

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

HELD AT HEADQUARTERS, HIGHLAND, N.Y. ON
July 21, 2015

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IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Gerentine, Richard A., Chairman
Ramaglia, Joseph, Vice Chairman
Higgins, Roger P., Commissioner
Lashua, C. Vane, Commissioner

OFFICERS:

Ruggiero, Joseph, Secretary
Bushek, Brian, Treasurer
Whitbeck, Carl G., Counsel

ABSENT:

Dressel, Roderick O., Commissioner

Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 18, 2015 Regular meeting. On motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Lashua, the minutes of the June 18, 2015 Regular meeting were adopted unanimously. Chairman Gerentine asked for a motion to adopt the amended agenda. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Lashua the amended agenda was approved unanimously:

ENGINEERING:1) MHB Roof Rehab – Bridge Office & Old Administration Building

Mr. Wright informed the Board that part of the 2015 Capital Program included replacing the existing roof of the MHB Administration Building. A preliminary study has been performed and construction costs have been estimated which are within Engineering's capital budget. A proposal has been received from Modjeski and Masters to perform the design for the new roof and front door at the MHB Administration Building for a not-to-exceed cost of \$63,000. In addition, the same preliminary study recommended replacing the roof of the Old Administration Building at the east end of the bridge. A proposal was received from Modjeski and Masters to perform the design for the new roof at the MHB Old Administration Building for a not-to-exceed cost of \$28,000. The Authority's General Consultant agreement with M&M includes a budget for design assignments such as this and no new funding is required. The Authority's past practice has been to inform the Board of any significant assignments designated under this contract. No action is required by the Board.

2) BA-2014-RE-105-CM – MHB Anchorage Dehumidification

Mr. Wright informed the Board that the Authority solicited bids for the upcoming anchorage dehumidification project at the Mid-Hudson Bridge through an advertisement in the NYS Contract Reporter. Seven (7) firms requested the bid documents with only two (2) submitting bids: Kiewit Infrastructure: \$749,000.00, I & O.A. Slutzky, Inc.: \$517,000.00. At this time Mr. Wright would like to reject the bids as the low bid was more than 10% higher than the Engineer's estimate, and rebid this project at a later date with the hope that the Authority receives a higher number of bidders. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Ramaglia, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 015-076

Resolution Date: July 21, 2015

WHEREAS, bids were solicited through the New York State Contract Reporter for the contract entitled Mid-Hudson Bridge "Anchorage Dehumidification" as (BA2014-RE-105-CM) and two (2) bids were received on July 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, after review of the apparent low bid by the Engineering Department, it was determined that the low bid was more than 10% higher than the Engineer's Estimate; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Authority reject all bids received; 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 21st day of July, 2015.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

3) Walkway Over the Hudson Railing Rehabilitation Project – Scope of Work

Mr. Wright reported that in April of this year, the Board approved the 5-year Programmatic Agreement with the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to allow for NYSBA to provide Parks with the Authority's expertise regarding the preservation of the WOTH bridge deck and the regular maintenance it requires. This agreement provides for basic work and engineering review and requires that Parks agree to reimburse NYSBA for any monetary outlays for engineering or other work that is not NYSBA's responsibility. Under the agreement, any work assignments over \$50,000 require Board approval of the Scope of Work and Engineer's Estimate. The first Project Work Assignment under this agreement will be the removal, rehabilitation and re-installation of the existing railing and fence. Mr. Wright requested the Board authorize the Executive Director to execute the Scope of Work so that we can proceed to bids and the award of a contract at a later date. Any contract awarded by the Authority will be entirely within the funds made available by the NYS OPRHP and will require separate Board approval. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Lashua, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 015-077

Resolution Date: July 21, 2015

WHEREAS, in April 2015 the Authority Board authorized the execution of the Programmatic Agreement with NYS OPRHP (Parks) to allow for NYSBA's continued bridge deck expertise and engineering review of the Walkway Over the Hudson (WOTH); and

