

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

HELD AT HEADQUARTERS, HIGHLAND, N.Y. ON
MAY 15, 2008

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IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Sproat, James P., Chairman
Dressel, Roderick O., Vice Chairman
Carter, Robert P., Commissioner
Gerentine, Richard A., Commissioner
Paradies, Walter A., Commissioner
Teator, David A., Commissioner

Carl G. Whitbeck, Jr., Counsel

OFFICERS:

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

Absent:

Madison, Thomas J., Commissioner
Bresnan, James J., Assistant Secretary

Chairman Sproat called the meeting to order at 3:05P.M. and welcomed all to the May meeting introducing Board Members, General Counsel and Executive Staff. Chairman Sproat stated that the first order of business was to approve the minutes of the Authority's April 17, 2008 regular meeting if there were no comments or questions. On motion of Vice Chairman Dressel, seconded by Commissioner Gerentine, the minutes of the April 17, 2008 regular meeting were adopted unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION:

1) PeopleSoft/Oracle Business Software Maintenance Agreement Renewal

Mr. Russo stated that a software product called OneWorld has been used by the Authority for its business applications since the early 1990s. Generally, the cost of maintenance for this software has fluctuated from a high of almost \$13,000 for the 1996 agreement to a low of \$7,465 for the years 1998, 1999 and 2000. Since 2007, the amount has been above the threshold requiring Board notification and approval. The next renewal of this maintenance agreement will be for the amount of \$10,429.45 for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, representing a 3% increase over the previous year and includes all software updates, response line telephone and online support services as needed. Chairman Sproat called for a motion if there were no questions or comments. On motion of Commissioner Gerentine, seconded by Vice Chairman Dressel, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 008-046

Resolution Date: May 15, 2008

WHEREAS the New York State Bridge Authority desires to adequately maintain the current Oracle/PeopleSoft business software package used for processing payroll, accounts payable and other business processes including problem resolution and normal software updates; and

WHEREAS, the Authority recognizes that Oracle USA, Inc. is a sole source for this service; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that an agreement be renewed with Oracle USA, Inc. in the amount of \$10,429.45 for software maintenance support and updates for the one year period ending June 30, 2009; 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 May, 2008.

George C. Sinnott, Secretary

2) Interagency Group Meeting - June (Delaware)

Mr. Russo stated that the IAG Executive Committee has scheduled its next regular bi-monthly meeting together with an Executive Management Seminar as a two-day session June 12-13, 2008 in Delaware. In addition to its regular agenda, the Committee plans to discuss a draft business plan to chart the future direction of the organization. Other agenda items include the future of cashless tolling and inter-operability issues around the country. Accordingly, Mr. Russo requested approval for Barry Mickle and him to attend as the Authority's Policy and Executive Committee members. Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Paradies, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 008-047
Resolution Date: May 15, 2008

WHEREAS, the Board has received and reviewed a request for overnight, out-of-state travel to attend a special Interagency Group (IAG) Executive Management Seminar being held in Wilmington, DE on June 12th and June 13th; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that authorization is granted to Bob Russo and Barry Mickle as the Authority's IAG Executive and Policy Committee members, respectively, to attend the identified meeting as the representatives 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 May 2008.

George C. Sinnott, Secretary

ENGINEERING AND MAINTENANCE:

1) Agreement with NYSDOT for Mid-Hudson Bridge (MHB) Cable Research Project Reimbursement

Last month the Board authorized Modjeski & Masters (M&M) and Bridge Technology Consulting (BTC) to conduct the next phase of the MHB cable investigation. While M&M performs the in depth cable inspection, a research component will be performed by BTC. This research will be reimbursed by NYSDOT and to enable this reimbursement the Authority must enter into an agreement. General Counsel, Carl Whitbeck, has reviewed this agreement and found it to be in the best interest of both parties and recommended the Board's approval. After a brief discussion relative to the legal language of the agreement and the timing of the reimbursement amount, Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Paradies, seconded by Commissioner Teator, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 008-048
Resolution Date: May 15, 2008

