

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

HELD AT HEADQUARTERS, HIGHLAND, N.Y. ON
August 14, 2017

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IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Gerentine, Richard A., Chairman
Higgins, Roger P, Vice Chairman
Dressel, Roderick O., Commissioner
Jablonski, Diane, Commissioner
Stanton, J. Henry, Commissioner

OFFICERS:

Bushek, Brian, Treasurer
Whitbeck, Carl G., Counsel

ABSENT:

Ruggiero, Joseph, Secretary

Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the July 20, 2017 Regular meeting. On a motion of Vice Chairman Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Jablonski, the minutes of the July 20, 2017 Regular meeting were adopted unanimously.

ENGINEERING:1) HQ Weatherization Window Replacements – BA-2017-RE-108-AC

Mr. Wright reported to the Board that the Authority advertised in the NYS Contract Reporter for contractors to furnish and install replacement architectural sliding windows in the Authority's Headquarters building. The scope of work is to replace thirty (30) 5' wide by 6' high horizontal sliding windows and seven (7) 5' wide by 2'8" high horizontal sliding windows. The Authority received two (2) cost proposals on Friday, March 3rd and while neither bidder was a certified M/WBE, both did indicate that they would be able to meet the Authority's 30% M/WBE goal. There was no SDVOB goal set. At the March 16, 2017 Board meeting the Board of Commissioners approved issuing a purchase order to McLean B. Construction, of Ballston Lake, New York being the low bidder at \$149,975.00. Since that time, McLean B. Construction has become non-responsive to all communication and General Counsel has sent them a certified letter cancelling the purchase order. Mr. Wright recommended to award the contract to the second lowest bidder, Tristate Façade Services for \$168,000.00. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Jablonski, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 017-089

Resolution Date: August 14, 2017

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority determined it was in the public interest to replace the architectural sliding windows in the Authority's Headquarters building in kind as project BA-2017-RE-108-AC, "Headquarters Weatherization Window Replacement" and advertised for this opportunity in the New York State Contract Reporter, receiving two (2) proposals on March 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners authorized issuing a purchase order for the work to McLean B. Construction, of Ballston Lake, New York, the apparent low bidder at a not-to-exceed cost of \$149,975.00 on March 16, 2017; and

WHEREAS, since that date, McLean B. Construction has become non-responsive to all communication from the Authority and General Counsel has sent them a certified letter, dated July 14th, 2017, cancelling the purchase order; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority approve issuing a purchase order to Tristate Façade Services, of Poughkeepsie, New York, the second lowest bidder, for the furnishing and installation of thirty (30) 5' wide by 6' high horizontal sliding

windows and seven (7) 5' wide by 2'8" high horizontal sliding windows in an amount not to exceed \$168,000.00; 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 14th day of August, 2017.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) System-Wide Fuel Tank Replacement – BA-2017-RE-119-CM

Mr. Wright reported that the Authority advertised in the NYS Contract Reporter for contractors to remove and dispose of nine (9) existing fuel storage tanks, 1,000 – 3,000 gallon; install temporary fuel storage tanks as needed and furnish and install new replacement fuel storage tanks as specified by the contract drawings. The Authority received five (5) cost proposals on Thursday, August 10, 2017 with S&O Construction Services, Inc., of Pleasant Valley, NY being the apparent low bidder at \$147,953.00. The Engineer's Estimate was \$220,000.00. The Authority had placed a 30% M/WBE goal and a 6% SDVOB goal on this project, however none of the potential M/WBE firms bid the project and since the project logistics preclude an M/WBE subcontractor, the Authority has requested a waiver. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Stanton, seconded by Vice Chairman Higgins, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 017-090

Resolution Date: August 14, 2017

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined it is in the public interest to remove, dispose of and replace nine (9) existing fuel storage tanks system-wide, as specified on the contract drawings, as project BA-2017-RE-119-CM, "System-Wide Fuel Tank Replacement"; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering and Maintenance department advertised for this opportunity in the New York State Contract Reporter with bids due August 10th and received five (5) proposals; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering and Maintenance department has reviewed and approved S&O Construction Services, Inc. as the apparent low bidder; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority approve issuing a construction contract to S&O Construction Services, Inc., of Pleasant Valley, New York in an amount not to exceed \$147,953.00; 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 14th day of August, 2017.

