

MINUTES

BETHPAGE WATER DISTRICT

DATE: April 23, 2026 – 3:00pm

Location: Bethpage Water District, 25 Adams Ave

Commissioners and others present:

Theresa Black Scott Greco Michael Boufis Joseph Daub Diana Long Richard Walker Richard Humann Michael Weber Gregory Carman

Call to Order: 3:05pm

Overview

Regular Bethpage Water District meeting on April 23, 2026 (started 3:05 p.m.). Key topics: Phase 3 contract award for the North–South Transmission Main; fund transfer and year-end budget appropriations; answering service rate changes; vouchers and bank collateral/letters of credit; project and engineering updates (Phase 2/3 status, Adams Avenue Tank, permits/easements, telecom work, well house concept, annual water supply statement); operations and facilities (auctions, analyzers pilot, generator/SCADA tie-ins, HVAC fix); treatment equipment financing (vapor-phase carbon); HR civil service items; community outreach; moved to executive session at 3:57 p.m.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Minutes from February 26, March 12, March 19, March 26, April 2, April 9 and April 16, 2026, for review and approval

Superintendent’s Report: Michael Boufis

1. Supt. Boufis presented the Board with the Payroll Journal report for week ending April 19, 2026.
2. Supt. Boufis presented the Board with the Overtime Report for week ending April 19, 2026.
3. Supt. Boufis presented the Board with a letter of Notice of award dated April 6, 2026, from Engineer Michael Weber to Mr. Louis DiGrazia, Vice President at Bancker Construction Corp. for project BPWD1554 Phase 3 North to South Transmission Main. The award is made for the total alternate bid in the amount of \$8,383,830. A copy of the bid tabulation is enclosed for your reference.
4. Supt. Boufis presented the Board with a letter dated April 17, 2026, from Attorney Gregory W. Carman in reference to contract signing for project BPWD1554 Phase

3 North to South Transmission Main. Contracts presented to the Board for signatures. The contract has been signed at Mr. Carman's office. Supt. Boufis presented three copies to be signed by Chairman, John Coumatos, who is not present. With Chairman Coumatos absent, Commissioner Black signed and executed the contract.

5. Supt. Boufis presented the Board with correspondence and a check dated April 17, 2026, for the reimbursement of workers' compensation for employee Ellinger in the amount of \$10,329.44.
6. Supt. Boufis presented the Board with a fund transfer for Bridgeway Associates in the amount of \$899,308.00. Transfer will be from the ICS Tank Fund to the Capital Active Projects Fund.
7. Supt. Boufis presented the Board with an email dated April 16, 2026, from contract accountant Jill Lemke for interfund transfers and fund balance. Supt. Boufis presented the board with Resolution 2025-08 to move money from overfunded GL accounts to underfunded GL accounts. The total amount of money to be moved is \$1,989,401. Commissioner Black made a motion to accept the resolution to transfer money. Commissioner Greco seconded the motion and the resolution was adopted.
8. Commissioner Greco inquired about the North/South Transmission main project costs. Supt. Boufis confirmed it is in next year's budget and will go through the bond.
9. Supt. Boufis received a letter from Live Message America regarding rate increases. Effective May 1st, monthly base rate will increase to \$307.25, our current base rate is \$227.50. Excess messages will increase to \$1.72 from \$1.26. Base includes 60 messages. Continued use of the service after May 1st is your acceptance of the above rate changes. Past nine months ranged from \$254. To \$651, depending on main breaks/callouts. The board acknowledged service necessity and continuation.

Town of Oyster Bay Bond Claim Forms

Sage Builders Syndicate
BPWD2301 – Renovation of Administration Building
Invoice – #5 Net Payable: \$16,558.67

Sage Builders Syndicate
BPWD2301 – Renovation of Administration Building
Invoice – #6 Net Payable: \$25,375.38

Bancker Construction Corp.
BPWD1554 – North to South Transmission Main
Phase 2 - Payment #4 Net Payable: \$22,162.83

Correspondance :

1. Tri-party collateral agreement. Capital One and Bank of NY Mellon at 105%. dated 04/13/2026.
2. Tri-party collateral agreement. Webster Bank and Bank of NY Mellon at 102%. dated 04/13/2026.
3. March Month-End Tri-Party Collateral agreement between the custodian M&T Bank and the customer ConnectOne Bank and sub-account Bethpage Water District. Letter of credit in the amount of \$8,000,000.00.
4. Irrevocable Stand-By Letter of Credit for Customer Flushing Bank and the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York for the credit amount of \$8,000,000.00.
5. Irrevocable Stand-By Letter of Credit for Customer ConnectOne Bank and the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York for the credit amount of \$8,000,000.00.
6. NSWCA presents a program on Cybersecurity by Centripetal on Wednesday April 29, 2026, at the Westbury Fire House at 6:00pm. There is no cost for this dinner meeting. Commissioner Black asked what the deadline for the Grant is. Grant deadline referenced as May 15th.
7. Supt. Boufis presented a flyer to save the date. Friday, July 3rd, 2026, at 9 a.m. The Knights of Central Park in collaboration with the Bethpage School District, Bethpage Fire District, Bethpage Chamber of Commerce, American Legion and VFW will sponsor the 250th Commemorative Commemoration of the founding of the United States Bethpage Parade. Requests all Bethpage civic groups, organizations, youth groups, and others to save the date, to make the Bethpage strong for further information, contact either Commissioner Coumatos or Jack Delaney. Supt. Boufis asked if we should bring the Educational Trailer. Commissioner Greco stated that others will bring floats and asked if we can get a crew together. He stated that he would like to represent the district. Commissioner Black stated that it is her understanding they will be positioning down at the end of Broadway and thought the event would be about six hours long. Supt. Boufis will follow up on personnel availability and event set up. If necessary, the person on call can drive the float.

