

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

HELD AT HEADQUARTERS, HIGHLAND, N.Y. ON
November 20, 2014

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IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

OFFICERS:

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

ABSENT:

Ramaglia, Joseph, Vice Chairman

Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 3:11 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 October 16, 2014 Regular meeting. On motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Lashua, the minutes of the October 16, 2014 Regular meeting were adopted unanimously.

ENGINEERING:

1) System-Wide Type II Treated Salt Procurement

Mr. Wright informed the Board that he would like to purchase Type II treated salt off of OGS contract to supply the Authority's facilities for the upcoming season. The Snow/Ice Control Agents contract is in effect until December 31, 2014. Mr. Wright indicated that the Authority will need to do individual purchase orders for each location, and requested Board approval of the cost as a total because the salt will be provided by one single vendor. The vendor is Morton Salt Inc., of Chicago, Illinois. The quantities will not exceed this year's budget amount for salt, but some reallocation will be necessary between facilities. A brief discussion followed relative to a price increase. 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.: 014-096

Resolution Date: November 20, 2014

WHEREAS, the Board has determined it is in the Authority's interest to award a contract to supply Type II treated winter deicing salt; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has previously purchased this product through the NY SOGS contract which is only in place until December 31, 2014; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Authority award five purchase orders, one for each facility, with a total amount not to exceed \$39,979.50; 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 20th day of November, 2014.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) System-Wide Plaza and Central Server upgrades (BA-2014-00-106-AC)

Mr. Wright indicated that since the Board's approval was given at the June 2014 meeting for the purchase of twelve (12) IBM System x3250 M5 servers and two (2) IBM System x3550 M4 servers, the Authority has been informed that this equipment is no longer available from IBM as the server portion of their business had been sold to Lenovo. Lenovo has now provided us with a new price quote for these servers; this equipment is on state contract #PT65246 and comes in at a lower price than previously approved by the Board. 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.: 014-097

Resolution Date: November 20, 2014

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the memorandum describing the need to procure twelve (12) IBM System x3250 M5 servers and two (2) IBM System x3550 M4 servers to replace our plaza and central servers (BA-2014-00-106-AC), which have reached the end of their useful service lives; and

WHEREAS, the Authority will take advantage of NYS OGS Contract #PT65246 and Lenovo for this server purchase; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the previous resolution approved by the Board on June 19th, 2014 for an IBM server procurement is repealed and replaced by this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a purchase order be issued to Lenovo for the purchase of fourteen (14) servers in the amount of \$30,198.00; 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 20th day of November 2014.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

3) System-Wide Toll Upgrade/Toll Gates/Lane Monitors/Antenna Replacements (BA-2014-RE-113-AC)

Mr. Wright reviewed the quote by Automatic Control Systems for a quantity of four (4) BL-229 toll lane gates and the associated equipment for replacement at Newburgh-Beacon. This is one part of a capital improvement project to upgrade the toll system and replace toll gates, lane monitors and antennas throughout the system. These gates are a replacement of the BL-223 model. The units to be replaced have reached the end of their useful life. Automatic Control Systems is a sole source provider; their quotation is for \$19,084.40. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Lashua, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 014-098

Resolution Date: November 20, 2014

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined that it is in the interest of public safety to upgrade the toll system and replace toll gates, lane monitors and antennae system-wide, as necessary, under the contract entitled “System-Wide Toll Upgrade/Toll Gates/Lane Monitors/Antenna Replacements” (BA-2014-RE-113-AC); and

WHEREAS, various purchases will be made throughout the duration of this project; and

WHEREAS, the first purchase will be the procurement of four (4) BL-229 toll lane gates and associated equipment at Newburgh-Beacon to replace BL-223 toll lane gates which have reached the end of their useful life; and;

WHEREAS, Automatic Control Systems, Inc., is a sole source provider of said toll lane gates and the Authority has reviewed and approved their cost proposal; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that a purchase order be issued to Automatic Control Systems, Inc., of Port Washington, New York, for this equipment in an amount not-to-exceed \$19,084.40; 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 20th day of November 2014.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