WHEREAS, that the Board of the New York State Bridge Authority (NYSBA) does hereby agree to enter into a contract with the State of New York, acting through the New York State Department of Transportation to conduct the transportation planning study described in the contract and schedules of NYSDOT/Local Agreement PIN No. R021.4.881 and to receive federal funding; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the New York State Bridge Authority (NYSBA) does hereby authorize and direct George C. Sinnott, Executive Director, to execute said contract(s) and any supplements and/or amendment(s) thereto and to review and approve reimbursement claims in furtherance thereof, all on behalf of NYSBA's Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NYSBA's Board does hereby authorize the expenditure by NYSBA the required \$795,500.00 as described in the contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 15th day of May 2008.

George C. Sinnott, Secretary

2) NovaChip and Deck Repairs

Mr. Moreau stated that this project consists of the placement of a specialty “NovaChip” (asphalt modified wearing surface) for the Rip Van Winkle and Bear Mountain bridges. The work at the Mid-Hudson Bridge includes the removal and replacement of 100 feet of deteriorated roadway pavement for the on-ramp to the bridge and various pavement repairs to the Rt. 9 south ramp. Work at the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge involves concrete deck repairs. The majority of contract activities will be performed at night to minimize traffic impacts. Mr. Moreau asked that the Board approve a contract to I. & O.A. Slutzky, Inc. at an amount not-to-exceed \$1,877,597.30. After a brief discussion relative to the durability of the NovaChip product, Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Teator, seconded by Commissioner Carter, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 008-049
Resolution Date: May 15, 2008

WHEREAS, bids were solicited through the New York State Contract Reporter for the contract entitled Rip Van Winkle, Mid-Hudson, Newburgh-Beacon and Bear Mountain Bridges “NovaChip Overlay and Deck Repairs” (BA2007-RE-108-CM) and two (2) bids were received on May 7, 2008; the low bidder being the firm of I. & O.A. Slutzky, Inc. at a bid of \$1,877,597.30; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby determined that such project constitutes a Type II Action as defined under the State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617, which has been determined under such regulations not to have a significant negative impact on the environment; now therefore

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 not-to-exceed \$1,877,597.30 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 15th day of May 2008.

George C. Sinnott, Secretary

3) Rip Rap and Pier Base Repairs, Award

Mr. Moreau stated this project was advertised and four (4) bids were received with Parrott Enterprises, Inc. of Newburgh, NY providing the lowest bid. The project consists of the placement of approximately 500 tons of rip-rap for scour protection at selected piers of the Rip Van Winkle and Kingston-Rhinecliff bridges. Pier base re-pointing of the granite masonry within the tidal zone at the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge will be performed as well. Mr. Moreau stated that based on the information provided by the low bidder, he would like to recommend awarding a contract to them at a cost not-to-exceed \$478,600.00. After a brief discussion relative to the description of rip-rap, erosion issues at the base of the piers and the process of placing the rip-rap, Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Carter, seconded by Vice Chairman Dressel, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 008-050
Resolution Date: May 15, 2008

WHEREAS, bids were solicited through the New York State Contract Reporter for the contract entitled Rip Van Winkle, Kingston-Rhinecliff and Newburgh-Beacon Bridges "Rip Rap and Pier Base Repairs" (BA2008-RE-103-CM) and four bids were received on May 7, 2008; the low bidder being the firm of Parrot Enterprises, Inc. at a bid of \$478,600.00; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby determined that such project constitutes a Type II Action as defined under the State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617, which has been determined under such regulations not to have a significant negative impact on the environment; now therefore

WHEREAS, after further review of the cost proposal by the Engineering Department, it is recommended that a contract be awarded to the firm of Parrott Enterprises, Inc.; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that a contract be awarded to Parrott Enterprises, Inc. of Newburgh, New York in the amount not-to-exceed \$478,600.00 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 15th day of May 2008.

