

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

HELD AT HEADQUARTERS, HIGHLAND, N.Y. ON  
September 20, 2017

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IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Gerentine, Richard A., Chairman  
Dressel, Roderick O., Commissioner  
Jablonski, Diane, Commissioner  
Stanton, J. Henry, Commissioner

OFFICERS:

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

ABSENT:

Higgins, Roger P, Vice Chairman

Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 3:25 pm. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the August 14, 2017 Regular meeting. On a motion of Commissioner Stanton, seconded by Commissioner Dressel, the minutes of the August 14, 2017 Regular meeting were adopted unanimously.

ENGINEERING:1) Kapsch E-ZPass Equipment Maintenance 2017-2018

Mr. Wright indicated to the Board that the Kapsch TrafficCom IVHS, Inc. has been the sole source service provider for E-ZPass antennae and signal processing since the inception of E-ZPass. The rates and the contractual terms of their service agreement are negotiated by the Interagency Group (IAG) for all E-ZPass agencies. In 2010, the existing maintenance contract expired and terms of the new agreement were advertised and cost proposals received. Once again, Kapsch was chosen as the sole source provider. A new ten year maintenance service term began in 2012 and in November of that year our Board authorized the Authority to enter into a contract with Kapsch for the remaining nine (9) years under the terms and rates negotiated by the IAG. This maintenance contract provides for onsite support and monthly pro-active system conditioning, with the contract amount set at \$304,852.00. The current term of August 25, 2017-August 24, 2018 is due. Mr. Wright recommended an approval for the maintenance invoice from Kapsch for the current term in the amount of \$27,845.28. 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.: 017-095

Resolution Date: September 20, 2017

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority utilizes Kapsch TrafficCom IVHS equipment for the reading of E-ZPass tags for electronic toll processing; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined it is in the public interest to maintain this equipment through services provided by Kapsch TrafficCom IVHS and identified through the current E-ZPass ten (10) year Interagency Agreement and accepted by the Authority's Board at their November 2012 meeting; and

WHEREAS, this maintenance contract provides for onsite support and monthly pro-active system conditioning and is billed on annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has reviewed Kapsch's invoices for maintenance services for the term August 25, 2017 – August 24, 2018 in the amount of \$27,845.28 each, now therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Authority issue a purchase order to Kapsch TrafficCom IVHS in a not-to-exceed amount of \$27,845.28; 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) System-Wide Street Sweeping Services - BA-2017-OE-118-OT

Mr. Wright indicated to the Board that the Authority recently advertised in the NYS Contract Reporter for proposals for the regular sweeping of the Authority's five bridges and approaches. The Authority received three (3) cost proposals on Friday, September 1st with Custom Street Services, LLC being the apparent low bidder at \$1,056.00 per day and a total not-to-exceed cost of \$47,520.00. The owner, Debra Slizewski, is awaiting ESD-certification as a WBE. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Jablonski, seconded by Commissioner Stanton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY  
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 017-096

Resolution Date: September 20, 2017

WHEREAS, bids were solicited through the New York State Contract Reporter for the contract entitled System-Wide Street Sweeping, (BA-2017-OE-118-OT), and three (3) bids were received on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, the low bidder being Custom Street Services, LLC at a price of \$1,056.00 per day; and

WHEREAS, after a review of the bids by the Engineering department, it is recommended that a purchase order be issued to the apparent low bidder; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority approve issuing a purchase order to Custom Street Services, LLC of Hyde Park, New York at a cost not-to-exceed \$47,520.00; 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

3) System-Wide Fiber Maintenance Services- BA-2017-OO-121-IT

Mr. Wright indicated that the Authority advertised in the NYS Contract Reporter for the maintenance and repair of the fiber optic cable and conduit system on NYSBA's facilities with bids due September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Nine (9) contractors requested the proposal package with one (1) bid received from Schupp's Line Construction, Inc. This is a three (3) year contract, with the option of extending the service period for two (2) additional one (1) year periods. Schupp's, a certified WBE, has been the Authority's on-call fiber maintenance company since 2012 and our experience with them has been a positive one. Mr. Wright recommended entering into a contract with them at their hourly rates and a not-to-exceed amount of \$100,000.00 approved for payment on a time and materials basis for fiber optic repair work. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Dressel, seconded by Commissioner Jablonski, the following was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY  
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 017-097