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3) Jobs in Progress

Mr. Wright advised the Board regarding the Engineering Jobs in Progress Report for the month. Mr. Wright reported that the sidewalk replacement project at the Rip Van Winkle Bridge is on schedule. Steel repair design has begun on the Walkway Over the Hudson. Also mentioned were steel repairs on the Mid-Hudson and the Newburgh-Beacon bridges are on schedule. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dressel, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 017-091

Resolution Date: August 14, 2017

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 14th day of August 2017.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

FINANCIAL:1) Investment Transaction Report

Mr. Bushek reviewed the Investment Report for the month noting eight investments for the month. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Jablonski, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

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REPORTS TO BOARD:

- 1) Monthly Activity Report of the Executive Director
The Monthly Activity Report was submitted by Deputy Executive Director Tara Sullivan on behalf of Executive Director Joseph Ruggiero noting no expenditures.
- 2) July 2017 Traffic and Revenue Analysis
Ms. Sullivan noted for the month of July traffic increased 0.58% and revenue decreased 0.59%. No action was required by the Board.
- 3) July 2017 E-ZPass Sales Analysis
Ms. Sullivan indicated that year-to-date 2017 tag sales were 7,190, compared to 3,319 sold year-to-date 2016. No action was required by the Board.
- 4) Historic Bridges of the Hudson Valley (HBHV) Monthly Report for July 2017

Ms. Sullivan reviewed her HVHB report to the Board.

Expenditures for July 2017

Starting balance of HBHV bank account on 5/2/17: \$25,484.29

Annual NYSBA operating funding: \$77,286.00

Payroll withdrawals: \$2785.75

Quarterly payroll tax \$1607.48

Other expenditures:

Natural History Museum-archival retrieval: \$510.70

Liability insurance for officers and NYSBA: \$1219.01

Intern's travel reimbursement \$49.11

Teacher supplies: \$59.58

Annual employment insurance premium: \$120.00

Ending balance 8/4/17: \$96,418.66

Special notes:

1. There is a resolution under new business for your approval to use the RVWB park area for the first annual Skywalk Arts Festival.
2. The next HBHV meeting is scheduled for September 20th to coincide with the NYSBA monthly meeting.

Tara Sullivan's HBHV projects included:

1. Weekly meetings and reports with Kathy Burke
2. Project oversight and updates as follows

Skywalk

1. Phase three (connecting the bridge to Olana)
 - a. Columbia County Board of Supervisors did not sign their approval for the grant in this round of regional funding so we are working with Elan to utilize design funding in the Phase one and two grants to include design for the east side of the Skywalk project
2. Skywalk event—mark your calendars
 - a. Arts Festival-in partnership with an annual event that Thomas Cole House sponsors, we will have an additional “festival site” at our bridge (the park area and overlook by our bridge buildings) to launch awareness of the Skywalk and its connections. Date is September 24th.
3. Graphic artist working on a visual rendering pro bono for HBHV

Bear Mountain Bridge Museum

1. Master Teachers-second round planned for September
2. Security and clearance issues are being worked out for more ease of access for visitors
3. Bathroom has been installed downstairs for access without going into secure areas of the bridge building

Teaching the Hudson Valley

1. *Field Experience* for THV at the Bear Mountain Bridge hosted 6 STEM educators
2. *Workshop* at THV at FDR--Created a synopsis presentation of “Building Bridges to Build Community” to share with educators participating in the workshop at FDR
3. A principal from Wappingers Schools attended the workshop and is very excited to offer Bridge STEAM at her school. She (Mary) was a toll-collector at the MHB when she was young. John Brooks, at the time, was head toll collector.

