

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

HELD AT HEADQUARTERS, HIGHLAND, N.Y. ON
October 16, 2014

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IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

OFFICERS:

Ruggiero, Joseph, Secretary
Bushek, Brian, Treasurer
Chale Christine, Counsel

ABSENT:

Dressel, Roderick O., Commissioner

Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm and recessed to an Attorney-Client session. The Board returned out of the Attorney-Client session at 3:25 pm. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion to adopt the amended agenda noting the changes. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 18, 2014 Regular meetings. On motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Ramaglia, the minutes of the September 18, 2014 Regular Meeting were adopted unanimously.

ENGINEERING:1) 2014 Port Security Grant Award

Mr. Wright reported to the Board that the Authority applied for, and has been awarded, a grant from the Port Security Grant Program, which is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. It is a highly competitive grant program designed to fund projects that protect the waterways and ports throughout the United States. The total amount of the grant award is \$100,000.00 with a 75% - 25% split; federal funds amounting to \$75,000.00 and an Authority contribution of \$25,000.00. NYSBA will use funds already allotted in the capital program for replacement cameras. This project is budget neutral. The Authority's plan is to replace the pier camera system with a more rugged, high definition camera, with the work to be accomplished by our in-house forces. NYSBA will need to enter into an agreement with FEMA in order to accept the award. 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.: 014-090

Resolution Date: October 16, 2014

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority desires consistency in issues of homeland security surrounding its facilities and strives to protect the waterways within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has applied to the 2014 homeland security grant program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has received notification of award of federal funds for the replacement of security cameras throughout our system, covering 75% of the total project costs; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Engineering Department has reviewed and accepted the system-wide agreement for \$100,000.00; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Authority to enter into this agreement, EMW-2014-PU-00218-S01 with FEMA; 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 16th day of October 2014.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) MOU with NYS Parks Department

Mr. Wright advised the Board regarding the concerns about cracks developing around the railing attachments on the Walkway Over The Hudson (WOTH) deck, which were brought to NYSBA's attention by members of the public. Under the operating agreement between NYSBA and Parks for the WOTH State Historic Site, Parks is responsible for operation and maintenance of the deck, as well as any repairs to the deck. After an initial investigation and briefing by the Authority's consulting engineers, Modjeski & Masters, CEO Dr. Barney Martin, P.E., and NYSBA met with leadership from NYS Parks last week. Parks agreed that further investigation is necessary and that a plan must be developed to address the repair of the railing attachments. Parks also noted that the financial responsibility is theirs and requested NYSBA's expertise in facilitating the further investigation and design of a work plan. Dr. Martin and M&M are prepared to conduct this investigation and are in the process of preparing an estimate for the work. As it would be best to complete this design work before the winter so that Parks can prepare for a construction contract in the spring, Mr. Wright recommended that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Executive Director, upon the advice and consent of NYSBA Counsel, to enter into an agreement with the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation for the purpose of receiving funds and executing an investigation and design plan for repairs to the Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Site deck. Mr. Wright also recommended that the Executive Director be authorized to direct Modjeski & Masters, under their consulting agreement with NYSBA, to conduct this work with the understanding that these expenses will be reimbursed by NYS Parks under the agreement. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Ramaglia, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

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WHEREAS, engineering analysis of the Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Site (WOTH) deck indicates that certain repairs are necessary to alleviate issues caused by moisture infiltration and that these repairs will help prevent further damage; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP), which is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the WOTH deck under an operating agreement with NYSBA dated December 9, 2010, has expressed a desire to enter into an agreement with NYSBA to utilize NYSBA expertise and the NYSBA consulting engineers to design the work plan; and,

WHEREAS, utilizing these resources and the cooperation between Parks and NYSBA will allow the work to commence in a timely and cost-effective manner; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Director, upon the advice and consent of NYSBA Counsel, is authorized to enter into an agreement with the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation for the purpose of reimbursement and executing a design plan regarding the Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Site deck; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director is authorized to direct Modjeski & Masters, under their consulting agreement with NYSBA, to conduct this work with the understanding that these expenses will be reimbursed by NYS Parks under the agreement above.

