

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY

HELD AT HEADQUARTERS, HIGHLAND, N.Y. ON
APRIL 15, 2010

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IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Sproat, James P., Chairman
Vecellio, Francis, Vice Chairman
Dressel, Roderick O., Commissioner
Gerentine, Richard A., Commissioner
Higgins, Roger P., Commissioner
Lashua, Vane C., Commissioner
Ramaglia, Joseph, Commissioner

Carl G. Whitbeck, Jr., Counsel

OFFICERS:

Ruggiero, Joseph, Secretary
Sewell, John R., Treasurer

Chairman Sproat called the meeting to order at 3:05 P.M. and welcomed the newest addition to the Board, Commissioner Roger P. Higgins, who comes to the Authority with vast experience in Public Service and an educational background. Chairman Sproat called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the March 18th regular meeting. On motion of Commissioner Gerentine, seconded by Vice Chairman Vecellio, the minutes of the March 18, 2010 regular meeting were adopted unanimously.

ENGINEERING AND MAINTENANCE:

1) Systemwide Maintenance Paint Purchase

Mr. Moreau indicated that the Authority advertised a maintenance paint purchase in the NYS Contract Reporter with bids due April 6th. Three bids were received with the Sherwin-Williams Paint Company providing the low bid. One supplier quoted on a product not pre-approved. Four products were listed in the specification as preapproved; no solicitation was made for unapproved products. This paint purchase will supply all facilities for the 2010 season. Engineering recommends award of this contract to supply 130 pails of waterborne acrylic paint in the amount of \$19,435.00. After a brief discussion relative to the low number of bids, Mr. Moreau suggested that this may have been a result of the rare type of paint used by the Authority. Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Ramaglia, seconded by Vice Chairman Vecellio the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-037
Resolution Date: April 15, 2010

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined that it is in the public interest to issue a purchase order to the Sherwin-Williams Company for the purchase of 130 pails of waterborne acrylic paint; and

WHEREAS, the Authority advertised this procurement opportunity in the New York State Contract Reporter and received three bids; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering Department has reviewed and approved the Sherwin-Williams Company as the low bidder; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that a purchase order be issued to the Sherwin-Williams Company for the purchase of 130 pails of waterborne acrylic paint in the amount of \$19,435.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 15th day of April 2010.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) Kingston-Ulster Airport Request

Mr. Moreau briefed the Board on a request by the Kingston-Ulster Airport which is located just north of the toll plaza of the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge. The airport has performed an obstruction analysis and requested FAA funding to mitigate the obstructions. Mr. Moreau indicated that a few tall trees located on the Authority's property create obstructions for the airport. Mr. Moreau further indicated to the Board that the Authority has cooperated with the airport in the past on some other projects and he would authorize the work if specific conditions were met to protect the Authority. No action was required by the Board.

3) Storm Water Report (MS4)

Mr. Moreau indicated to the Board that the Storm Water report will be available on line for public review this month.

4) Monthly Engineering Jobs in Progress Report

Mr. Moreau presented the Engineering Jobs in Progress Report and indicated that the painters have arrived at the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge to start the paint project on the west side of the bridge. Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Ramaglia, seconded by Commissioner Gerentine, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-038

Resolution Date: April 15, 2010

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the monthly Engineering Progress Report on Capital Project Status; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Engineering Progress Report is accepted as an instrument documenting the Board's briefing of Capital Construction activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 15th day of April 2010.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

FINANCIAL:

1) Investment Report

Mr. Sewell reviewed the Investment Transaction Report for the month of March with the Board. After a brief discussion relative to interest rates and yields slowly rising, Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Vice Chairman Vecellio, seconded by Commissioner Lashua, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-039
Resolution Date: April 15, 2010

WHEREAS, the investment control procedures for the New York State Bridge Authority provide that the Board shall review and approve the report of investment transactions completed since the meeting of the Board on March 18, 2010; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the New York State Bridge Authority does hereby concur with and approve the investment report as filed with this body on this date for the purpose noted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 15th day of April 2010.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) Public Authority Cost Recovery

Public Authorities Law §2975 directs the Division of Budget (DOB) to allocate expenses for central governmental services to various public authorities including the Bridge Authority. Each year, the Authority is billed by the Division of the Treasury's Taxation and Finance Department for a portion of the \$55,000,000 which may be charged for these services. The Bridge Authority's share of this billing for the year ending March 31, 2010 is \$312,158, down \$233,842, or 43% from last year. In 2009, when the total assessment increased from \$40 million to \$55 million, the Authority's cost rose \$157,180, or 40%, from \$388,820 to \$546,000. Mr. Sewell also indicated that the DOB has not responded to questions on how the bill is calculated and which authorities are charged. After a brief discussion relative to the justification of the fee, Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Vecellio, seconded by Commissioner Ramaglia, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-040
Resolution Date: April 15, 2010