George C. Sinnott, Secretary

4) Miscellaneous Excavation and Rock Scaling, Award

Mr. Moreau stated the project was advertised and three (3) bids were received with Ben Ciccone, Inc. of Poughkeepsie, NY providing the lowest bid. This project consists of the removal of potentially loose rock along the face of the Mid-Hudson west approach rock cut. Also, the contractor shall be available with equipment and an operator for excavation and drainage work as directed by the Authority to protect property and public safety. Mr. Moreau stated based on the information provided by the low bidder, he would like to recommend awarding a contract to Ben Ciccone, Inc. at an amount not-to-exceed \$132,000.00. After a brief discussion relative to safety issues relative to falling rock, Chairman Sproat called for a motion if there were no questions. On motion of Commissioner Paradies, seconded by Vice Chairman Dressel, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 008-051
Resolution Date: May 15, 2008

WHEREAS, bids were solicited through the New York State Contract Reporter for the contract entitled Systemwide "Miscellaneous Excavation and Rock Scaling" (BA2008-RE-104-CM) and three (3) bids were received on April 30, 2008; the low bidder being the firm of Ben Ciccone, Inc. at a bid of \$132,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby determined that such project constitutes a Type II Action as defined under the State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617, which has been determined under such regulations not to have a significant negative impact on the environment; now therefore

WHEREAS, after further review of the cost proposal by the Engineering Department, it is recommended that a contract be awarded to the firm of Ben Ciccone, Inc.; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that a contract be awarded to Ben Ciccone, Inc. of Poughkeepsie, New York in the amount not-to-exceed \$132,000.00 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 15th day of May 2008.

George C. Sinnott, Secretary

5) Systemwide Maintenance Paint Purchase

The Authority advertised for the summer maintenance paint purchase and seven (7) bids were received with Thortex America, Inc. of Collegeville, PA providing the low bid. This paint will supply all the facilities for the 2008 season. Mr. Moreau stated that based on the information provided by the low bidder, he would like to recommend awarding a contract to supply 185 pails of waterborne acrylic paint in the amount of \$35,150.00 to Thortex. Mr. Moreau noted the Authority's engineer's estimate was \$50,000.00, which indicated the Authority received a fair and competitive price. Mr. Moreau further stated that the work would be performed in-house. Commissioner Carter inquired as to what parts of the structures would be painted and Commissioner Paradies asked about the pre-approved qualifications the bidders presented. After a brief discussion relative to the cost savings and the product, Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Paradies, seconded by Commissioner Carter, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 008-052
Resolution Date: May 15, 2008

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined that it is in the public interest to issue a purchase order to Thortex America, Inc., of Collegeville, PA for the purchase of 185 pails of waterborne acrylic paint; and

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

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering Department has reviewed and approved Thortex America, Inc. as the low bidder; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that a purchase order be issued to Thortex America, Inc. for the purchase of 185 pails of waterborne acrylic paint, in the amount of \$35,150.00; 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 May 2008.

George C. Sinnott, Secretary

6) Systemwide In-house 2008 Capital Projects

Engineering completed its review of the year's annual inspections and needs assessment for the maintenance program and the following list was developed to identify projects that can be accomplished in-house:

<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
BA2008-RE-101CM.2	MHB Training Center Access and Parking	\$20,000	\$40,000
BA2008-RE-101CM.3	MHB Old Administration Weatherization	\$ 10,000	\$40,000
BA2008-RE-101CM.4	NBB Exterior Paint Barn Repairs	\$ 15,000	\$60,000
BA2008-RE-101CM.5	NBB N. Span Overlay Repairs	\$ 10,000	\$35,000
BA2008-RE-101CM.6	MHB Traveler Upgrade and Repairs	\$ 20,000	\$55,000
BA2008-RE-101CM.7	NBB N. Span Modular Joint Repairs	\$ 25,000	\$75,000
BA2008-RE-101CM.8	SYS Plug Joint Repairs	\$ 20,000	\$65,000