Resolution Date: September 20, 2017

WHEREAS, bids were solicited through the New York State Contract Reporter for the contract entitled System-Wide Fiber Maintenance Services, (BA-2017-OO-121-IT), and one (1) bid was received on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the low bidder being Schupp's Line Construction, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, after a review of the bid by the Engineering department, it is recommended that Schupp's Line Construction, of Albany, New York, be awarded the Fiber Maintenance Contract award at the following rates and with a not-to-exceed cost of \$100,000.00 approved for payment on a time and materials basis; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority approve awarding the maintenance contract at a not-to-exceed cost of \$100,000.00 approved for payment with the following rates: fiber repair regular work week hours: \$254.00/man/hour, off hours: \$305.00/man/hour; trenching and backfilling regular work week hours: \$275.00/man/hour, off hours \$335.00; and maintenance and protection of traffic regular work week hours: \$162.00/man/hour, off hours: \$210.00/man/hour; 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

4) System-Wide Security Fence and Gate Installation – BA-2017-RE-120-CM

Mr. Wright reported to the Board that the Authority advertised in the NYS Contract Reporter to furnish and install security fencing and gates at designated locations throughout the Authority's facilities, as per the contract drawings, with a fully functional automatic lift-type gate to be installed at the Newburgh-Beacon facility. Bids were due September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Nine (9) contractors requested the proposal package with two (2) bids received from Central Industries and Yaboo Fence Company, Inc. Central Industries is the apparent low bidder at \$271,471.00. The Engineer's Estimate was \$301,600.00. Central Industries is a WBE. 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.: 017-098

Resolution Date: September 20, 2017

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined it is in the public interest to furnish and install security fencing and gates throughout the Authority's facilities, as specified on the contract drawings, as project BA-2017-RE-120-CM, "System-Wide Security Fence and Gate Installation"; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering and Maintenance department advertised for this opportunity in the New York State Contract Reporter with bids due September 14<sup>th</sup> and received two (2) proposals; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering and Maintenance department has reviewed and approved Central Industries, a woman-owned business, 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 Central Industries, of Yonkers, New York in an amount not to exceed \$271,471.00; 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

5) 2018-2022 Capital Plan

Mr. Wright reviewed the 2018-2022 Capital Plan with the Board taking into account all seven Hudson River crossings under the Authority's jurisdiction. 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.: 017-099

Resolution Date: September 20, 2017

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the 2018-2022 Capital Program for scope and cost; and

WHEREAS, the Authority Directors and Executive Office have prepared this plan upon recommendations from our General Consultant, Modjeski & Masters; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2018-2022 Capital Program in the amount of \$162,473,000.00 be approved; 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

6) 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 will be significantly complete by the end of November. Steel repairs and sidewalk lighting project to be complete by the end of the year. Catwalk lowering on the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge is on schedule and to be complete by the end of 2018. Mr. Wright also mentioned that the cable investigation is underway at the Bear Mountain Bridge. 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.: 017-100

Resolution Date: September 20, 2017

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the 2018-2022 Capital Program for scope and cost; and

WHEREAS, the Authority Directors and Executive Office have prepared this plan upon recommendations from our General Consultant, Modjeski & Masters; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2018-2022 Capital Program in the amount of \$162,473,000.00 be approved; 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

FINANCIAL:1) Investment Transaction Report

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

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY  
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 017-101

Resolution Date: September 20, 2017

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 August 14, 2017; now therefore and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) Operating Budget & Bridge System Net Revenues

Mr. Bushek reported to the Board that as required by §2801 of the Public Authorities Law and §7.13 of the Bond Resolution, the Authority must submit its operating budget and bridge system net revenues to certain government officials and the Trustee for the bondholders, respectively. A summary of the forecast and the explanation of the differences between the Operating Budget and Bridge System Net Revenues were discussed. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Stanton, seconded by Commissioner Jablonski, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY  
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 017-102

Resolution Date: September 20, 2017

WHEREAS, §2801 of the Public Authorities Law requires that budget information for fiscal years 2017 and 2018 shall be prepared, adopted, and forwarded in report form to the offices cited in §2801, Public Authorities Law; now therefore and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Authority hereby adopts the proposed 2017 and 2018 budgets as required under §2801; 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

The below resolution is related to resolution number 017-102. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Stanton, seconded by Commissioner Jablonski, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY  
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 017-103

Resolution Date: September 20, 2017

WHEREAS, §7.13(c) of the Bridge System Revenue Bond Resolution adopted December 19, 1996 and as amended through supplemental resolutions, requires a review of the financial condition of the New York State Bridge Authority for the purpose of estimating whether the Net Revenues less investment earnings on amounts held in the General Fund and the Construction Fund for each year and for the next succeeding year will be sufficient to provide all the payments specified in subsection (b) of §7.13; now therefore and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Authority has completed such a review and has determined the Net Revenues less investment earnings on amounts held in the General Fund and the Construction Fund for the years 2017 and 2018 will be sufficient to provide all of the payments specified by subsection (b) of §7.13; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary is directed to provide the Trustee with a certified copy of this resolution together with a certificate setting forth a reasonably detailed statement of actual and estimated Revenues and Operating Expenses and other pertinent information upon which such determination was made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

