

## MINUTES BETHPAGE WATER DISTRICT

**DATE: January 22, 2026 – 3:00pm**

**Location:** Bethpage Water District, 15 Grumman Road West Suite 1450

**Commissioners and others present:**

John Coumatos Theresa Black Scott Greco  
Diana Long Richard Walker  
Richard Humann Michael Weber Gregory Carman Gary Cucchi  
Sal Greco

**Call to Order: 3:05 pm**

**Minutes of previous meeting:**

Minutes from January 8<sup>th</sup> and January 15<sup>th</sup> under review

**Superintendent's Report: Michael Boufis**

No Report

**Town of Oyster Bay Bond Claim Forms**

None

**Correspondence:**

1. Tri-party collateral agreement. Capital One and Bank of NY at 105%. dated 1/6/26.
2. 2025 Annual Water Supply Statement/Consumer Confidence Report. H2M Project No. BWD2650 dated 1/12/26.
3. Proposal for Engineering Services. Bulk Material Storage at Grumman Road. H2M Proposal No. LP251297 dated 1/20/26.

**Attorney's Report: Gregory Carman**

1. Mr. Carman reported that new legislation requiring contractors to file certified payroll through a Department of Labor portal does not relieve contractors from providing certified payroll to the district, which they are contractually obligated to do. Greg advised the BOC that the district should not make any changes to this requirement at this time.

## Engineer's Report: Michael Weber

1. **BPWD2107** - Ion Exchange & AOP Treatment at Plant No. 1 – AC Schultes completed jetting of the well, performed the TV inspection, and is expected to reinstall Well No. 7A by the end of the week.

PRI completed cleaning the clearwell and disinfection of the new systems within the PTA building. Monroe completed start-up of the new blower and AC Schultes completed start-up of the new booster pumps. Expectation is to complete PTA sampling in conjunction with Well 7A sampling next week.

Schedule for start-up is now the following:

- SI Controls; mid-February.

2. **BPWD2301** - Renovation of Administration Building – Intricate submitted balancing report. H2M reviewed and shared comments.
3. **BPWD2501** – Exterior Overcoat of Adams Avenue Elevated Storage Tank – The existing antenna equipment was removed and returned to the District. New aircraft warning lights on order. The work for installing bird spikes was approved and is completed.
4. **BPWD2552** – Watermain Replacement on Barnum Ave. – Responses to NCDH comments transmitted.
5. **BPWD2554** - Watermain Replacement on Elm Dr. – Responded to health department comments.

## PMG Strategies Report: Gary Cucchi

1. PMG will await Commissioner Black's communication with Island Trees and Bethpage School District on the timing of the school tours.
2. PMG will edit the poster contest flyer with a 'due date' for submittals. The plan is to have the poster contest at the Bethpage Library on or around Earth Day with the awards ceremony tentative for Mid-June.
3. Mr. Cucchi and Supt. Boufis will connect to go through setting up and creating a new Facebook page for BWD and discuss the strategy and messaging for posts for 2026.
4. PMG will set up the new email dissemination software and put the email program outline together with Supt. Boufis.
5. Commissioner Black will get the Press Release of the new LIWC Board (2026) and provide to PMG for PMG to write a web blurb for the BWD website (LIWC disseminating the Press Release).

6. PMG to create the communication strategy for the BWD and BFD Agreement "Saving Taxpayers' Money."
7. PMG to create and print inserts for BWD to distribute to customers about important information from the District.
8. Mr. Cucchi will include announcement of Commissioner Black being elected as Secretary to the LIWC Association.

**Old Business:**

1. Mr. Walker reported that the contract between the BWD and the Fire District has been signed.
2. Commissioner Black reported that Lorraine Marcis has preliminary dates for the Spring field trip and that she will email those dates to Supt. Boufis and Asst. Supt. Daub. Commissioner Black will provide Island Trees District with the same.
3. Commissioner Black suggested that the poster contest be in conjunction with Earth Day in April.
4. Commissioner Black reported that there may be between 150-200 students at the plant field trip, which may be too much in one day. Discussions of details to continue.
5. Commissioner Greco inquired about installing a fence at the new administration building. He requested that fence be completed before restoration and planting is completed. Commissioner Coumatos asked that this be further discussion after the meeting. Commissioner Black suggested at that time we refer to previous plant tour conducted in the fall for this purpose.
6. Commissioner Coumatos when the next flyer will be going out and when information is due to PMG. Mr. Cucci requests by 1/23 at 4 or Monday the latest.
7. Commissioner Greco inquired about the possibility of notifications for the BWD be included in statement mailing.
8. Mr. Walker reported on bond rates from Jeff Lew at RBC:
  - i. 32 months - 3.635%
  - ii. 33 months - 3.715%
  - iii. 41 months - 3.675%
9. Commissioner Coumatos reported that he received a text from Supt. Boufis that he met with ConnectOne and that they would match Webster's rate. Secretary to the Board Diana Long reported that all banks received the same opportunity to bid on the CD as well as other funds from the district. A motion was made at the 12/18 to transfer CD funds to Webster Bank. Commissioners will discuss further next week.

**New Business:**

1. Commissioner Greco reported NSWCA will be planning a trip to Albany to meet with NYS Legislators. Senator Steve Rhodes will help to coordinate timing of trip. Engineer Humann stated they will be involved with event.
2. Commissioner Greco inquired as to whether any Grants are available for BWD BGD-II Project. Mr. Humann stated Long Island usually does not qualify for this type of Grant.

**Meeting Adjourned: 4:30 pm**

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Scott A. Greco



John F. Coumatos, Chairman



Theresa M. Black, Treasurer



Scott A. Greco, Secretary



Sal J Greco, Consultant