

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

HELD AT HEADQUARTERS, HIGHLAND, N.Y. ON  
February 18, 2016

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IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

OFFICERS:

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

Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion to adopt the amended minutes of the January 19, 2016 Regular meeting. On motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Ramaglia, the minutes of the January 19, 2016 Regular meeting were adopted unanimously.

ENGINEERING:1) 2016 Capital Equipment Purchase – Ariel Truck

Mr. Wright reported to the Board that the 2016 Capital Equipment budget includes the purchase of one (1) new 19,500lb GVW cab and chassis equipped with a Dur-A-Lift model DPM 36DU aerial body. This truck will replace an old aerial lift at the Mid-Hudson Bridge, which was installed on a new cab and chassis in 1991. The cab and chassis will be purchased under NYS OGS contract for Class 4/5 Trucks. The aerial lift equipment will be sublet through Mobile Lifts and installed on the cab/chassis as part of the all-inclusive price. The authorized OGS retailer is Robert Green Truck Division of Rock Hill, New York. Mr. Wright recommended issuing a purchase order to them in the amount of \$126,322.30. 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.:016-011

Resolution Date: February 18, 2016

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined it is in the public interest to issue a purchase order to Robert Green Truck Division of Rock Hill, New York for the purchase of one (1) 2016 Dodge Ram 5500 HD Chassis/Cab 4x2 equipped with a Dur-A-Lift model DPM 36DU aerial body; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined that Robert Green Truck Division has the NYS OGS contract award #PC66589; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering department has reviewed and approved the cost proposal; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority approve issuing a purchase order to Robert Green Truck Division for the purchase of one (1) 2016 Dodge Ram 5500 HD Chassis/Cab 4x2 equipped with a Dur-A-Lift model DPM 36DU aerial body in the amount of \$126,322.30; 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) 2016 Capital Equipment Purchase – Small 4x4 Dump Truck

Mr. Wright indicated to the Board that the 2016 Capital Equipment budget includes the purchase of one (1) new 4WD small dump truck to be utilized at the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge. This type of truck has proven extremely useful and will replace a Truck at NBB, a 2008 Ford with 148,467 miles and 5,980 hours (the number of hours roughly equates to 269,100 miles). NYS General Municipal Law allows for the Authority to piggyback onto a properly advertised and awarded purchasing contract. In this case, Onondaga County has advertised and awarded the procurement of statewide trucks and truck equipment in Bid #7974. Mr. Wright has worked with the manufacturer's representative, Robert Green Truck Division, in specifying a cab/chassis equipped with a 2-3 yard dump body. Utilizing the Onondaga bid structure; the cost for this unit is \$44,281.00. Mr. Wright recommended issuing a purchase order to Robert Green Truck Division, of Rock Hill, New York, in the amount of \$44,281.00. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Ramaglia, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY  
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 016-012

Resolution Date: February 18, 2016

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined it is in the public interest to issue a purchase order to Robert Green Truck Division of Rock Hill, New York for the purchase of one (1) 4WD small dump truck; and

WHEREAS, there is no current OGS contract for this equipment and Onondaga County Department of Purchasing has publicly advertised and awarded the procurement of the 2016 Dodge Ram 3500 DD8L63 4WD Regular Cab and upfitter equipment as Onondaga County Bid #7974; and

WHEREAS, New York State General Municipal Law allows for the Authority's shared utilization of another agency's publicly advertised and awarded contract; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority approve issuing a purchase order to Robert Green Truck Division for the purchase of one (1) 2016 Dodge Ram 3500 DD8L63 4WD Regular Cab and upfitter equipment in the amount of \$44,281.00; 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

3) 2016 Treated Salt Procurement

Mr. Wright indicated that a NYS OGS contract is in place for the Authority to purchase treated salt from Morton Salt until September 30, 2016. Although the Authority will need to create individual purchase orders for each location, Mr. Wright asked the Board for approval of the cost as a total because the salt will be provided by a single vendor. The purchase orders will be issued for the maximum tonnage of salt based upon 2016 operating budget amounts. The quantities will be purchased on an as needed basis and there is no minimum purchase requirement. The quantities and pricing are as follows: RVWB: 200 tons @ \$81.50 = \$16,300.00, KRB: 300 tons @ \$87.73=\$26,319.00, MHB: 450 tons @ \$87.73=\$39,478.50, NBB:450 tons @ \$87.77=\$39,496.50, BMB:70 tons @ \$104.09= \$7,286.30 totaling \$128,880.30. The above quantities will be within this year's budget amount for salt. Previous purchase orders, which have a residual value of approximately \$34,500.00, will be cancelled. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dressel the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY  
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.:016-013