WHEREAS, said agreement requires Parks to reimburse NYSBA for any monetary expenditures which are not NYSBA's responsibility; and

WHEREAS, said agreement also requires that any work assignment in excess of \$50,000.00 requires Board approval of the Scope of Work and Engineer's Estimate; and

WHEREAS, Project Work Assignment #1 under this agreement will be the removal rehabilitation and re-installation of the existing railing and fence at the WOTH; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Director, or his designee, be authorized to execute the Scope of Work so that the project may proceed to bid and award of a contract at a later date; 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 21st day of July 2015.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

4) Second Quarter 2015 Traffic Accident Summary

Mr. Wright presented to the Board the second quarter Traffic Accident Summary Report. Mr. Wright indicated that all of the accidents in the current report have been reviewed by him and the Manager of Maintenance to determine if something could be done to possibly prevent similar accidents from happening in the future. All of the accidents were believed to be from driver error, driving too fast for weather conditions, not paying attention or distracted driving. One accident required further investigation regarding an over height truck impact on Rinaldi Blvd. There was no significant damage to Authority property. Additional warning signage will be considered. No action was required by the Board.

5) Jobs in Progress Monthly Report

Mr. Wright advised the Board regarding the Engineering Jobs in Progress Report for the month of June. Mr. Wright mentioned that the north two lanes of the Newburgh-Beacon bridge deck panels have been installed. Overlay of the north two lanes will start July 27th through the first week of August. Traffic is expected to be switched to the two right lanes by mid-August. The entire bridge may be open by the end of October. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Lashua, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 015-078

Resolution Date: July 21, 2015

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

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 21st day of July 2015.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

FINANCIAL:1) Investment Transaction Report

Mr. Bushek reviewed the Investment Report for the month of June noting three investments for the month. Mr. Bushek mentioned an increase in market yields. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Ramaglia, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 015-079Resolution Date: July 21, 2015

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 June 18, 2015; 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 21st day of July 2015.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) Insurance Placements

Mr. Bushek reported that in May 2015 the Authority advertised contracts for several insurance policies in the NYS Contract Register. The Authority also sent notifications to MWBE vendors as part of its efforts to increase MWBE participation. The RFP specified one-year coverage periods beginning August 1st. The right is reserved by the Authority to renew policies for four additional one year periods if the carrier offered timely renewal at substantially the same terms, conditions and rates subject to modification for actual loss experience. The Authority received proposals on June 30, 2015 and after evaluation Mr. Bushek recommended the following: Business Automobile Insurance through Salerno Brokerage is also the Authority's current broker. Along with the current carrier, HDI Gerling, has proposed a total premium of \$68,255, or a \$2,444 (3.5%) reduction due in part to a reduced vehicle fleet. Commercial Package through Associates of Glens Falls is also the Authority's current broker. Along with the current carrier, Harleysville Insurance Companies, has proposed a premium of \$29,842. This is \$62 less than the expiring premium despite a 2% increase in appraised values for buildings. Police Professional through Risk Strategies is also the Authority's current broker. Along with the current carrier, Darwin National Assurance Co., has proposed a total premium of \$4,641, or a 0.2% increase over the expiring premium. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Ramaglia, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 015-080

Resolution Date: July 21, 2015

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the report relative to the August 1, 2015 purchase of insurance policies covering business automobile, commercial package, and police professional liability; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the award of the contracts for the purchase of these insurances is hereby approved at the following not to exceed costs:

\$68,255 for one year, subject to audit, for Contract BA2015-OA001-IN Business Automobile with HDI Gerling America Insurance Company through Salerno Brokerage;

\$29,842 for one year, subject to audit, for Contract BA2015-OA002-IN Commercial Package with the Harleysville Insurance Company through Associates of Glens Falls Inc.;