All purchases under these approved budgets will be made in accordance with standard Authority procurement procedures. After a discussion relative to cost savings over the years, Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Gerentine, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 008-053
Resolution Date: May 15, 2008

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined that it is in the public interest to authorize the seven in house capital projects listed in the May 5th memo from the Engineering Department; and

WHEREAS, the Authority continues to invest in cost saving measures utilizing our in house maintenance skills wherever practical; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering Department has reviewed the estimated budget costs for the work and estimates \$250,000.00 in savings with this program; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Board authorizes the 2008 In House Capital Projects in the amount of \$120,000.00; 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 15th day of May 2008.

George C. Sinnott, Secretary

7) Monthly Jobs in Progress Report

Mr. Moreau stated that all projects were on schedule as planned. Chairman Sproat indicated that in reviewing the amount of work overall, it appeared that 2008 would be a relatively light year. Mr. Moreau stated that the economy played a part in the schedule. After a brief discussion regarding projects at the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge, Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Vice Chairman Dressel, seconded by Commissioner Paradies, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 008-054

Resolution Date: May 15, 2008

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 May 2008.

George C. Sinnott, Secretary

FINANCIAL:

1) Investment Report

Mr. Sewell reviewed with the Board the Investment Report for the month of April. On motion of Vice Chairman Dressel, seconded by Chairman Sproat, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 008-055

Resolution Date: May 15, 2008

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 April 17, 2008; 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 15^h day of May 2008.

George C. Sinnott, Secretary

2) Insurance Renewals – August 1, 2008

- General and Excess Liability Policy Renewals August 1, 2008

Mr. Sewell gave a brief overview to the Board of the history and proposed recommendation to renew the subject policies as follows: Last year, at this time, the Authority, instead of providing for a Request for Proposals (RFP), extended these policies for one year due to the fact that AIG, the general liability insurer, had set up a \$600,000 reserve for the \$16.5 million Feldman claim which was coming to trial. It was felt that this would certainly have an adverse effect on the pricing from any new companies proposing this insurance. We are now in a similar situation in that AIG will pay out almost \$700,000 on the Feldman claim which will be a part of our loss experience record included in any RFP process. Despite the adverse claim, both the general and excess liability companies are again willing to reduce their premiums by 5%. They have also offered two year renewals, although the excess policy company cannot commit to the second year until January 2009. It was thought that going through a RFP process could cost the Authority considerably more in premiums than what these companies are now offering. If they are asked to go through a proposal process, we would likely receive a quote from them, but at a higher premium than they are offering us today. It is unlikely any other carriers would offer lower pricing. This doubt stems from the recent loss experience and the fact that the proposal process, in 2004, included 14 brokers and agents, but ultimately, only three proposals for the General Liability and two for the Excess Liability were received. The current companies were \$38,000 on the general liability, and \$149,000 on the excess liability, below the next lowest proposers. Both companies then lowered their price by 5% in 2005, kept the same pricing in 2006, and again dropped their cost by 5% in 2007. If their proposal is accepted the pricing from 2003/2004 would be as follows:

Insurance	2003/2004	RFP Process 2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	Proposed 2008/2009	Proposed 2009/2010
General Liability	\$222,440	161,045	152,846	152,846	145,204	137,944	137,944
Excess Liability	\$210,600	159,902	151,808	151,808	144,218	137,007	137,007

Additionally, we asked William Dobson, the Authority’s broker at Risk Strategies Inc. on these policies, to articulate his and the companies’ feelings on these renewals. Mr. Sewell provided the Board with Mr. Dobson’s comments. Over the last several years, the market for insurance has been softening. However, these are two of the largest companies in the business and, given our loss experience, we would be unlikely to find a better price. After speaking with General Counsel, Carl Whitbeck, and drawing on Commissioner Carter’s expertise in this area, we believe there is a compelling reason to renew these policies as offered. Commissioner Carter agreed with Mr. Sewell’s approach. After a brief discussion, Chairman Sproat called for a motion based on the information presented. On motion of Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Paradies, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 008-056
Resolution Date: May 15, 2008

