

## **New York State Bridge Authority Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2015**

The New York State Bridge Authority's Finance Committee met, in a joint meeting with the Audit Committee as a committee of the whole at the Authority's Headquarters in Highland, New York, at 3:23 p.m. on March 19, 2015.

In addition to Finance Committee Chairman Roderick Dressel, Committee members Richard Gerentine and Roger Higgins, those in attendance were as follows:

C. Vane Lashua  
Joseph Ruggiero  
Brian Bushek  
Carl G. Whitbeck, Jr., Esq.

Absent: Joseph Ramaglia

Upon a motion made by Chairman Dressel and seconded by Mr. Ramaglia the minutes of the December 18, 2014 meeting was approved unanimously.

As Committee agendas were the same, the Audit Committee and Finance Committee conducted their meetings in concert.

Mr. Bushek introduced Tim Thomas, partner with firm Toski, Schaeffer and Company, the Authority's independent accountant. Mr. Thomas summarized the Toski & Co. 2014 annual report to the Board and said that their firm had audited the financial statements of New York State Bridge Authority (the Authority) for the year ended December 31, 2014 and communicated the following information related to the audit:

- For year ended December 31, 2014, Toski & Co. evaluated the key factors and assumptions used by management in determining that accounting estimates were reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.
- The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent and clear.
- No difficulties, disagreements with management, no material misstatements, and no deficiencies in internal controls were encountered during the current year audit.
- There were no material misstatements detected as a result of the audit procedure.

Independent Auditor's Report:

- They believe that the audit evidence they have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for the audit opinion.

It is in their unqualified opinion as independent auditor, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Authority, as of December 31, 2014 and 2013. The changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the years then ended are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Upon a motion made by Chairman Dressel, seconded by Mr. Gerentine, the 2014 Annual Reports from Toski & Co. was accepted unanimously.

Mr. Bushek reviewed the Annual Report per section 2800 Public Authorities law and said it is to be sent to the Governor (Authority Budget Office) and the Comptroller's Office through "PARIS" (Public Authority Reporting Information System) and the ranking majority and minority members of the Senate Finance and Assembly Ways and Means Committees.

Upon a motion made by Chairman Dressel, seconded by Mr. Gerentine, the Annual Report Per Section 2800 Public Authorities Law was accepted unanimously and will be sent to the full Board with both Committees' recommendation for adoption.

Mr. Bushek reviewed the 2014 Public Authorities Law Annual Investment Report and said it is to be sent to the Governor (Authority Budget Office) and the Comptroller's Office through "PARIS" (Public Authority Reporting Information System) and the ranking majority and minority members of the Senate Finance and Assembly Ways and Means Committees.

Upon a motion made by Chairman Dressel, seconded by Mr. Gerentine, the 2014 Public Authorities Law Annual Investment Report was accepted unanimously and will be sent to the full Board with both Committees' recommendation for adoption.

Mr. Bushek reviewed the Trononi, Segarra & Associates Internal Auditor Report and stated that the report covers the 2014 portion of the audit plan previously submitted to the Audit Committee. The report reflected no findings identified within the overall scope of the 2014 assessment. Specifically reviewed were: Toll Collection & Revenues (TCR), Facilities Inspections & Maintenance Program (FIM), and Personnel, Payroll, and Benefits (PP). Mr. Bushek added that the Authority continues to demonstrate strong controls and is pleased to note that for these three areas the Auditor did not identify any recommendations to strengthen the Authority's controls and risk exposure.

Upon a motion made by Chairman Dressel, seconded by Mr. Gerentine, the Trononi, Segarra & Associates Internal Auditor Report was accepted unanimously.

Having no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.