

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

HELD AT HEADQUARTERS, HIGHLAND, N.Y. ON
July 19, 2018

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IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Gerentine, Richard A., Chairman
Higgins, Roger P, Vice Chairman
Dressel, Roderick O., Commissioner
Jablonski, Diane, Commissioner
Stanton, J. Henry, Commissioner

OFFICERS:

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

Chairman Gerentine called the meeting to order at 3:12 pm. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 21, 2018 Regular meetings. On motion of Vice Chairman Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dressel, the minutes of the June 21, 2018 Regular meetings were adopted unanimously.

ENGINEERING:1) 2018 Capital Equipment Purchase – Articulated Wheel Loader

Mr. Wright indicated that the 2018 Capital Equipment budget includes the purchase of one (1) new 4WD articulated wheel loader to be utilized at the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge. This loader will replace an existing 2002 New Holland tractor loader, #T40, which will be put up for auction. The loader will be purchased off the NJ/PA Cooperative through the NYS OGS system. The loader will be delivered through the local John Deere dealer in Beacon, Jesco Inc., at a cost of \$131,240.56. In the process of choosing the loader, the Authority obtained three day demonstrations of a JCB loader and the John Deere. The tractor will be a John Deere 344L equipped with a quick coupler system for a two yard bucket, pallet forks, and a 10' snow pusher. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Jablonski, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 018-084

Resolution Date: July 19, 2018

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined it is in the public interest to issue a purchase order to Jesco, Inc., of Beacon, New York for the purchase of one (1) new John Deere 344L tractor loader to be utilized at the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge to replace an existing New Holland tractor loader, #T40, which will be sold at auction; and

WHEREAS, the loader will be purchased off the NJ/PA Cooperative through the New York State Office of General Services Contract 032515-JDC; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority approve issuing a purchase order to Jesco, Inc., of Beacon, New York for the purchase of one (1) new John Deere 344L tractor loader equipped with a quick coupler system for a two yard bucket, pallet forks and a 10' snow pusher in the amount of \$131,240.56; 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 19th day of July 2018.

 Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) Metro North Flagman Services for WOTH Steel Repairs Project

Mr. Wright reported to the Board that an agreement has been negotiated with Metro North for flagmen services to protect the railroad from our overhead operations during the above referenced steel repairs project at the Walkway Over the Hudson. This is Metro North's standard "Permit to Enter Upon Property" agreement and has been reviewed and approved by our General Counsel. The total anticipated cost is \$123,000.00. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dressel, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 018-085

Resolution Date: July 19, 2018

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority has determined that it is in the public interest to award a contract for professional services in connection with the railroad flagman service at the Walkway Over the Hudson Steel Repairs Project to be designated (BA2017-RE-116-MN); and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined that Metro North Commuter Railroad Company is uniquely qualified to provide the required flag-person services; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorize a professional services agreement be issued to Metro North Commuter Railroad to provide railroad flag-person services at a not-to-exceed cost of \$123,000.00; 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 19th day of July 2018.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

3) Second Quarter 2018 Traffic Accident Summary Report

All of the accidents have been reviewed by Chief Engineer and the Manager of Maintenance and both determined that all of the accidents were believed to be from driver error, driving too fast for weather conditions, not paying attention or distracted driving. No action is required by the Board.

4) Jobs in Progress

Mr. Wright advised the Board regarding the Engineering Jobs in Progress Report for the month of June. Mr. Wright mentioned that the sidewalk approaches at the Rip-Van Winkle Bridge are substantially complete. Also mentioned was the solar project at Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge; materials are being delivered and they will be breaking ground next week. Steel repairs at the Walkway Over the Hudson continue. Steel repairs at the Cable investigation on the Mid-Hudson Bridge will also continue. Steel repairs at the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge continue and are on schedule, as well as the catwalk lowering project. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dressel, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 018-086

Resolution Date: July 19, 2018

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 19th day of July 2018.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

FINANCIAL:1) Investment Transaction Report

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

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 018-087Resolution Date: July 19, 2018

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 June 21, 2018; 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 19th day of July, 2018.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) Insurance Renewals

Mr. Bushek indicated to the Board that the Authority insurance policies proposed here come up for renewal on August 1, 2018. The continuation of coverage for General Liability and Umbrella & Excess is under expired contracts and renewal is proposed based on claims activity. The recommendation is based on the ability to obtain a better premium being limited due to recent claims activity, specifically the two large claims that settled in 2017 during the current policy cycle totaling \$5,284,333. It is recommended the Authority extend the existing contracts as these carriers close out recent Authority claims and they age from loss runs before going back out to market. The Authority has made efforts to address the risk that is driving the premium increases by providing carrier design information regarding the reconstruction of the area associated with those claims. Public Officials and employment practices insurance is also proposed for renewal under an expired contract due to the carrier actively defending the Authority in several open claims. The Auto, Commercial Package, and Police Professional coverages all are proposed for renewal under current contracts. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dressel, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 018-088