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 16th day of October, 2014.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

3) Jobs in Progress Monthly Report

Mr. Wright advised the Board regarding the Engineering Jobs in Progress Report for the month of September, noting that the Newburgh-Beacon paint project is substantially complete. Also completed was the re-decking of the southern two lanes of the south span of the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge. The contractor has begun redecking the northern two lanes. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Ramaglia, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

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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 16th day of October 2014.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

FINANCIAL:1) Investment Transaction Report

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

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Resolution Date: October 16, 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 September 18, 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 16th day of October 2014.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) Workers' Compensation Renewal

Mr. Bushek reported to the Board that the Authority's Workers' Compensation Insurance policy renews October 21, 2014 and, as with the expiring policy, the State Insurance Fund has offered us a 35% upfront discount on the manual rates charged on each dollar of Authority payroll. Typically, all companies offer some percentage discount but in prior competitive bid processes the State Insurance Fund offers the highest discount. The 35% discount is currently the maximum the State Insurance Fund gives to their policyholders and we have been told few customers receive this level of discount. Based upon projected salaries for the 2014-2015 budget this year's premium quote increases from the estimated \$247,988.32 to \$390,439.96, an increase of \$142,451.64, or 57.4% not including the \$5,000 broker fee charged annually. The increase is attributable to several factors. First, the premium proposal provided to the Authority in 2013/14 classified lower payroll under category 5037 Paint Metal Structure lower in projections than for 2014/15 at lower rates. The Authority originally anticipated a reduction in painting at NBB and now expects to have 2013/14 compensation revised up during audit due to increased paint work at KRB. Final payroll classification will be completed by the auditor later this year. The higher projected level of paint related salary increased the 2014/15 premium by approximately \$100,000 over prior year projection. Second, the Authority payroll increased between 2012 and 2014 as part of contractual obligations. Salary increases generate a roughly \$20,000 increase in premium. Third, the experience modification for 2014 deteriorated to 1.14 from 1.12. Despite improvements in the safety record of the Authority, changes in the computation along with history of years with larger numbers of accidents contributed to the \$7,000 impact of the increased experience modification rate. Fourth, the Assessment applied to the policy increased by 4.6%, largely a rate increase that resulted in a \$15,000 premium increase.

As in the past other markets decline to cover the Authority due to the fact that many companies do not want to insure job classifications that include bridge painters and operators of marine vessels. As noted, the final premium cost is based on salaries which are audited by the State Insurance Fund at the end of the policy year which will determine the final cost. Mr. Bushek believes the Authority has received the lowest price possible for workers compensation insurance. A brief discussion followed relative to compensation claims. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Ramaglia, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

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Resolution No.: 014-094

Resolution Date: October 16, 2014

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the report relative to the purchase of workers' compensation insurance; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the New York State Bridge Authority does hereby approve this purchase with the State Insurance Fund, through Associates of Glens Falls Inc., at a not-to-exceed cost, subject to payroll audit, of \$390,439.96 including a \$5,000 broker fee; 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 16th day of October 2014.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

3) Accident Review Committee Report – Third Quarter 2014

Mr. Bushek reported to the Board that there were 40 accidents on Authority facilities in the third quarter of 2014 compared with 56 the previous year. During this period there were 2 accidents involving Authority personnel, there were no injuries compared with 3 the previous year. Also noted, on a year-to-date basis, the Authority had 158 accidents through September 30th compared to 138 in the prior year. No action was required by the Board.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY:1) Server Replacement Program - 2014

Mr. Herd indicated that the purchase of four servers was given Board approval at the September 2014 meeting. In the interim of doing the requisition and submitting the purchase order, the IBM Corporation sold their server portion of their company to Lenovo. Lenovo has provided the Authority with a new price quote for the servers. Mr. Bushek added this is for consistency purposes noting nothing else has changed with the price quote given to Authority except for the name and the NYS OGS contract number. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Commissioner Higgins, seconded by Vice Chairman Ramaglia, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

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BOARD RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the memorandum describing the need to replace one file server and three video servers; and

WHEREAS, the Authority will participate in the NYS OGS Contract #65246 and Lenovo for the server procurement; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the previous resolution approved on September 18, 2014 for an IBM Server procurement is repealed replaced by this resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purchase of the four servers will be a not-to-exceed amount of \$28,076.00; 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 16th day of October, 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) September 2014 Traffic and Revenue Analysis

Mr. Ruggiero noted for the month of September traffic increased 1.84% and revenue increases 2.42%. Year-to-date traffic has increased 0.01% and revenue has decreased 0.02%. No action was required by the Board.

3) June 2014 E-ZPass Sales Analysis

Mr. Ruggiero indicated that year-to-date 2014 tag sales were 6,220, compared to 8,814 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 Vice Chairman Ramaglia and approved unanimously, the regular meeting adjourned at 3:42 P.M.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2014 at 3:00 P.M. at Headquarters.