

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

HELD AT HEADQUARTERS, HIGHLAND, N.Y. ON
December 18, 2014

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IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

OFFICERS:

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

Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 3:14 pm. Chairman Gerentine asked for a motion to adopt the amended agenda. On a motion by Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Lashua the amended agenda was approved unanimously. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the November 20, 2014 Regular meeting. On motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Lashua, the minutes of the November 20, 2014 Regular meeting were adopted unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION:1) CSEA Dental & Vision Benefit Agreement

Mr. Russo indicated to the Board that the Authority has received a renewal Agreement from the CSEA Employee Benefit Fund for the provision of dental and vision benefits to employees in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA). The benefits are provided through the CSEA Employee Benefit Fund's Dutchess Dental Plan and its Platinum 12 Vision Plan. The Agreement period is April 1, 2012 through May 31, 2017, the same terms as the CBA, with defined annual rates. The Agreement has been reviewed by general counsel. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Ramaglia, seconded by Commissioner Higgins, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

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BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 014-106Resolution Date: December 18, 2014

WHEREAS the NYS Bridge Authority provides dental and vision benefits to its covered employees through the CSEA Employee Benefit Fund in accordance with its Collective Bargaining Agreement ; and

WHEREAS, the NYS Bridge Authority is in receipt of a renewal Agreement from the CSEA Employee Benefit Fund for provision of the Dutchess Dental Plan and Platinum 12 Vision Plan covering the period April 1, 2012 through May 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS the NYS Bridge Authority's staff and general counsel have reviewed the renewal Agreement between the NYS Bridge Authority and CSEA Employee Benefit Fund and recommend the Authority Board's approval; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute the AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY AND CSEA EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND for the provision of dental and vision benefits for its employees for the period April 1, 2012 through May 31, 2017 at the annual rates and terms defined in the AGREEMENT. The execution of the AGREEMENT by any such officer shall be conclusive evidence of approval. The officers, agents and employees of the Authority are hereby authorized and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary or convenient to carry out and comply with the terms of this resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 18th day of December 2014.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) NYS OGS Diesel, Unleaded Gas & Fuel Oil Contracts

Mr. Russo reported that the NYS Office of General Services (OGS) recently awarded new, two-year contracts for the bulk purchase of diesel fuel and heating oil and a one-year contract for unleaded gasoline to be used by all agencies and authorities. The Authority typically relies on the OGS contracts which provide the benefit of a statewide volume discount. The contracts were awarded to vendors based on county and fuel type. Mr. Russo prepared a resolution for the Board to adopt the use of the NYS OGS contracts for the purchase of diesel fuel, unleaded gasoline and heating oil as needed based on the terms and daily pricing provisions described therein. 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.: 014-107Resolution Date: December 18, 2014

WHEREAS the Board has established that it is necessary to procure fuel products to maintain its facilities and operate its equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has the opportunity to participate in the use of contracts negotiated by the NYS Office of General Services (OGS) for the procurement of heating fuel oil, unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel at bulk quantity rates for all agencies and authorities; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the Authority hereby adopts the following NYS OGS Fuel contracts and the terms and conditions defined therein for the procurement of fuel from the identified vendors as needed at the daily unit prices calculated in accordance with the contract terms:

OGS Award 22781 Diesel Fuel Period: 11/15/2014 through 11/10/2016

Vendor(s): Heritage Energy Inc., Lake Katrine, NY(All Bridge Locations)

OGS Award 22779 Heating Fuel Oil Period: 11/21/2014 through 11/20/2016

**Vendor(s): Morgan Fuel & Heating Co., Wappingers Falls, NY (MHB and NBB);
Global Montello Group Corp., Waltham , MA (BMB)**

OGS Award 22782 Unleaded Gasoline Period 12/19/2014 through 12/18/2015

**Vendor: Global Montello Group Corp., Waltham , MA (All Bridge Locations);
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 18th day of December 2014.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