Resolution Date: July 19, 2018

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the report relative to the August 1, 2018 purchase of insurance policies covering business automobile, commercial package, public officials and employment practices, and police professional liability; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, BE IT RESOLVED that the award of the contracts for the purchase of these insurances is hereby approved at the following not to exceed costs:

\$208,058.85 for one year, subject to audit, extending Contract BA2011-OA002-IN General Liability with Lexington Insurance Co. through Risk Strategies, Inc.;

\$245,571.71 for one year, subject to audit, extending Contract BA2011-OA003-IN Umbrella and Excess Liability with Lexington Insurance Co. through Risk Strategies, Inc.;

\$38,100 for two years, subject to audit, to extend Contract BA2012-OA008-IN Public Officials and Employment Practices Liability through Risk Strategies, Inc.;

\$84,927 for one year, subject to audit, for Contract BA2015-OA001-IN Business Automobile with American Alternative insurance Corp. (AAIC) through Salerno Brokerage;

\$30,673 for one year, subject to audit, for Contract BA2015-OA002-IN Commercial Package with the Harleysville Insurance Company, a division of Nationwide, through Associates of Glens Falls Inc.;

\$4,673 for one year, subject to audit, for Contract BA2015-OA003-IN Police Professional Liability with Allied World Specialty Insurance Co. through Risk Strategies, Inc.;

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 19th day of July, 2018.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

3) Accident Review Committee Report – Second Quarter 2018

Mr. Bushek reported that there were 100 accidents on Authority facilities in the second quarter of 2018, which compares with 86 the previous year. No action was required by the Board.

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) June 2018 Traffic and Revenue Analysis

Mr. Ruggiero noted for the month of June traffic increased 0.76% and revenue decreased 0.14%. No action was required by the Board.

3) June 2018 E-ZPass Sales Analysis

Mr. Ruggiero indicated that year-to-date 2018 tag sales were 4,884, compared to 5,774 sold year-to-date 2017. No action was required by the Board.

4) Historic Bridges of the Hudson Valley (HBHV) Monthly Report for June 2018

The full monthly and detailed report was submitted to the NYSBA Board of Commissioners and submitted by the Historic Bridges of the Hudson Valley President Tara Sullivan and Director Kathy Burke. Ms. Sullivan also mentioned the Arts Festival which is the upcoming event in September.

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD:1) Newburgh-Beacon Bridge Work Zone Traffic Control

Mr. Wright presented a plan view of the NBB east approach and reviewed the Route 9D merge into I-84 westbound as it related to the 9W overpass construction. A discussion followed regarding the 9D merge, which was initially allowed across the entire NBB and occurred just before the 9W exit ramp. As the merge there caused several accidents and backups across the bridge, the merge was relocated to before the main bridge in front of the maintenance building. Due to extreme backups on Fridays we have allowed the 9D merge to occur two gantries out onto the main bridge to see if traffic delays could be mitigated. Unfortunately, the available merge distance does not have any significant effect on the traffic delays. Therefore, the Authority decided to allow the merge distance to extend two gantries out onto the bridge to assure no backups on the 9D ramp. No action was required by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:1) Government Affairs Services

Alexander L. Betke, the Authority's attorney with the law firm of Brown & Weinraub, PLLC, retained for the purpose of providing professional services involving legislation, transportation and homeland security issues, has performed well as the Authority's government affairs representative. Mr. Ruggiero recommended that the Authority continue to retain Alexander L. Betke of Brown & Weinraub, PLLC to provide these services. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Jablonski, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 018-089

Resolution Date: July 19, 2018

WHEREAS, Alexander L. Betke of Brown & Weinraub, PLLC has performed well as the Authority's government affairs representative; and

WHEREAS, the authority wishes to continue to retain Alexander L. Betke as the government affairs representative for an additional year effective July 15, 2018 through July 14, 2019, upon the same terms and conditions as last year, at a not-to-exceed rate of \$3,000 per month, in addition to reasonable out-of-pocket expenses; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Director is authorized and directed to execute a new retainer agreement with Brown & Weinraub, PLLC in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit "A".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this resolution has been duly adopted this 19th day of July, 2018.

 Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

2) TAP Grant Application

Mr. Scaglione indicated to the Board that Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo announced the creation of the Empire State Trail, a 750-mile pedestrian and bicycle path network, in January 2017 and state officials have deemed such path should cross the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge. The New York State Bridge Authority plans to add pedestrian access and improve existing bicycle access with a long term version for this project at an estimated cost of \$8.16 million. The Authority qualifies for competitive grant funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program ("TAP") administered through the New York State Department of Transportation. Grants awarded through TAP range between \$250,000 up to \$5 million providing the potential for significant cost savings towards this project. Mr. Scaglione recommended for the Board of Commissioners to consider authorizing the Executive Director, with the advice and consent of Authority Counsel, to apply for grant funding through the TAP, up to the maximum award amount of \$5 million, for the purposes of funding the pedestrian and bicycle access project to bring the Empire State Trail across the Kingston-Rhinecliff 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.: 018-090

Resolution Date: July 19, 2018

WHEREAS, Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo announced the creation of the Empire State Trail, a 750-mile pedestrian and bicycle path network, in January 2017; and,

WHEREAS, state officials have deemed such path should cross the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge; and,

WHEREAS, the New York State Bridge Authority (hereinafter "the Authority") plans to add pedestrian access and improve existing bicycle access at an estimated cost of \$8.16 million; and

WHEREAS, the Authority qualifies for competitive grant funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program ("TAP,") administered through the New York State Department of Transportation; and,

WHEREAS, grants awarded through TAP range between \$250,000 to \$5 million, providing the potential for significant cost savings for this project; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority authorizes the Executive Director, with the advice and consent of Authority Counsel, to apply for grant funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program, up to the maximum award amount of \$5 million, for the purposes of funding the pedestrian and bicycle access project to bring the Empire State Trail across the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge; 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 19th day of July, 2018.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

**NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY
BOARD RESOLUTION**

Resolution No. 015-081

Resolution Date: July 19, 2018

WHEREAS, the Authority owns and operates the Bear Mountain Bridge

and
WHEREAS, Westchester County routinely supports the registration and
coordination of primary emergency and medical aid and EMS resources
authorized or requested to respond to an incident on and in the vicinity of the
Bear Mountain Bridge and

WHEREAS, the New York State Police and law enforcement resources from both
Westchester and Putnam counties on dispatch radio systems making it
challenging to coordinate a safe and efficient response and

WHEREAS, the County desires to install radio gateway equipment,
including a computer rack, switch, router, antenna and feed line at the Bear
Mountain Bridge for use by local emergency responder agencies for the purpose
of maintaining interoperable radio communications between emergency response
equipment that may be operating on or in the area of the Bear Mountain Bridge
and

3) BMB Gateway Radio System –Westchester County Inter-Municipal Agreement

Mr. Scaglione explained to the Board that the Authority has negotiated an inter-municipal agreement with Westchester County to allow the County to install, operate and maintain a gateway radio system at the Bear Mountain Bridge office building. The gateway radio system will permit emergency responders from various agencies in the surrounding area to coordinate communication when responding to an emergency situation at the Bear Mountain Bridge. The gateway radio system will require space for a computer rack, antennae, and a direct feed line to the radio system. All of these equipment requirements have been reviewed by the appropriate Authority staff, including the Director of IT, and have confirmed that this system can be added to the computer room in the bridge office with minimal disruption to our existing system configuration. The Authority will benefit from the installation of this system by promoting better coordination of emergency response efforts amongst the local emergency response agencies that arrive on Authority property at the Bear Mountain Bridge. Additionally, the Authority will be able to utilize the gateway radio system via the Command Center and the Bear Mountain Bridge office to coordinate with emergency responders that arrive on scene. There will be no cost to the Authority to allow Westchester County to install, operate and maintain this system. Chairman Gerentine called for a motion. On a motion of Vice Chairman Higgins, seconded by Commissioner Dressel, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

NEW YORK STATE BRIDGE AUTHORITY BOARD RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 018-091

Resolution Date: July 19, 2018

WHEREAS, the Authority owns and operates the Bear Mountain Bridge;
and

WHEREAS, Westchester County routinely supports the notification and coordination of primary emergency and mutual aid fire and EMS resources authorized or requested to respond to an event(s) on and in the vicinity of the Bear Mountain Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the fire, EMS and law enforcement resources from both Westchester and Rockland operate on disparate radio systems making it challenging to coordinate a safe and efficient response; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to install radio gateway equipment, including a computer rack, switch, radios, antennas and feed line at the Bear Mountain Bridge, for use by local emergency responder agencies for the purpose of maintaining interoperable radio communications between emergency response equipment that may be operating on or in the area of the Bear Mountain Bridge;
and

WHEREAS, the Authority is willing to allow the County to install the necessary equipment and operate the gateway out of the Bear Mountain Bridge; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority authorizes the Executive Director, with the advice and consent of Authority Counsel, to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with Westchester County to allow Westchester County to install, operate and maintain a gateway radio system at the Bear Mountain Bridge Facility.

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 19th day of July, 2018.

Joseph Ruggiero, Secretary

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 3:54 P.M.

The next regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2018 at 3:00 P.M. at Headquarters.