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the report relative to the August 1, 2008 renewal purchase of insurance policies covering general liability and excess liability; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the purchase of these insurances is hereby approved for a period of two years at or below the following costs:

\$137,944, subject to audit, for General Liability with the Lexington Insurance Company through Risk Strategies Inc.; and

\$137,007 for Excess Liability with the Arch Specialty Insurance Company 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 15th day of May 2008.

George C. Sinnott, Secretary

Business Automobile and Commercial Package Insurance Renewals

Mr. Sewell briefly discussed the following with the Board: Last year, the Authority awarded contracts for the subject insurances for one year periods beginning August 1, 2007. At that time, both insurance companies, Praetorian on the automobile and Harleysville on the package, were new to each policy and had provided us with significant premium reductions below the expiring policies. Praetorian dropped the auto premium from \$96,134 to \$64,534 while Harleysville lowered the commercial package, covering buildings and contents, from \$48,300 to \$29,981. On August 8, 2007, the Authority suffered a fire at the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge from which we recovered \$583,000 from Praetorian for five destroyed vehicles and, to date, \$379,000 from Harleysville for building and contents. In the Request for Proposals (RFP), the Authority reserved the right to renew these policies for two 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. Both companies proposed relatively small increases over last year's premiums. Harleysville proposed an approximate 10%, or \$3,000, increase in premium, while Praetorian expected to offer a renewal in the 10% - 15%, or \$6,500 to \$9,700, range. These are, of course, subject to our vehicle inventory and buildings and contents values. Given these increases in premiums and the companies' confidence that this was an isolated incident, Mr. Sewell asked the Board to provide their verbal approval to continue to work with these companies and to come back in the near future with proposals for renewal. As a professional in the insurance industry, Commissioner Carter agreed with Mr. Sewell's recommendation. No Board action was required at this time and Mr. Sewell was instructed to proceed.

3) Accident Report – 1Q08

As head of the Accident Committee, Mr. Sewell provided the following outline to the Board. There were 46 accidents on Authority facilities in the first three months of the year, as classified by bridge. This compares with 29 in 2007 and 43 the previous year. Though this is a significant increase, the monthly average of 15 is in line with the overall 2007 average of 13 accidents. It should also be noted that, depending on weather conditions, the numbers can obviously vary from year to year during the prime winter months. Three minor incidents involved Authority vehicles or possible liability on our part. This report was for the Board's information only. No Board action was required.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

In Mr. Pizzuto's absence, Mr. Sinnott indicated there were no changes to the report this month.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:

1) NBB VMS Sign Removal

Mr. Herd stated that delivery of the new VMS signs is anticipated next month and to insure a timely change out IT would like to remove the old signs and confirm the existing hardware for reuse. As such, the Authority solicited proposals from three vendors with I. & O.A. Slutzky providing the low bid in an amount not-to-exceed \$12,220.00. After a brief discussion relative to the location of the signs, Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Paradies, seconded by Vice Chairman Dressel, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 008-057
Resolution Date: May 15, 2008

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the memorandum regarding the replacement of the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge Variable Message Signs (VMS), BA-2008-RO-003-IT; and

WHEREAS, this project is identified within the 2008 Department of Information Technology Capital Improvement Program; now therefore

WHEREAS, three price quotations were received and I. & O.A. Slutzky provided the Authority with the lowest price quote

BE IT RESOLVED that I. & O. A. Slutzky will perform this task at a not-to-exceed amount of \$12,220.00 this; 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 May, 2008.

