

# MINUTES

## BETHPAGE WATER DISTRICT

**DATE: March 5, 2026 – 3:00pm**

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

**Commissioners and others present:**

John Coumatos Scott Greco Michael Boufis Joseph Daub Diana Long Richard Walker Michael Weber Gregory Carman Sal Greco

**Call to Order: 3:04pm**

**Minutes of previous meeting:**

January 29<sup>th</sup>, Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, and February 19<sup>th</sup> ready for signature.  
February 26<sup>th</sup> in review.

**Superintendent's Report: Michael Boufis**

1. Supt. Boufis presented the Board with the accident report from employee David Kelly and an estimate from Bob & Fred Auto Body in the amount of \$8,913.94 for repair of 2014 Ford F-250. Two additional estimates will be obtained for comparison. Supt. Boufis reported that he is looking into driving school for the staff. Commissioner Greco asked if there are a policy and procedure as this is Dave's second occurrence. A letter will be drafted and presented to the board to put in his file.
2. Supt. Boufis presented the Board with a letter dated February 12, 2026, from Town of Oyster Bay Comptroller, Steven C. Ballas, on SOP's for submitting claim forms.
3. Supt. Boufis presented the Board with a letter dated February 20, 2026, from Michael Weber at H2M architects + engineers on the 2026 Annual Safety Awareness Training course. Cost of the training for the district would be \$2,200. This is an OSHA course and offered on July 8<sup>th</sup> and July 13, 2026.
4. Supt. Boufis presented the Board with a preliminary capital cost opinion from H2M architects + engineers for Wellhouse and treatment for well BGD-2 in the amount of \$1,593,000.00. Mr. Weber submitted the application and needs to provide letters of support for the application. Commissioner Coumatos and Commissioner Greco agreed to provide letters by tomorrow.
5. Supt. Boufis presented the Board with a cost estimate for 2 eagle statues for Adams Ave Elevated Storage Tank to be used as a bird deterrent. H2M provided pictures and pamphlets of the statues that have been installed by NW

Management at clients. The board will discuss this option as well as others for bird deterrent.

6. Supt. Boufis reported that he has no connection or accounts with ConnectOne Bank.
7. Commissioner Greco was concerned about our dealings with ConnectOne after they renewed a 4.0% CD automatically at 1.75% in July. Supt. Boufis reported that the board had the opportunity to obtain a better rate, referencing a July board meeting. Secretary to the Board, Diana Long, added that prior to the renewal of the CD on July 30th, she reached out, by email, to Connect One requesting rates for the CD renewal. A rate of 3.75% was quoted. The CD auto renewed at 1.75%.

### **Town of Oyster Bay Bond Claim Forms**

Stalco Construction, Inc.

BPWD2105 – Well HOUSE #7&#8 Roof Replacement

Invoice – #16 - Final

Net Payable: \$20,432.81

#### **Correspondence:**

1. Tri-party collateral agreement. Capital One and Bank of NY at 105%. dated 02/23/26.
2. LIWC Operator Training being held at the Westbury Fire House on March 25, 2026, from 1:00pm-3:45pm on 2026 Regulatory Update. The speaker will be Kristine Wheeler, PE Director, Bureau of Water Supply Protection.
3. LIWC Lunch & Learn being held at the Westbury Water District on March 18, 2026, from 12:00pm-1:30pm on Stay Ahead of Emerging Contaminates.
4. RAB meeting will be held on March 18, 2026, from 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Bethpage Community Senior Center. The meeting is also offered virtually online.
5. Check from ConnectOne bank in the amount of \$5,403,549.65 was deposited into RBC bank for the purpose of buying long term treasuries. Commissioner Greco spoke to Jeff Lew at RBC prior to the board meeting and reported that Jeff was now able to offer a rate of 4.25% for a 36-month treasury. Increasing from 4.15% for a 19/21-month treasury reported at the February 26<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Commissioner Coumatos would like confirmation in writing from RBC of this increase.

#### **Attorney's Report: Gregory Carman**

1. Phase 1 road restoration bid out for RFPs. Phase 2 & 3 out for design. BWD would like our road restoration to be in Phase 2.
2. Commissioner Greco inquired as to how long the TOB does road restoration after our water-main replacement projects. TOB time frame unknown currently. Also, road restoration on Powell Avenue not done by TOB.

3. Mr. Carman had discussion with Plainview Water District in reference to NYS Propel issues. Mr. Weber, H2M, has also been involved with this issue. A joint agreement effort is under review.

### **Engineer's Report: Michael Weber**

1. **BPWD1554** - North to South Transmission Main – Phase 2 – (Central Ave.) – H2M met with Bancker today. Schedule on remaining work forthcoming.

Phase 3 (Park): Bids to be received on Thursday March 12th.

2. **BPWD2107** - Ion Exchange & AOP Treatment at Plant No. 1 – Start-up schedule for remaining systems:
  - H2M forwarded information/Well No. 8 issues to PRI/Hinck for review; looking for costs to either replace contactor or replace the starter.
  - H2M reviewed power monitoring with Elemco on Monday; no faults were observed, Elemco left power monitor on incoming service.
  - H2M to review start-up of Well No. 7 with PRI.
  - H2M to send completed works package to NCDH and request completed works walkthrough once sampling through AOP/GAC is completed.
3. **BPWD2552** – Water Replacement on Barnum Ave – Additional, minimal comments received from NCDH March 2<sup>nd</sup>. H2M will respond this week.
4. **BPWD2553** – Water Replacement on Dennis LN & Elizabeth Dr – Comments from NCDH received. H2M to respond.

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

1. The district will pay rent for the month of March for the Grumman Road office.
2. There is furniture that belonged to Steel Equities that will be left in the offices which Holobeam will utilize when they occupy the space.
3. PMG will remove all references to the Grumman Road address from the BWD website.
4. Commissioner Greco asked if the heat is fixed at the Adams Ave office. Supt. Daub said that it is still being worked on and two controls and one VAV box is on order.
5. Commissioner Greco asked if the round two way opening by the front desk can be replaced, BWD hours of operation be added to the front door and tint be added to the front window to block the sun. Asst. Supt. Daub reported that the round opening on window and hours of operation decals are in the works and tint was already completed.

6. Commissioner Greco reported that a snow plow hit and damaged a fire hydrant at the Community Park. Supt. Daub will send one of the guys to assess and fix or replace the hydrant if necessary.

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

1. Supt. Boufis reported that all employees were asked to attend the Bethpage St. Patrick's Day parade and two attended.
2. Supt. Boufis announced that he will be retiring from the District. He will provide to the Commissioners, a report of his accrued and sick time for payout. He will also provide all receipts for past reimbursements including but not limited to Saratoga and other BWD trips and costs for the educational trailer. He will provide a date of retirement once he speaks the New York State Retirement.
3. Commissioner Coumatos stated that a "Letter of Commitment" is being prepared for all BWD commissioners and employees to ensure transparency with all BWD investments and financial institutions. More information to follow.
4. Supt. Boufis inquired as to the progress of the union contract pay scale addendum with employees. Commissioner Coumatos stated that he has abstained from these union contract updates. This will need to be addressed when Commissioner Black is also present.

### **Meeting Adjourned: 4:06pm**

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