WHEREAS the Board has reviewed the report relative to the payment of public authority cost recovery charges for central government services as mandated by Public Authorities Law; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the New York State Bridge Authority does hereby approve the payment of \$312,158 to the Department of Taxation and Finance for the Bridge Authority's share of these costs for the year ending March 31, 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 15th day of April 2010.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

3) Annual Internal Control Certification

Mr. Sewell drew the Board's attention to §2931 of the Public Authorities Law which describes certain responsibilities the Board has to establish and maintain systems of internal control. Mr. Sewell indicated that the Authority satisfies substantially all the prerequisites of a fully compliant system of internal control. As required, Chairman Sproat signed the certification and there was no action required by the Board.

OPERATIONS:

1) Travel Request for IBTTA Meeting, May 23-25

Mr. Ruggiero requested from the Board authorization for Wayne Ferguson to attend the IBTTA conference scheduled for May 23-25, 2010 held in Boston. Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Vecellio, seconded by Commissioner Ramaglia the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-041
Resolution Date: April 15, 2010

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed a request for overnight, out-of-state travel to attend an IBTTA conference on The Future of Tolling: Going Mainstream Through ORT and Interoperability to be held in Boston, MA, May 23 – 25, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined the conference subject matter will provide a direct benefit to staff and executive management; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that travel authorization is granted to the Manager of Bridge Operations to attend the subject conference as a representative for the Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 15th day of April 2010.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PLANNING:

Mr. Bellucci briefed the Board on upcoming events that will impact the Authority.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

1) Toll System Lane Maintenance Contractor

Chairman Sproat requested a motion to table this item and discuss it at Attorney Client/Privilege session. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Ramaglia the Board unanimously approved going to Attorney/Client Privilege Session.

Upon returning from the Attorney/Client Privilege session Chairman Sproat asked Mr. Herd to present to the Board a brief summary of the intent of the resolution. Mr. Herd indicated to the Board that a Request For Proposal (RFP) was advertised for a Toll System Lane Maintenance Contractor, which would be responsible for maintaining the computer that sits in the “physical lane” of the toll plazas. Mr. Herd stated that 15 RFPs were sent out but only three responses were received and after scoring and weighting those responses TRMI Systems Inc. was selected. The amount of this contract is for \$8,400.00 which represents 112 hours of maintenance over the first year. Mr. Herd went on to say that this is a three-year contract with an option for two additional one-year periods. Chairman Sproat called for a motion to amend the resolution at a cost not-to-exceed \$8,400.00. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Ramaglia the following resolution was adopted unanimously as amended:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 010-042
Resolution Date: April 15, 2010

WHEREAS proposals were solicited through the New York State Contract Reporter for the contract entitled Toll System Maintenance Contractor (BA-2010-OO-008-PS) and three (3) proposals were received on April 2, 2010; and

WHEREAS the Authority’s scoring committee has selected TRMI Systems Integration for this maintenance contract based on its scoring; and

WHEREAS, this prepaid maintenance contract is identified within the 2010 Department of Information Technology Operating Budget; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that TRMI Systems Integration be awarded this prepaid maintenance contract in an amount not-to-exceed \$8,400.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take the necessary measures to implement this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 15th day of April 2010.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

REPORTS TO BOARD:

1) Monthly Activity Report of the Executive Director

The Monthly Activity Report was submitted by the Executive Director and it was indicated there were no expenditures for the month of March.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Ruggiero provided a memo to the Board indicating that he waives the privilege to free passage normally provided to Authority employees. The Authority has a provision in the labor contract that allows any privately owned passenger vehicle operated by a full time employee, or by his spouse to have free passage over any bridges under NYSBA's jurisdiction, and as policy, the Authority has extended this benefit to non-represented employees as well. Since NYSBA has provided Mr. Ruggiero with an official vehicle that includes a non-revenue E-Zpass he finds it unnecessary for the Authority to extend a non-revenue E-Zpass status to him or his spouse's personal vehicle tags, and therefore graciously declines this benefit.

Chairman Sproat called for a motion to adjourn the regular meeting if there were no further questions. On motion of Commissioner Gerentine, seconded by Commissioner Ramaglia, and approved unanimously, the regular meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

The annual meeting of the Authority is scheduled for May 20, 2010 at 3:00 P.M. at Headquarters. *The next regular meeting will be held following the annual meeting.*