\$4,641 for one year, subject to audit, for Contract BA2015-OA003-IN Police Professional Liability with Darwin National Assurance Co. through Risk Strategies, Inc.; 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 21st day of July 2015.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

3) Accident Review Committee Report – Second Quarter

Mr. Bushek reported there were 85 accidents on Authority facilities in the second quarter of 2015 compared with 58 the previous year. No obvious pattern was discernable from the increase in accidents which were spread over four facilities. No action was required by the Board.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

1) Contract for Occupational Health Services (Workplace) for 2015-2016

Ms. Hritz-Seifts presented a resolution for the Board's consideration to award the contract to The WorkPlace for a period of one year, with an understanding that allows both parties to extend the agreement for two (2) additional one-year renewal periods. Ms. Hritz-Seifts recommended that the Board of Commissioners consider the authorization of expenditures to The WorkPlace for this period, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00, so that the Authority may continue to provide these services for the health, safety and welfare of NYSBA's employees. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Ramaglia, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 015-081

Resolution Date: July 21, 2015

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners approved that Contract #BA-2014-OA-001-PS be awarded to The WorkPlace for the period beginning May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015, with an understanding that allows both parties to extend the agreement for three (3) additional one-year renewal periods for an amount not-to-exceed \$35,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, the contract for service agreement between The WorkPlace and NYSBA for occupational health services expired on April 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has recognized the need to increase the not-to-exceed amount of the contract to \$40,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has now received the renewal of this agreement from The WorkPlace for the period beginning May 1, 2015 through April 20, 2016; therefore,

BE IT 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 21st day of July, 2015.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

REPORTS TO BOARD:1) Monthly Activity Report of the Executive Director

The Monthly Activity Report was submitted by Executive Director Joseph Ruggiero noting no expenditures.

2) June 2015 Traffic and Revenue Analysis

Mr. Ruggiero noted for the month of May traffic increased 2.04% and revenue increased 2.56%. No action was required by the Board.

3) June 2015 E-ZPass Sales Analysis

Mr. Ruggiero indicated that year-to-date 2015 tag sales were 2,731, compared to 4,070 sold year-to-date 2014. No action was required by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:1) Fiber Optic Lease Agreement – BMB - Lighttower

Mr. Bellucci indicated to the Board that the Authority has negotiated a new fiber optic lease with Lighttower Fiber Networks for 60 excess dark fibers over the Bear Mountain Bridge. This lease is for a 10-year period and is expected to generate total lease payments over ten years of \$266,488.83. The lease is consistent with the dark fiber leasing program and has been approved by Counsel. Renovations to the Bear Mountain Bridge Fiber plant for a total of \$27,435, previously approved by the Board, and payments to Broadband Consulting totaling \$13,324 are the only costs associated with this lease. As part of the approval process for this revenue generating leases, Mr. Bellucci requested the Board of Commissioners authorize the Executive Director to enter into this lease agreement with Lighttower Fiber Networks. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Ramaglia, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 015-082

Resolution Date: July 21, 2015

WHEREAS, leasing excess dark fiber optic strands has become a significant source of non-toll revenue for the Authority; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Authority, the Authority may execute fiber optic leases for up to ten years; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the Authority to continue to pursue appropriate non-toll revenue consistent with the Authority's mission; and

WHEREAS, Authority General Counsel has approved the lease as to form and ready to execute;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a revenue generating fiber optic lease with Lighttower Fiber Network for a period of up to ten years; and,

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 21st day of July, 2015.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) Fiber Optic Lease Agreement – BMB – FirstLight

Mr. Bellucci indicated to the Board that the Authority has negotiated a new fiber optic lease with FirstLight Fiber for 48 excess dark fibers over the Bear Mountain Bridge. This lease is for a 10-year period and is expected to generate total lease payments over ten years of \$249,692.07. The lease is consistent with the dark fiber leasing program and has been approved by Counsel. Payments to Broadband Consulting totaling \$12,484.60 are the only costs associated with this lease. As part of the approval process for these revenue generating leases, Mr. Bellucci requested the Board of Commissioners authorize the Executive Director to enter into this lease agreement. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded By Vice Chairman Ramaglia, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 015-083

