

**MINUTES  
BETHPAGE WATER DISTRICT**

**DATE:** February 19, 2026 – 3:00pm

**Location:** Bethpage Water District, 25 Adams Ave

**Commissioners and others present:**

John Coumatos Theresa Black Scott Greco  
Michael Boufis Joseph Daub Diana Long Richard Walker  
Richard Humann Michael Weber Gary Cucchi Sal Greco

**Call to Order:** 3:03pm

**Minutes of previous meeting:**

Minutes from February 5, 2026 for review and approval

**Superintendent's Report: Michael Boufis**

1. Supt. Boufis presented the Board with a final payment request from Merrick Utility Associat, Inc for project BPWD2351 Harrison Ave Water Main Replacement in the amount of \$238,110.14.
2. Supt. Boufis presented the Board with a copy of the NYS Parks Agreement to Grant Utility Easement for North to South Transmission Main.
3. Supt. Boufis presented a copy of the January Month-End statement for First American Asset Advisory
4. Supt. Boufis presented the Board with a proposal for Engineering Services from H2M architects + engineers dated February 16, 2026, for Wellhouse and Treatment for Well BGD-2
5. Supt. Boufis presented the Board with a proposal for Engineering Services from H2M architects + engineers dated February 16, 2026, for Risk & Resiliency Assessment.

**Town of Oyster Bay Bond Claim Forms**

H2M architects + engineers  
BPWD2301 – Renovation of Administration Building  
Invoice – #288892 Net Payable: \$3,328.81

H2M architects + engineers  
BPWD2107 – Ion Exchange & AOP Treatment Plant-1

Invoice – #289657

Net Payable: \$9,650.00

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Net Payable: \$15,408.30

H2M architects + engineers  
BPWD1554 – North South Transmission Main  
Invoice – #289622

Net Payable: \$18,302.70

Bancker Construction Corp.  
BPWD1554 – North South Transmission Main  
Invoice – #3

Net Payable: \$734,307.25

**Correspondence:**

1. Tri-party collateral agreement. Capital One and Bank of NY at 105%. dated 02/9/26.

**Attorney's Report: Gregory Carman**

None

**Engineer's Report: Michael Weber**

1. **BPWD1554** - North to South Transmission Main – Phase 2 – (Central Ave.) – Bancker has stated they intend to schedule the remaining work within the next two weeks. Bancker has presented several claims for additional work, which H2M is evaluating. They have failed to offer credit for use of imported fittings as was agreed to when H2M/BPWD approved at start of project. H2M to prepare letter to Bancker on expectations for credit and project completion.

Phase 3 (Park): Currently bids due on 2/26. Requests received to extend bid time, some thoughtful questions have come in as well. Recommend extending bid period for two weeks to 3/12. This will also allow for additional time for coordination with parks on easement, which was presented to BPWD for signature and payment.

2. **BPWD2107** - Ion Exchange & AOP Treatment at Plant No. 1 – Start-up schedule for remaining systems:
  - H2M and SI completed start-up of the Well No. 8 system through NO3 and PTA treatment.
  - H2M took bacteriological samples from the PTA system 2/1/; follow-up samples to be completed pending results.

- H2M to review water flowing through AOP system this week and start-up of that system, followed by a call with SI to confirm operation of the AOP system.
- PRI to review breaker setting for blower and booster pump system due to nuisance tripping.
- H2M to send completed works package to NCDH and request completed walk-through once sampling through AOL/GAC is completed.

Anticipated approval for NCDH is approximately April 1<sup>st</sup>.

3. **BPWD2301** - Renovation of Administration Building – Manufacturer completed start-up of gas detection system.
4. **BPWD2554** – Watermain Replacement on Elm Dr. – Received additional health department comments. Working on the responses. Need direction on DOH-347 comment for backflow devices.

#### **PMG Strategies Report: Gary Cucchi**

1. PMG composed the Superintendent's Message for the March 2026 Issue of South Bay's Neighbor Newspaper and submitted it to run the first week of March.
2. PMG made updates to the BWD Website and will continue to work with Superintendent Boufis on wholesale edits and changes throughout.
3. PMG will await Commissioner Black's communication with Island Trees and Bethpage School District on the timing of the School Tours.
  - Bethpage School District (week of 3/17/26)
  - Island Trees (may not participate this year)
4. Poster Contest at the Bethpage Library (Mid-June)
  - Poster Deadline on or around Earth Day (4/22/26).
  - Bethpage School District and Island Trees School District to BOTH participate.
5. PMG to shoot video at Bethpage School District
  - Commissioner Black to orchestrate conversation with Lorraine Marcis to schedule time for the video shoot within the school classroom (B-Roll).
  - PMG will put this video in the hopper for when we build out the full video.
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7. Once PMG gains access to the Mail Chimp Account for BWD, they begin developing our email dissemination program.
8. PMG composed the web blurb/release for Commissioner Black being named Secretary of the LIWC Board.
9. PMG composed the web blurb/release for the 2026 NSWCA Board.
10. PMG composed the press release for the Bethpage Taxpayer Protection Act.
11. PMG to create and print inserts for BWD to distribute to customers about important information from the District – Spring 2026.

#### **Old Business: Asst. Supt Daub**

1. Engineer Michael Weber reported that final payment to Stalco includes the credit of \$30k as previously agreed.
2. Mr. Weber will send first proposal of two for project BGD Well House as well as BGD 2.
3. Asst Supt Daub reported that landscaper Fabio will be ready to work on landscaping mid-March. Fabio will keep up with the landscaping around fence line two times per year.
4. Commissioner Black requested that Fabio maintain trees and not cut too much. She asked if we were going to do an RFP for shrubs. Supt. Boufis responded that there are other planting/landscaping that needs repair at the plants and an RFP will include all work.

#### **New Business: Supt. Boufis**

1. Supt. Boufis reported that Rich Baldwin will move servers and computers over to new building tomorrow, 2/20. The office will be closed for the transition and Gary Cucchi at PMG will post on the website that office is closed. Phones will be on service for the day. Full move in on Friday 2/20.

#### **Commissioner Greco requested an Executive Session**

**Executive Session: 4:15 pm – 4:39 pm**

Supt Boufis, Asst. Supt. Daub, Commissioner Coumatos, Commissioner Black  
Commissioner Greco, Richard Walker, Diana Long and Consultant Sal Greco  
discussed personnel matters.

**Regular Meeting back in session: 4:39pm**

Mr. Walker presented to the Board the Memorandum of Agreement Between the  
Bethpage Water District and Local 342 Long Island Public Service Employees.

Commissioner Black made a motion to accept the Memorandum Agreement.  
Commissioner Greco seconded the motion. Commissioner Coumatos abstained  
from the motion.

**Meeting adjourned: 4:42 pm**

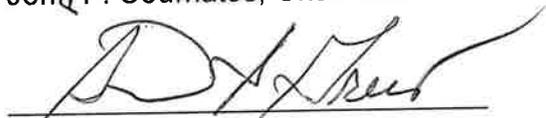
Respectfully submitted by Secretary Scott A. Greco

  
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John F. Coumatos, Chairman

  
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Theresa M. Black, Treasurer

  
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Scott A. Greco, Secretary

  
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Sal J Greco, Consultant