ENGINEERING:1) Increase to Standby Readiness Repair Contract BA-2013-RE-101-CM

Mr. Wright reported to the Board that Hudson Valley Bridge (HVB) has been performing priority bridge and highway repairs under their three year contract BA-2013-RE-101-CM, which was awarded in January 2013. Last year was a busy one, with full-depth deck repairs on the westbound bridge at NBB and a large scale deck repair at KRB. Although great strides were made improving the condition of the NBB north span deck, the Authority still anticipates additional work to be required, and has budgeted \$250,000.00 to cover these repairs. This additional \$250K will bring the total contract amount to \$994,000.00. Having an on-call contractor available for emergency and priority repairs are necessary for a quick response and the Authority's ability to return facilities back to full service in a timely manner. HVB has been very responsive and the Authority is pleased with their work to date. 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.: 014-108

Resolution Date: December 18, 2014

WHEREAS, bids were solicited through the New York State Contract Reporter for the contract entitled "System-wide Emergency Bridge and Highway Repairs – Standby Readiness" (BA-2013-RE-101-CM) and two bids were received on January 3rd, 2013, the low bidder being the firm of Hudson Valley Bridge Construction (HVB); and

WHEREAS, substantial deck repairs will be necessary on the Newburgh-Beacon North Span and the current not-to-exceed fee is almost exhausted; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the contract awarded to HVB of Harriman, New York be increased in the amount of \$250,000.00 from the amount of \$744,000.00 to a total contract amount of \$994,000.00; 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 18th day of December, 2014.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) Jobs in Progress

Mr. Wright advised the Board regarding the Engineering Jobs in Progress Report for the month of November. Mr. Wright mentioned that redecking of the Newburgh –Beacon Bridge is on schedule to be complete in 2015. Mr. Wright also mentioned that painting on the north span of the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge is complete. 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.: 014-109

Resolution Date: December 18, 2014

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 18th day of December 2014.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

FINANCIAL:1) Investment Transaction Report

Mr. Bushek reviewed the Investment Report for the month of November noting four investments for the month. Interest yields stay static month to month. 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.: 014-110Resolution Date: December 18, 2014

WHEREAS, the investment control procedures for the New York State Bridge Authority provide that the Board shall review and approve the report of investment transactions completed since the meeting of the Board on November 20, 2014; 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 18th day of December 2014.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) Bridge Property Insurance

Mr. Bushek informed the Board that in October 2011 The Authority issued an RFP for Bridge Property and Loss of Revenue Insurance. In December 2011, the Authority awarded a three year contract to Risk Strategies with the option to terminate at the end of each year. The Authority also retained the right to extend the contract for one additional year at substantially the same terms and conditions. The Authority was able to lock in the 2011 rates for three years with no risk to the Authority while still allowing premiums to be paid annually. The increase in premium would change only based on changes in insured values and revenues. For the policy year beginning in 2015 the carrier is proposing a two year extension with a reduction in rates. Mr. Bushek noted that the 2016 premium would be modified compared to 2015 only for changes to the insured values in 2016. The revised premium would be brought to the Board next December for approval. Based on the significant reduction in rates for 2015, it is recommended the Authority approve a 2 year extension and lock in the reduced 2015 rates for 2016. The proposed 2015 premium of \$836,916, contingent upon commitments by the Authority to perform maintenance, compares to an expiring premium of \$871,199, a decrease of \$34,283 or 3.9%. The 2015 premium is based on an increase in insurable values of 1.93%, which include both bridge values and revenues to \$1,830,715,000 from \$1,796,057,000. The bridge values are provided by Modjeski & Masters and the projected revenues are based on the 2015-2018 business and financial plan. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Lashua, the following was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 014-111

Resolution Date: December 18, 2014

WHEREAS the Board has reviewed the report relative to the award of Bridge Property and Loss of Revenue Insurance; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the New York State Bridge Authority does hereby approve the 2015, fourth year of the contract, payment for Bridge Property and Loss of Revenue Insurance to Risk Strategies Company for \$836,916; approve the extension of the contract to the fifth year at the same rates; 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 18th day of December 2014.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