Resolution Date: February 18, 2016

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined it is in the public interest to procure Type II treated winter deicing salt for the 2016 winter season; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has previously purchased this product through the NYS OGS contract, which is in place through September 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Morton Salt, Inc., of Chicago, Illinois provided the low quote; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority approve issuing five purchase orders, one for each facility, with a total amount not to exceed \$128,880.30; 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

4) 2016 In-House Capital Program

Mr. Wright informed the Board that based upon the most recent inspections, the Authority's Engineering and Maintenance department, along with our General Consultant, Modjeski & Masters, have developed both an update to our five year capital plan and a series of in-house capital improvements. These in-house projects are necessary and can be accomplished with our own forces. The Authority is able to save a significant amount by performing these tasks in-house versus by contract; the projected savings this year is \$1,069,370.00. Mr. Wright recommended authorizing \$1,250,030.00 for the 2016 In-House Capital Improvement Program. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dressel the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY  
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 016-014

Resolution Date: February 18, 2016

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined it is in the public interest to authorize the in-house capital projects as recommended by the Authority's Consulting Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Authority continues to invest in cost savings measures utilizing our in-house maintenance skills wherever practical; the projected savings generated by performing these tasks in-house versus by contract is \$1,069,370.00; and

WHEREAS, the scope of work for these projects has been developed by the Engineering and Maintenance department and determined to be necessary for the continued safe and efficient operation of the bridges by the General Consultant; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority authorizes the 2016 In-House Capital Projects in the amount of \$1,250,030.00; 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

5) Variable Message Sign Purchase

Mr. Wright informed the Board that the 2016 equipment budget has provisions for two (2) new trailer-mounted variable message signs (VMS). The Authority previously purchased four of these same units, Ver-Mac 320s, and has had great success with them. These units are sold and serviced by a local WBE, Traffic Lane Closures. The Authority can again piggy-back onto an existing Westchester County bid and acquire them for \$13,500.00 each. This piggy-back purchasing procedure has been reviewed and approved by Counsel. Mr. Wright also recommended the Authority purchase the Ver-Mac modem system, which allows cellular programming and remote diagnostics. The vendor was able to negotiate with the manufacturer and can offer the modem and four years of cell plan service at the two year service rate of \$1590.00/unit. Mr. Wright recommended an approval at a total cost of \$30,180.00. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Ramaglia, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY  
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 016-015

Resolution Date: February 18, 2016

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined it is in the public interest to issue a purchase order to Traffic Lane Closures, of Carmel, New York for the purchase of two (2) Ver-Mac 320 Variable Message Boards and two (2) Ver-Mac modems, which include 4 year Spring cell plans and Jamlogic software; and

WHEREAS, there is no current NYS OGS contract for this equipment and Westchester County Bureau of Purchase and Supplies has publicly advertised and awarded the procurement of Ver-Mac PCMS-320 as Bid #RFB-WC-14087; and

WHEREAS, New York State General Municipal Law allows for the Authority's shared utilization of another agency's publicly advertised and awarded contract; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority approve issuing a purchase order to Traffic Lane Closures for the procurement of two (2) Ver-Mac 320 Variable Message Boards and two (2) Ver-Mac modems, which include 4 year Sprint cell plans and Jamlogic software in the amount of \$30,180.00; 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 18<sup>th</sup>  
day of February, 2016.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

6) Jobs In Monthly Progress

Mr. Wright advised the Board regarding the Engineering Jobs in Progress Report for the month of January. Mr. Wright anticipates railing rehab to start April 2016. Mr. Wright also mentioned the anchorage and tower dehumidification contractor ordering equipment. 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.: 016-016

Resolution Date: February 18, 2016

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 February 2016.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

FINANCIAL:1) Investment Transaction Report

Mr. Bushek reviewed the Investment Report for the month of January noting one investment for the month. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dressel, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY  
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 016-017

Resolution Date: February 18, 2016

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 January 19, 2016; 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) Annual Payment to Department of Civil Service