Resolution Date: July 21, 2015

WHEREAS, leasing excess dark fiber optic strands has become a significant source of non-toll revenue for the Authority; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Authority, the Authority may execute fiber optic leases for up to ten years; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the Authority to continue to pursue appropriate non-toll revenue consistent with the Authority's mission; and

WHEREAS, Authority General Counsel has approved the lease as to form and ready to execute;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a revenue generating fiber optic lease with FirstLight Fiber for a period of up to ten years; and,

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 21st day of July, 2015.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

3) Schupps - Fiber Plant Improvements at the RVWB

Mr. Bellucci indicated to the Board that the fiber optic plant at the Rip Van Winkle Bridge became NYSBA property on July 5, 2015 with the expiration of a crossing agreement by Lightower Network (formerly Hudson Valley Data Net). The existing fiber plant requires several upgrades to conform with NYSBA's Dark Fiber program as well as for future leasing opportunities. The plan is to install fiber splicing cabinets at appropriate locations on either side of the Hudson River to facilitate future leases. The planned work will also provide the Authority with verifiable control over the fiber plant, make minor adjustments to cables and conduits and test all dark fiber for signal quality. The scope of work necessary was developed in a series of meetings with the Authority's engineering and maintenance management and our fiber optic consultant. The Authority's fiber optic contractor, Schupp's Line Construction, has provided a detailed quote for the work in the amount of \$23,930.00. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Ramaglia, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 015-084

Resolution Date: July 21, 2015

WHEREAS the New York State Bridge Authority took possession of the fiber optic plant at the Rip Van Winkle Bridge on July 5, 2015 with the expiration of a crossing agreement by Lightower Network (formerly Hudson Valley Data Net); and,

WHEREAS, the Authority desires to make certain improvements to the plant, install splice cabinets for leasing opportunities and test all dark fiber for signal quality; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority authorizes the Authority's Fiber Optic Contractor, Schupp's Line Construction to undertake such work as detailed in their proposal attached to this resolution for an amount of \$23,930.00; 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 21st day of July, 2015.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

4) Fiber Optic Lease Agreement – RVWB - Lighttower

Mr. Bellucci indicated to the Board that the Authority has negotiated a new fiber optic lease with Lighttower Fiber Networks for 48 excess dark fibers over the Rip Van Winkle Bridge. This lease is for a 10-year period and is expected to generate total lease payments over ten years of \$417,381.47. The lease is consistent with the dark fiber leasing program and has been approved by Counsel. Renovations to the Rip Van Winkle Bridge Fiber plant for a total of \$23,930 will be considered by the Board in a separate resolution, and payments to Broadband Consulting totaling \$20,869 are the only costs associated with this lease. As part of the approval process for these revenue generating leases, Mr. Bellucci requested the Board of Commissioners authorize the Executive Director to enter into this lease agreement with Lighttower Fiber Networks. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Ramaglia, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 015-085

Resolution Date: July 21, 2015

WHEREAS, leasing excess dark fiber optic strands has become a significant source of non-toll revenue for the Authority; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Authority, the Authority may execute fiber optic leases for up to ten years; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the Authority to continue to pursue appropriate non-toll revenue consistent with the Authority's mission; and

WHEREAS, Authority General Counsel has approved the lease as to form and ready to execute;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a revenue generating fiber optic lease with Lighttower Fiber Network for a fiber lease at the Rip Van Winkle Bridge for a period of up to ten years; and,

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 21st day of July, 2015.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

This concluded the regular meeting. Chairman Gerentine asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Ramaglia, and approved unanimously, the regular meeting adjourned at 2:27 P.M.

The next regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2015 at 3:00 P.M. at Headquarters.