Injury Reporting as deemed necessary by the DEI review committee and Human Resources staff.

Mr. Szabo presented items for consideration relating to meetings, training and seminar attendance. On a motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop and unanimously carried, it was;

(379-08-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the attendance of Jerry Tverddy, Senior Environmental Analyst, Central Pine Barrens Commission at the ArcGIS Prof: Essential Workflows from September 11 through 13, 2023, given online for an estimated cost of Two Thousand, Six Hundred Eight-five Dollars (\$2,685).

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

(380-08-2023) RESOLVED, To approve entering into an agreement with Stony Brook Center for Corporate Education to provide the Essentials for Evolving Leaders Training for eighteen (18) SCWA managers and supervisors during a two-day course for an estimated total cost of Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars (\$8,900).

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

(381-08-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the renewal of the annual membership for the Office of Emergency Management for the Water Information Sharing and Analysis Center (Water ISAC) in the amount of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500).

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

(382-08-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the attendance of Donna Mancuso, Deputy CEO for Administration at the AWWA/ WEF Utility Management Conference for 2024 held February 13-16, 2024 in Portland, Oregon, for an estimated cost of One Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars (\$1,800).

Mr. Szabo presented an invoice for an emergency repair. On a motion made by Mr. Porchia, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop and unanimously carried, it was;

(383-08-2023) RESOLVED, To approve payment for services provided by John Iacono Inc. of Bohemia, New York, for the emergency repair and maintenance of the Atlas Copco Air Compressor in the Laboratory for a total cost of Six Thousand, Eight Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$6,813).

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

(384-08-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the following invoices be paid from the Operating Fund:

Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC	\$2,837.50
Dvirka & Bartilucci	\$22,009.00
Sobel, Pevzner LLC	\$11,635.84
Helsin, Rothenberg, Farley & Mesiti	\$970.00

The next meeting of the board members was scheduled for September 28, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. A Governance Committee meeting will also be held on that date at 2:00 p.m. There was no new business or public comment. At 4:15 p.m, on a motion by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Mr. Porchia, it was unanimously agreed to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters and conclude the meeting at the end of executive session.

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

(385-08-2023) RESOLVED, To employ Vincent Ayala of Shirley, NY as an Intern in Communications department at an hourly rate of \$18 for the fall semester, effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(386-08-2023) RESOLVED, To employ John Velazquez of Farmingdale, NY in the position of Bilingual (Spanish) Supervisor for an annual salary of Eighty-Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$82,500) effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(387-08-2023) RESOLVED, To employ Declan Moskowitz of Ronkonkoma, NY in the position of Intern in the Communications department at an hourly rate of \$18 for the fall semester, effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(388-08-2023) RESOLVED, To approve the transfer of Ann Bailey to the position of Assistant Manager New Service in Construction Maintenance at her current annual salary.

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

(389-08-2023) RESOLVED, To employ Ethan Lau of New Hyde Park, NY in the position of Intern Programmer in Information Technology at an hourly rate of \$18 for the fall semester, effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

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

(390-08-2023) RESOLVED, To approve a salary increase for Valerie Kamm, Supervising Chemist in the Laboratory to an annual salary of Ninety- Seven Thousand Dollars (\$97,000).

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

(391-08-2023) RESOLVED, To approve a salary increase for Lauren Scanlon, Assistant Supervising Chemist in the Laboratory to an annual salary of Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000).

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

(392-08-2023) RESOLVED, To employ Ana Berroa of Brentwood, NY in the position of Organizational Development Specialist in Human Resources at an annual salary of Seventy-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$77,500) effective upon successful completion of pre-employment physical and background check.

Timothy Bishop
Secretary