George C. Sinnott, Secretary

2) ITS Consultant Contract – Annual Renewal

Mr. Herd stated that in May of 2004, Transdyn was awarded a contract as a consultant to assist the Authority with current and future Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Programs in both a consulting and systems integration role. Mr. Herd stated that the initial three year agreement has ended and this will be the first year of the Authority's option to renew for an additional year. Mr. Herd stated that based on Transdyn's past performance and knowledge of the system, he would like to recommend an extension of this contract for another year at no cost. Chairman Sproat called for a motion if there were no questions or comments. On motion of Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Teator, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 008-058
Resolution Date: May 15, 2008

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the memorandum for the continuation of consulting services for the System-Wide Intelligent Transportation Systems Engineering Consulting Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has established a consulting contract with Transdyn, Inc.; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that an addendum to contract BA-2004-RO-006-ES be established for an additional year of services; 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 May 2008.

George C. Sinnott, Secretary

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PLANNING:

1) Suicide Prevention Plan – Consultant’s Contract

Mr. Bellucci discussed a draft consultant agreement between the Authority and Mr. Gary Spielmann. Mr. Bellucci stated the agreement is for comprehensive professional services and that based on Mr. Spielmann’s experience and expertise would recommend to the Board to enter into an agreement with Mr. Spielmann to provide these services to the Authority. This agreement covers the period of May 15, 2008 through December 31, 2008 and is for an amount not-to-exceed \$15,000.00. After a brief discussion relative to the significant contributions made by Mr. Spielmann in piloting and working with the Authority on the Suicide Prevention Program, Chairman Sproat called for a motion. On motion of Commissioner Teator, seconded by Commissioner Paradies, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 008-059
Resolution Date: May 15, 2008

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has implemented a Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Authority seeks to continuously evaluate the impact of that plan, expand upon previous success and advocate the best practices policies developed under the Suicide Prevention Plan to its Transportation partners; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the New York State Bridge Authority will continue its Independent Contractor Agreement with Gary L. Spielmann for professional services regarding Suicide Prevention for a sum not-to-exceed \$15,000.00 during calendar year 2008; 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 May, 2008.

George C. Sinnott, Secretary

Mr. Bellucci proceeded to brief the Board on upcoming community events that involved the Authority:

- The Annual Greenway Paddle event on the Hudson (Maintenance Staff)
- The May 27th Groundbreaking Walkway Dedication. (Chairman Sproat will be a guest speaker and NYSBA staff will attend as well.)
- The Hudson River Valley regional tourism travel guide.
- The Hudson Fulton Champlain Quadricentennial Project and the Authority’s involvement.
- Letter of Recognition from the Office of the Sheriff of Ulster County commending Brad Moritt, the Authority’s Security Coordinator, for his support in organizing monthly intelligence meetings with the Coast Guard, thus opening up lines of communication among the federal, State and local resources.

REPORTS TO BOARD:

1) Monthly Activity Report of the Executive Director

The Monthly Activity Report for April was submitted by the Executive Director with no expenditures to report.

2) Toski & Schaefer 2006 Audited Financial Statements

Mr. John Rizzo of Toski & Schaefer gave an overview of the Authority's 2006 Audited Financial Statements in the various categories. There were no significant or sensitive incidents that would be of concern to the Board. Chairman Sproat thanked Mr. Rizzo and proceeded. Commissioner Carter asked Mr. Sewell if this report was submitted to the State Comptroller's Office. Mr. Sewell stated that the report went to the State Comptroller as well as the Governor and legislature committee members.

3) 2007 Internal Audit Reports

Commissioner Paradies, as Chairman of the Audit Committee, stated that the reports were reviewed and approved as presented by the Committee prior to presenting them to the Board. Commissioner Paradies referred the Board to the Authority's Internal Auditor, Barry Mickle, for questions. A brief discussion followed relative to the processes the internal auditor conducts and the various functions.

Chairman Sproat called for a motion to adjourn the regular meeting if there was no further business. On motion of Vice Chairman Dressel, seconded by Commissioner Teator, the regular meeting adjourned at 4:10 P.M.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2008 at 3:00 P.M. at Headquarters.