Mr. Bushek indicated to the Board that Section 11 of the Civil Service Law allows that Department to charge public authorities, among other entities, for their fractional share of the expenses for the administration of the Civil Service Department. The Bridge Authority's expense for these services is \$19,993.19 for the year ending March 31, 2015. This is based on a rate of \$166.32 per position multiplied by the 119 permanently filled positions reported by the Authority on its October 2014 payroll. This is a reduction of 4.9% from the 2015 bill for \$21,025.48 (\$172.34 per position multiplied by the 122 permanently filled positions) due to both reduced cost per position and number of positions. For historical comparison the 2014 billing was \$21,428.75 (\$171.43 per position multiplied by the 125 permanently filled positions). The 2013 billing was \$25,803.87 (\$200.03 per position multiplied by the 129 permanently filled positions). In 2012 it was \$32,120.72. 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.: 016-018

Resolution Date: February 18, 2016

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the report relative to the payment of the Authority's share of the charges for the administration of the Department of Civil Service as mandated by the Civil Service Law; now therefore and,

BE IT RESOLVED, the New York State Bridge Authority does hereby approve the payment of \$19,993.19 to the Department of Civil Service for the Bridge Authority's share of these costs payable in the year ending March 31, 2016; 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:1) Server Procurement

Mr. Herd informed the Board that the IT Department's Capital Improvement Program has a server replacement program; as part of this program a purchase of three video servers has been planned. The RVW Security and Traffic video servers and NBB's Alarm server are scheduled to be replaced this year. These three servers will all come with a 5 year warranty. The existing systems will be repurposed and will become spare units at the facilities. The Authority has reached out to state contract and MWBE vendors for price quotes. QnA Tech who is on the NYS OGS Contract (PT66754) and a MWBE firm has supplied the Authority with a price quote of \$28,320.00. This project is identified in the IT Department's 2016 Capital Improvement Program, Project ID# SI-0013. 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.: 016-019

Resolution Date: February 18, 2016

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the memorandum describing the need to replace three (3) video servers; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority will participate in the NYS OGS Contract # PT66754 and a MWBE firm, QnA Tech, for the server procurement; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority will award the procurement of three (3) servers from QnA tech in an amount not-to-exceed \$28,320.00 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) Systemwide Network Service – BA-2015-OO-007-IT

Mr. Herd indicated to the Board that the Department of Information Technology announced in the NYS Contract Reporter the opportunity to provide wide-area network services for the Authority. There were 22 requests for the RFP and only one (1) proposal was submitted. Lightower, the current provider to the Authority, provided four (4) options of services to the Authority. After reviewing the options, it was decided that Option #2 gave the Authority the most cost effective solution. The new services will be less than the current fees that the Authority is paying. The anticipated monthly cost will be approximately \$9130.18 and this expense is identified in the IT Departments Operating Budget. 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.:016-020

Resolution Date: February 18, 2016

WHEREAS, bids were solicited through the NYS Contract Reporter for the contract entitled System Wide Network Services (BA-2015-OO-007-IT) and one (1) proposal was submitted on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 by Lightower and,

WHEREAS, after further review of the four (4) price options given by Lightower, it is recommended that option number two (2) best suits the Authority's requirements and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that a Five (5) year contract with one (1) optional Five (5) year renewal be awarded to Lightower; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that a contract be awarded to Lightower, with the advice and consent of Authority Counsel, in a not to exceed monthly amount of \$9130.18 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

BRIDGE OPERATIONS:1) New York State Thruway Authority – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2015 E-ZPass Expenses

Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Savosky have reviewed the invoice from the New York State Thruway Authority for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2015 Bridge Authority E-ZPass expenses for the period October 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, and find them as such, to be true and accurate recommend that they be paid in the amount of \$964,788.38. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Ramaglia, the following resolution was approved unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY  
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 016-021

Resolution Date: February 18, 2016

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the report relative to the payment to the New York State Thruway Authority for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2015 Bridge Authority E-ZPass costs in the amount of \$964,788.38; and,

WHEREAS, the Bridge Authority wishes to continue the agreement with the Thruway Authority established to pay these costs; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority approves this payment at a cost not to exceed \$964,788.38; 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2016.

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Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

REPORTS TO BOARD:2) Monthly Activity Report of the Executive Director

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

3) January 2016 Traffic and Revenue Analysis

Mr. Ruggiero noted for the month of January traffic increased 9.29% and revenue increased 7.47%. No action was required by the Board.

4) January 2016 E-ZPass Sales Analysis

Mr. Ruggiero indicated that year-to-date 2016 tag sales were 325, compared to 348 sold year-to-date 2015. No action was required by the Board.

This concluded the regular meeting. Chairman Gerentine asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Ramaglia, and approved unanimously, the regular meeting adjourned at 3:25 P.M.

The next regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2016 at 3:00 P.M. at Headquarters.