BRIDGE OPERATIONS:1) Transcom Open Reach Assessment

Mr. Smith explained to the Board that the Transcom's Open Reach is a web interface whereby NYSBA Command Center Administrators can post traffic and road conditions at our facilities to the Transcom regional conditions database. This system allows member agencies to enter traffic and road conditions that may affect the traveling public throughout the region. Additionally, it allows Command Center Administrators the ability to monitor and receive notifications of events which occur throughout the area that may impact traffic crossing NYSBA facilities. A fee is assessed annually upon each member agency for maintenance, operation, and expansion of the system. Transcom has determined the Authority's share this year to be \$15,542.06 which includes a credit of \$346.94 from the 2016 reconciled costs. Mr. Smith made a recommendation to the Board to approve payment of \$15,542.06 to Transcom. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Dressel, seconded by Commissioner Stanton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY  
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 017-104Resolution Date: September 20, 2017

WHEREAS, the Authority Board has reviewed the memorandum regarding the annual assessment for Transcom's Open Reach interface; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves payment for the 2017 Annual Open Reach assessment in the amount of \$15,542.06 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) NYS Thruway Authority – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2017- E-ZPass Expenses

Mr. Smith and Mr. Savosky have reviewed the invoice from the New York State Thruway Authority for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2017 Bridge Authority E-ZPass expenses for the period April 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017, and as such, find them to be true and accurate and recommend that they be paid in the amount of \$958,312.47. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Dressel, seconded by Commissioner Stanton, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY  
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 017-105

Resolution Date: September 20, 2017

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 29, 2009 states that the Bridge Authority agrees to reimburse the NYS Thruway Authority for E-ZPass related costs it incurs which are determined as chargeable to the Bridge Authority; and

WHEREAS, The Board has reviewed the report relative to the payment to the NYS Thruway Authority for Bridge Authority E-ZPass related costs for the period April 1, 2017 – June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$958,312.47; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority approves payment to the NYS Thruway Authority in the amount not to exceed \$958,312.47; 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

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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) August 2017 Traffic and Revenue Analysis

Ms. Sullivan noted for the month of August traffic increased 1.49% and revenue increased 0.23%. No action was required by the Board.

3) August 2017 E-ZPass Sales Analysis

Ms. Sullivan indicated that year-to-date 2017 tag sales were 8,493, compared to 3,907 sold year-to-date 2016. No action was required by the Board.

4) Historic Bridges of the Hudson Valley (HBHV) Monthly Report for August 2017

Ms. Sullivan reviewed her HVHB report to the Board.

Expenditures for August 2017

Starting balance of HBHV bank account on 5/2/17: \$\$\$96,418.66

Payroll withdrawals: \$3262.70

Other expenditures:

Intern's travel reimbursement \$226.57

Teacher/reference/office supplies: \$228.76

Art Festival signage: \$100.46

Ending balance 9/4/17: 92,600.17

Important/Special notes:

1. The first annual Skywalk Arts Festival is September 24<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 pm
2. SIA Tour of the MHB Anchorage is September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Tara Sullivan's HBHV projects included:

1. Weekly meetings and reports with Kathy Burke
2. Selected and working with graphic artist to develop logo, brochure, poster, and branding materials for HBHV and Skywalk
3. Project oversight and updates as follows

Skywalk

1. Phase three (connecting the bridge to Olana)
  - a. Planning meeting for 2018 REDC round of grants-October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - b. Skywalk event—Art Festival

Bear Mountain Bridge Museum

1. Multiple events with teachers, senior learners and engineers

MHB Museum/Anchorage Experience

1. Core Committee set up and meeting every two weeks to actively move this project forward
  - a. Goals:
    - i. Vision statement by November
    - ii. Schematic plans by December
  - iii. Fundraising portfolio by January

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. Skywalk Art Festival development and oversight
2. Marist Center for Lifetime Studies Program
3. Mid-Hudson Anchorage Experience development
4. Master Teacher Workshop October 28, 2017
5. Developing STEAM curriculum
6. Teaching the Hudson Valley finished for the summer
7. Gould Art of NYSBA bridges-working with the family to utilize illustrations for HBHV use
8. Jackie and Chris management
9. Interpretive Signage for RVWB and Interpretive Signage for the MHB-extensive research and design consultation
10. Design started for HBHV and NYSBA brochures

This concluded the regular meeting. Chairman Gerentine asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion of Commissioner Dressel, seconded by Commissioner Jablonski and approved unanimously, the regular meeting adjourned at 3:38 P.M.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 P.M. at Headquarters.