MHB Museum/Anchorage Experience

1. Core Committee set up and meeting every few weeks to actively move this project forward
 - a. Goals:
 - i. Vision statement by October
 - ii. Schematic plans by November

Interpretive signs

1. RVWB-will be delivered in September
2. MHB-design is underway for end of year completion
3. KRB and NBB will start in 2018

Fundraising

1. Master Teachers Program, projected total for 2017 \$6400, \$3200 received

2. Columbia Memorial Hospital sponsorships
 - a. Interpretive signs proposal, projected total for 2017 \$15,000
 - b. Skywalk gates, projected total for 2018 TBD

Kathy Burke's additional projects include:

1. Extensive research for MHB interpretive signs underway including additional purchase of scans from the Smithsonian
2. Design started for HBHV and NYSBA brochures

NEW BUSINESS:

1) HBHV Event at RVWB – Art Festival

Ms. Sullivan reported to the Board that the Historic Bridges of the Hudson Valley (HBHV) was created to carry out the NYSBA mission ***“to maintain and operate the vehicle crossings over the Hudson River entrusted to its jurisdiction for the economic and social benefit of the people of the State of New York”*** and is now an established 501c3 not-for-profit corporation. In keeping with its complementary mission with the New York State Bridge Authority, HBHV proposes to host the first annual Skywalk Arts Festival on the grounds of the Rip Van Winkle Bridge in Catskill, New York. The Skywalk Arts Festival will celebrate the collaboration with Thomas Cole National Historic Site on the west side of the Rip Van Winkle Bridge and with Olana State Historic Site on the east side of the bridge. Together, the Skywalk will present the views immortalized by the Hudson River School, the birthplace of American art. The Skywalk Arts Festival, on the grounds of the Rip Van Winkle Bridge, will take place on Sunday, September 24, 2017 from 1PM to 4PM. Ms. Sullivan expects the Skywalk Arts Festival to become a signature event in the Hudson Valley. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Dressel, seconded by Commissioner Jablonski, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 017-093

Resolution Date: August 14, 2017

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority (hereinafter “the Authority”), by Section 528(13) of the Public Authorities Law of the State of New York, is authorized to participate in educational and marketing programs to promote and advertise the benefit of the bridges; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has a shared mission with Historic Bridges of the Hudson Valley, a 501c3 corporation supported by the Authority; and

WHEREAS, In keeping with its complimentary mission with the New York State Bridge Authority, HBHV proposes to host the first annual Skywalk Arts Festival on the grounds of the Rip Van Winkle Bridge in Catskill, New York, and

WHEREAS, the Authority seeks to expand the public consciousness of the Authority, its bridges, and the history of the contribution of the bridges to the growth of the Hudson Valley; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves and supports this important community event on Authority property as outlined in the memo from Tara Sullivan dated August 2, 2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 14th day of August 2017.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) Central Hudson Dark Fiber Agreement

Mr. Scaglione indicated to the Board that the Authority has negotiated a new fiber optic lease with Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation for 12 excess dark fibers over the Mid-Hudson Bridge. This lease is for a 10-year period and is expected to generate total lease payments over ten years of \$340,351.96. The lease is consistent with the dark fiber leasing program and has been approved by Counsel. Payments to Broadband Consulting totaling \$17,017.60 are the only costs associated with this lease. As part of the approval process for these revenue generating leases, Mr. Scaglione made a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to authorize the Executive Director to enter into this lease agreement. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dressel, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 017-094

Resolution Date: August 14, 2017

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,

NO THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority authorizes the Executive Director, with the advice and consent of Authority Counsel, to enter into a revenue generating fiber optic lease agreement with Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation for a period of ten years; 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 14th day of August, 2017.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

This concluded the regular meeting. Chairman Gerentine asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion of Vice Chairman Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved unanimously, the regular meeting adjourned at 3:17 P.M.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for September 20th at 3:00 P.M. at Headquarters.