4) System-Wide Street Sweeping – First Extension BA-2013-OE-114-OT

Mr. Wright indicated to the Board that the Authority solicited bids for system-wide street sweeping services in 2013, with one bid received. The low bidder was Community Custom Services at a price of \$946.00 per day. That contract ran from November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2014, with the Authority having the option to renew up to an additional three (3) years with allowances for prevailing wage increases, insurance and fuel costs. The Authority would like to extend the first of Community Custom Services' options for the next year, effective November 1, 2014 through October 31, 2015. The owner, Mr. Nelson, has submitted a price quote of \$986.00 per day for the same service, up from \$946.00 per day due to an increase in the prevailing wage. Mr. Wright recommended to the Board to authorize the extension of this contract for another year, encompassing forty-five (45) days of service. The total contract cost will be \$44,370.00. 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.: 014-099

Resolution Date: November 20, 2014

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined that it is in the public interest to issue a purchase order extension to Community Custom Services for the purchase of System-wide Sweeping Services (BA-2013-OE-114-OT); and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering Department had advertised the opportunity for this service in the Contract Reporter with the right to extend the term for up to three (3) additional years; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the existing contract BA-2013-OE-114-OT be extended for its first year to Community Custom Services for System-wide Sweeping Services with a total purchase order not to exceed amount of \$44,370.00; 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 20th day of November, 2014.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

5) Change to Emergency Responses and Environmental Clean-Up Service Contract BA-2013-OE-106-OT

Mr. Wright reported to the Board that the Authority advertised for system-wide emergency hazardous spill response services in 2013 and awarded four (4) individual agreements for on call and emergency responses to any Authority incidents involving hazardous materials. The Authority has just been notified that one of the contractors, EnviroClean Services LLC, of Wappingers Falls, has been purchased by Island Pump & Tank Corp. and will now become Island Pump & Tank Corp. – North. A resolution was given to the Board to memorialize this change and Mr. Wright will consult with the Authority's General Counsel regarding any necessary changes to the agreement in place. 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.: 014-100

Resolution Date: November 20, 2014

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority advertised and awarded four (4) three year term agreements for emergency response and environmental clean-up services designated as BA-2013-OE-106-OT and

WHEREAS, the Authority has been notified that contractor EnviroClean Services, LLC of Wappingers Falls, New York has agreed to an asset purchase of their company by Island Pump & Tank Corp. of East Northport, New York; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the existing contract BA-2013-OE-106-OT be transferred to Island Pump & Tank Corp. under the exact same terms and conditions; 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 20th day of November, 2014.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

6) Jobs in Progress

Mr. Wright advised the Board regarding the Engineering Jobs in Progress Report for the month of October. Mr. Wright mentioned that the navigation lights on the Walkway Over the Hudson are complete, also a study of the railing anchor bolts is due mid-December. The South Span deck project on the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge continues as well as the North span painting project, which will finish mid-December. Mr. Wright also said that substructure repairs are complete on multi-facility projects. 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.: 014-101Resolution Date: November 20, 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 20th day of November 2014.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

FINANCIAL:1) Investment Transaction Report

Mr. Bushek reviewed the Investment Report for the month of August noting five investments for the 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.: 014-102Resolution Date: November 20, 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 October 16, 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 20th day of November 2014.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) Budget and Financial Plan 2015-2018

Mr. Bushek reported to the Board that pursuant to the authority vested by Section 5 of Article 10 of the New York State Constitution, Article 9 of the Public Authorities Law and Section 8 (14) of the State Finance Law, the State Comptroller adopted Regulation 2 NYCRR Part 203, "Budget and Financial Plan Format, Supporting Documentation and Monitoring – Public Authorities." The Authority's Budget and Financial Plan 2015-2018 (the Plan) required by this regulation includes the following: Budget and Financial Plan 2015-2018 including text Condensed budgeted revenues, expenditures and changes in current net assets 2015 – 2018, actual financial performance for 2013 and the change in estimates for the previously approved 2014 budget, debt Schedule 2015 – 2018 Capital Improvement Program 2015 – 2019. The documents were provided to audit and finance committee members and other Board members at the meeting on September 18th. Both committees approved sending the Plan to the full Board for approval and he stated no changes have been made. As of November 20th, the Plan has been available for public inspection and comment at all of our facilities for the thirty days required by the regulation. It has also been made available to the public on the Authority's website. Mr. Bushek noted there have been no public comments. 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.: 014-103

Resolution Date: November 20, 2014

WHEREAS, Office of the State Comptroller Regulation 2 NYCRR Part 203 requires that Bridge Authority budget and financial plan information for fiscal years 2015 through 2018 be prepared, approved and forwarded in report form to the Comptroller; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Authority hereby approves the proposed budget and financial plan information; 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 20th day of November 2014.

 Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

3) Quarterly Operations Report Q3 2014

Mr. Bushek reported to the Board that the traffic increase of 0.01% for nine months was the result of an increase in passenger and a decrease in commercial, 0.14% and -1.88% respectively. The rebound in passenger traffic occurred mostly in September that offset decreases earlier in the year. Toll revenue decreased 0.02% primarily as a result of the reduced commercial traffic offsetting the associated revenue increase in passenger traffic. Low interest rates on Treasury obligations and declining assets from expending Bond proceeds on the capital program produced a reduction interest income by \$61,000 to \$298,000 year to date. Miscellaneous receipts decreased by \$280,000 to \$753,000 as a result of the end of Grant programs. Operating expenses increased \$404,000, primarily a result of two elements. Salaries increased \$242,000 associated with contractually obligated rate increase, lump sum payments as part of the settlement of the collective bargaining agreement this year and the settlement of a labor dispute. Employee Health Insurance increased \$172,000 attributable to higher payments for retiree healthcare. Operating expenses were budgeted at \$30.6 million for 2014, which includes \$2.0 million for accrual post-employment benefits and \$1.6 million for depreciation of the Walkway Over The Hudson booked at year end. Mr. Bushek indicated that as of 9/30, \$17.8 million was spent. No action required by the Board.

4) Public Authority Cost Recovery Charges

Mr. Bushek indicated to the Board that Public Authorities Law §2975 directs the Division of Budget (DOB) to allocate expenses for central governmental services to various public authorities including the NYS Bridge Authority. Each year, the Authority is billed by the division of the Treasury's Taxation and Finance Department for a portion of the \$55,000,000 which may be charged for these services. The Bridge Authority's share of this billing for the year ending March 31, 2015 is \$369,000, this is the same as 2014. The bill from prior years was 2014 \$369,000, 2013 \$368,914, 2012 \$340,536, 2011 \$312,158, 2010 \$312,158, 2009 \$546,000 and 2008 \$388,820. In 2008/9, the amount had increased when the total assessment increased from \$40 million to \$55 million. The DOB does not provide backup with the bill as to how they calculate, and which authorities are charged. Chairman Gerentine called or 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.: 014-104Resolution Date: November 20, 2014

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the report relative to the payment of public authority cost recovery charges for central government services as mandated by Public Authorities Law; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the New York State Bridge Authority does hereby approve the payment of \$369,000 to the Department of Taxation and Finance for the Bridge Authority's share of these costs for the year ending March 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 20th day of November 2014.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

5) Annual Billing from NYS Employees' Retirement System

Mr. Bushek informed the Board that annually, as a participating employer, the Bridge Authority is billed, by the State Employees Retirement System, for its share of the yearly expense for the future pension benefits of its employees. The cost for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015 is \$1,876,986 for the Authority's 161 employees currently in the system. The individual employers' cost vary from year to year based upon salaries, as well as contribution rates which rise and fall predicated upon investment results of the Retirement Fund. This year's cost is a decrease of \$173,922, or 8.5% compared to the prior year. This is the first year of decline in charges since the market declines of 2008. This is a result of the more recent market rebound and the Retirement System amortizing losses over 5 years. 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.: 014-105

Resolution Date: November 20, 2014

WHEREAS the Board has reviewed the report relative to the payment of the annual invoice to the New York State Employees' Retirement System; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the New York State Bridge Authority does hereby approve the payment of \$1,876,986 to the New York State and Local Retirement System for pension costs incurred for the year ending March 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 20th day of November 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) October 2014 Traffic and Revenue Analysis

Mr. Ruggiero noted for the month of October traffic increased 1.14% and revenue increased 1.52%. Year-to-date traffic has increased 0.13% and revenue has increased 0.15%. No action was required by the Board.

3) October 2014 E-ZPass Sales Analysis

Mr. Ruggiero indicated that year-to-date 2014 tag sales were 6,746, compared to 9,644 sold year-to-date 2013. 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 Commissioner Dressel and approved unanimously, the regular meeting adjourned at 3:35 P.M.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2014 at 3:00 P.M. at Headquarters.