

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

HELD AT HEADQUARTERS, HIGHLAND, N.Y. ON  
DECEMBER 17, 2009

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IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Sproat, James P., Chairman  
Vecellio, Francis N., Vice Chairman  
Dressel, Roderick O., Commissioner  
Gerentine, Richard A., Commissioner  
Ramaglia, Joseph, Commissioner

Carl G. Whitbeck, Jr., Counsel

OFFICERS:

Sinnott, George C., Secretary  
Sewell, John R., Treasurer

ABSENT:

Lashua, C. Vane, Commissioner

Chairman Sproat called the meeting to order at 3:20 P.M. Chairman Sproat called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of November 19, 2009. On motion of Vice Chairman Vecellio, seconded by Commissioner Ramaglia, the minutes of the regular meeting of November 19, 2009 were adopted unanimously.

ENGINEERING AND MAINTENANCE:

1) Newburgh-Beacon Bridge (North Span) Emergency Deck Repair

Mr. Moreau indicated that the cold, wet and freezing weather brought about rapid deterioration of a number of bridge deck repairs that our in-house crew completed this summer. While the patchwork held up very well, the remaining deck surrounding one of the patches failed on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. The Bridge Authority's crew responded and covered the damaged area with a steel plate to get through the weekend. Mr. Moreau further indicated that on Monday he met with representatives of I. & O. A. Slutzky, the Authority's Emergency Bridge and Highway Contractor, to organize a full depth replacement of the affected area. On Tuesday, Slutzky repaired the damaged reinforcement steel and poured the new concrete, carefully protecting the area with insulated curing blankets. Unfortunately, the Authority's contract with Slutzky is near the end of its term and has exhausted all the funds available for emergency repair work. Mr. Moreau stated even though much of the work was performed by the Authority's in-house crew there is still a need of a \$15,000 increase to the existing contract. After a brief discussion relative to the need of additional funds, Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Gerentine, seconded by Commissioner Ramaglia, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

**NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD RESOLUTION**

Resolution No.: 009-102

Resolution Date: December 17, 2009

WHEREAS, bids were solicited through the New York State Contract Reporter for the contract entitled "Systemwide Emergency Bridge and Highway Repairs" (BA2007-RE-103-CM) and one (1) bid was received on October 12, 2006, the low bidder being the firm of I. & O.A. Slutzky, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the term of this contract and the not-to-exceed fee have both been exhausted and additional emergency repairs were required to repair the deck of the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the I. & O.A. Slutzky, Inc. contract be increased in the amount of \$15,000.00 from a not-to-exceed amount of \$445,000.00, previously approved on September 18, 2008, to \$460,000.00; 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 2009.

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George C. Sinnott, Secretary

2) Systemwide Bridge and Highway Repair

Mr. Moreau indicated that the project was advertised and five (5) bids were received with I. & O.A. Slutzky, Inc. of Hunter, New York providing the lowest bid. Mr. Moreau stated that I. & O.A. Slutzky shall be on 24-hour standby in order to take action, at Mr. Moreau's discretion, to protect property and public safety by repairing portions of and preventing further degradation to Authority facilities. The repair work will be of a type that is usually associated with structural repairs to bridges, highways and other features of the Authority's facilities. Vice Chairman Vecellio requested that all bid results be included in the official minutes and they are as follows: (1) I. & O.A. Slutzky \$476,500.00, (2) Ben Ciccone, Inc. \$501,850.00, (3) Harrison & Burrowes \$509,850.00, (4) Hudson Valley Bridge Construction \$516,000.00, (5) Piasecki Steel Corporation \$519,000.00. After a brief discussion relative to the time and material used, Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Vice Chairman Vecellio, seconded by Commissioner Ramaglia, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

**NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD RESOLUTION**

Resolution No.: 009-103

Resolution Date: December 17, 2009

WHEREAS, bids were solicited through the New York State Contract Reporter for the contract entitled "Systemwide Emergency Bridge and Highway Repairs – Standby Readiness" (BA-2010-RE-101-CM) and five bids were received on December 8, 2009, the low bidder being the firm of I. & O.A. Slutzky, Inc. at a bid of \$476,500.00, and

WHEREAS, after further review of the cost proposal by the Engineering Department, it is recommended that a contract be awarded to the firm of I. & O.A. Slutzky, Inc.; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that a contract be awarded to I. & O.A. Slutzky, Inc. of Hunter, New York in the amount of \$476,500.00 pending the filing of proper certifications, and the receipt of bonding and insurance requirements; 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 2009.

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George C. Sinnott, Secretary

3) Monthly Engineering Jobs in Progress Report

Mr. Moreau presented the Engineering Jobs in Progress Report and indicated that all projects have been completed for the year. Chairman Sproat called for a motion if there were no questions. On motion of Vice Chairman Vecellio, seconded by Commissioner Dressel, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

**NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD RESOLUTION**

Resolution No.: 009-104

Resolution Date: December 17, 2009

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 2009.

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George C. Sinnott, Secretary

FINANCIAL:

1) Investment Transaction Report

Mr. Sewell reviewed the Investment Transaction Report for the month of November with the Board. After a brief discussion relative to the prevailing low interest rates, Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Ramaglia, seconded by Chairman Vecellio, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

**NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD RESOLUTION**

Resolution No.: 009-105

Resolution Date: December 17, 2009

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 November 19, 2009; 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 2009.

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George C. Sinnott, Secretary

OPERATIONS:

1) New York State Thruway E-ZPass Transaction – Third Quarter 2009

In Mr. Ferguson's absence, Mr. Herd presented to the Board the New York State Thruway E-ZPass Transaction invoice for the third quarter of 2009. Mr. Ferguson and the manager of toll systems reviewed the invoice for Bridge Authority E-ZPass expenses for the period July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009 and found them to be true and accurate and, as such, recommended that the invoice be paid in the amount of \$734,321.24. Chairman Sproat called for a motion to authorize payment of this invoice. On motion of Commissioner Gerentine, seconded by Commissioner Ramaglia, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

**NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD RESOLUTION**

Resolution No.: 009-106

Resolution Date: December 17, 2009

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the report relative to the payment to the New York State Thruway Authority for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2009 Bridge Authority E-ZPass costs in the amount of \$734,321.24; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this payment is hereby approved at a cost not to exceed \$734,321.24; 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 2009.

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George C. Sinnott, Secretary

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PLANNING:

Mr. Bellucci made available a report to the Board of events which represents the Authority's involvement. No action was required by the Board.

REPORTS TO BOARD:

1) Monthly Activity Report of the Executive Director

The Monthly Activity Report was submitted by the Executive Director. Mr. Sinnott indicated there were no expenditures for the month of November.

General Counsel Whitbeck informed the Board of legislation, recently signed by the Governor, which contains new requirements for all public authorities and indicated he would apprise the Board more fully of its implications at the January meeting.

This concluded the agenda of the regular meeting. On motion of Commissioner Ramaglia, seconded by Vice Chairman Vecellio, and approved unanimously, the regular meeting adjourned at 3:35P.M.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2010 at 3:00 P.M. at Headquarters.