3) Annual Renewal of E-Pass Discounts

Mr. Bushek indicated to the Board that Title 21 NYCRR Section 201.2 entitled “Bridge Tolls” establishes tolls charged for passage across facilities owned and operated by the New York State Bridge Authority. It provides for discounted tolls allowed for fares paid through the E-ZPass Electronic toll system subject to the requirements of Title 21 NYCRR Section 201.6. Annually it is required that discounted tolls allowed for fares paid through E-ZPass shall expire on December 31st of each year, except and to the extent extended annually by the Authority. Mr. Bushek recommended Board approval to extend the existing E-ZPass toll discounts implemented with the toll schedule on January 30, 2012 effective through December 31, 2012 to be extended from the second extension of December 31, 2014 to December 31, 2015. A brief discussion followed relative to benefits of E-ZPass discounts. 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.: 014-112Resolution Date: December 18, 2014

WHEREAS Title 21 NYCRR Section 201.2 entitled “Bridge Tolls” establishes, by rulemaking process in accordance with state law, the tolls charged for passage across facilities owned and operated by the New York State Bridge Authority and provides for discounted tolls allowed for fares paid through the E-ZPass electronic toll system subject to the requirements of Title 21 NYCRR Section 201.6; and,

WHEREAS, the toll schedule requires that discounted tolls allowed for fares paid through the E-ZPass electronic toll system shall expire on December 31st of each year, except and to the extent extended annually by the Authority; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority extends the discount for fares paid through the E-ZPass electronic toll system as specified in the toll schedule placed in effect January 30, 2012 for the period through December 31, 2015; 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 18th day of December, 2014.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

HUMAN RESOURCES:1) The Workplace – EAP Contract for 2015-2018

Ms. Hritz-Seifts requested Board approval for the Employee Assistance Program (“EAP”) contract to The Work Place for a period of one year, with an understanding that allows both parties to extend the agreement for three (3) additional one-year renewal periods, subject to annual review by the Board. The service agreement between The Work Place and NYSBA expires on December 31, 2014. Ms. Hritz-Seifts asked that the Board of Commissioners authorize expenditures to The Work Place for the period beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015, for an amount not-to-exceed \$5,000.00, in order that we 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 Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Ramaglia, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 014-113

Resolution Date: December 18, 2014

WHEREAS, the Agreement between MidHudson Regional Hospital of Westchester Medical Center (“the Work Place”) and the New York State Bridge Authority (“the Authority”), effective January 1, 2015, to establish an Employee Assistance Program (“EAP”), is for personal services as that term is defined in the Procurement Guidelines of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Executive Director that such services are necessary and convenient to the performance of Authority responsibilities and that such service is not available from an officer or employee of the Authority and that the performance of such service required it be undertaken by someone independent of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the total compensation in any calendar year is expected to be below \$5,000, and therefore, this Agreement is being awarded without competition; and

WHEREAS, all contracts for personal services are limited to a maximum of one year unless the Board for the Authority (“the Board”), by resolution, determines that a longer period for a particular contract is in the best interest of the Authority and such agreements for longer than one year must be approved by Board resolution and reviewed annually by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the Authority that the Agreement between the Work Place and the Authority to establish an EAP, be for a term of four years, subject to annual review by the Board and renewal by the Authority.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board hereby approves the Agreement between the Work Place and the Authority to establish an EAP, for a term of four years beginning on the effective date stated above, subject to annual review by the Board and renewal by the Authority.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 18th day of December, 2014.

 Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

BRIDGE OPERATIONS:1) Armored Courier Service

Mr. Ferguson indicated to the Board that in January 2012 the Authority Board approved a three year contract with Titan Armored Car & Courier, Inc. of Newburgh, NY, with the option to renew it annually for an additional two years after the initial three year term (2012 -14). Titan has transported funds collected at the Authority for over twenty-five years without incident. The rate for 2015 is the same as for the previous three years at \$27.50/trip (\$2502.20 per month). The contract includes a provision that in the event of their fuel or insurance costs increasing by more than 15% in any 12 month period; they may pass on the increased costs pro rata. Mr. Ferguson recommended to the Board to approve a one year contract extension with Titan Armored Car & Courier, Inc. for 2015 at an annual cost of \$30030.00 plus any fuel or insurance surcharges as may be required. 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.: 014-114

Resolution Date: December 18, 2014

WHEREAS the Authority has previously signed a contract with Titan Armored Car & Courier, Inc. to provide armored car services for a three year period from January 2012 – January 2015 at a cost of \$30,030.00 plus any applicable fuel or insurance surcharges per annum; and

WHEREAS the contract provided for up to two (2) one year renewals following the initial contract period, this will be the first year of the contract extension; and the Authority is satisfied with the vendor's performance; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the current contract is renewed with Titan Armored Car & Courier for the period January 2015 through January 2016 at a cost not-to-exceed \$30,030.00 per annum together with any extraordinary fuel or insurance surcharges; 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 18th day of December 2014.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) NYSP MHB Traffic Control

Mr. Ferguson reviewed the 2014 New York State Police invoices (through September) for traffic control during peak traffic periods at the Mid-Hudson Bridge. During these periods of heaviest traffic, the Authority pays the New York State Police to provide a dedicated safety patrol at the bridge. These services are budgeted for each year and are included in the annual approved budget for the Mid-Hudson Bridge. For 2014, the total expenditure is estimated to be approximately \$86,000.00. (The not-to-exceed approved budgeted amount for 2014 is \$95,000). Mr. Ferguson recommended to the Board to approve an amount not-to-exceed \$96,000.00 for these services in 2015. This amount assumes approximately 900 hours of overtime coverage at the current rate of \$100.36/hour and allows for an anticipated increase of 8% in April 2014. (The last rate increase was 13% in 2005.) 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.: 014-115Resolution Date: December 18, 2014

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the report relative to the payment to the New York State Police for Troop F State Police services related to traffic control provided at the Mid-Hudson Bridge; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves payment for State Police Troop F services for the period January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015 in the not-to-exceed amount of \$96,000; 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 18th day of December 2014.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

3) New York State Thruway Authority – 3rd Quarter 2014 E-ZPass Expenses

Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Savosky have reviewed the invoice from the New York State Thruway Authority for 3rd quarter 2014 Bridge Authority E-ZPass expenses for the period July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014 and, as such, find them to be true and accurate. Mr. Ferguson recommended that they be paid in the amount of \$1,022,359.97. 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.: 014-116Resolution Date: December 18, 2014

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the report relative to the payment to the New York State Thruway Authority for 3rd Quarter 2014 Bridge Authority E-ZPass costs in the amount of \$1,022,359.97; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this payment is hereby approved at a cost not to exceed \$1,022,359.97; 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 18th day of December 2014.

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) November 2014 Traffic and Revenue Analysis

Mr. Ruggiero noted for the month of November traffic decreases .24% and revenue increased .25%. Year-to-date traffic has increased 0.10% and revenue has increased 0.16%. No action was required by the Board.

3) November 2014 E-ZPass Sales Analysis

Mr. Ruggiero indicated that year-to-date 2014 tag sales were 7,179, compared to 10,348 sold year-to-date 2013. No action was required by the Board.

4) Committee Annual Reports

The Audit, Finance and Governance committees met and presented their annual reports to the Board of Commissioners. The Board recognized that the committees have fulfilled their reporting requirements under their respective charters. 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.: 014-117

Resolution Date: December 18, 2014

WHEREAS the Audit Committee, Finance Committee and Governance Committee are required to present to the Board of Commissioners an annual report summarizing each committee's activities and assessing their performance in meeting the requirements of their mission; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority has received and reviewed these reports; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts these reports as meeting the charter obligations of each committee and the annual reports of the Audit Committee, Finance Committee and Governance Committee are made part of the records of 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 18th day of December 2014.

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 Commissioner Dressel and approved unanimously, the regular meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2015 at 3:00 P.M. at Headquarters.