Attorney's Report: Gregory Carman

Mr. Carman reported that the Town adopted the IMA agreement attached hereto. Remaining items for discussion reserved for executive session.

Engineer's Report: Michael Weber

1. **BPWD1554** - North to South Transmission Main – Phase 2 – (Central Ave.) – Bancker on-site today working on hydrant removal. Awaiting schedule for traffic detector loop replacement. Asst. Supt. Daub reported that they have some outstanding concrete work, topsoil and seed.

Phase 3(Park): Awaiting confirmation that contract has been executed. Bancker sent over request to begin construction in August, and to furnish a thinner walled sleeve pipe for the directional drill to help mitigate material cost increases. H2M to evaluate pipe request on engineering/pressure merits; if acceptable, any approval would require appropriate financial credit to the district. Commissioner Greco inquired if the sleeve pipe is sealed off at the ends. H2M confirmed that the pipe is sealed and no separate leak detection is used. The purpose is to enable future pipe placement/replacement without full reinstallation. Commissioner Greco asked if fencing in the property is included in the price. H2M confirmed no permanent fencing in Phase 3 scope; contractor will provide temporary construction fencing for excavations. Permanent fencing anticipated later around the future well house (BGD 2), not around the entire property.

Mr. Walker expressed concern that Bancker is coming back with change requests while they have not finished Phase 2 and we have not signed the contract for Phase 3. H2M confirmed that they will communicate which extras are accepted and which are rejected and any spec-changes prior to contract execution, any acceptance are contingent on appropriate credits.

Commissioner Black expressed that we should have negotiating leverage and present the options on Phase 2 concessions.

Plans sent to NYS Parks for approval to construct permit.

Final plans sent to LIPA. LIPA had previously reviewed work in easement and made comments which are already reflected in the plans. No changes expected from this submission.

Easement: Parks stated the agreement is with the Comptroller's office. Anticipate another signature from BPWD, then final processing.

2. **BPWD2107** - Ion Exchange & AOP Treatment at Plant No. 1 – Start-up schedule for remaining systems:
 - Completed works package submitted to the DOH on 4/10/26. Awaiting date for DOH walkthrough. H2M has following up with the DOH for a walkthrough date on 4/16 and 4/21.
 - PRI installed the Well No. 7 motorized butterfly valve.
 - Cleaning of the buildings has been completed.
3. **BPWD2501** – Exterior Overcoat of Adams Avenue Elevated Storage Tank – Punch list is completed; final payment is required.
4. **BPWD2552** – Watermain Replacement on Barnum Ave - H2M received additional comments regarding removing backflow prevention devices from the plans and to submit separately. This is similar to other projects.

5. **BPWD2553** – Watermain Replacement on Dennis Ln. & Elizabeth Dr. – NCDH rescinded their approval of the plans and requested references to new backflow devices be removed from watermain plans, and any proposed new devices would require a separate submission.
6. **BPWD2275** – Verizon Upgrade at Adams Avenue – Construction completed on 4/14. Troubleshoot of equipment completed on 4/22.
7. **BPWD2276** – AT&T Upgrades at Grumman Road – Construction is on hold due to falcon's nest present on one of AT&T's sectors. Construction will look to start back up after breeding season.
8. **BPWD2601** – Wellhouse & Treatment for Well BGD-2 – H2M sent over prelim floor plan of wellhouse to District for review/comment. Waiting for comments to finalize layout. Working on design report.
9. **BPWD2650** – Annual Water Supply Statement – Report approved by NCDH for review. File sent to PMG.

Old Business: Asst. Supt Daub

1. Asst. Supt Daub put vehicles and other items out for auction through Auction International.
 - a. Auctions International – Surplus Items (bidding closes Friday at ~7:00):
 - b. 2023 GMC Yukon (old vehicle sales): current high bid \$1,575.
 - c. 1997 Ford Explorer: current high bid \$810.
 - d. Trailer-mounted welder: current high bid \$2,425.
 - e. Control room electronics (old chart recorders/RQ components): current high bid \$26.
 - f. Four spare well pumps (working; obsolete for Bethpage; approx. 100–200 HP range): current high bid \$27 for all.
 - g. Computer monitors (bundled): current bids \$0.

Plan: District reserves right to reject low bids upon close. If bids remain insignificant, donate well pumps via NIWARN to other districts (recipient pickup). Explore donations of monitors to the school district, library, or community clubs.

2. Two analyzer companies (Swan & Halogen) we met in Saratoga offered to pilot their 5 in 1 amperometric reagent free analyzers for 45 days. We plan to meet with Swan next week to discuss a trial further.
3. Admin generator has been tested under full site load successfully, Larry (SI) plans to tie ATS into SCADA next week in order for us to run and test remotely.

4. Admin building HVAC system needs an upgrade to the air handler due to undersized recirculation valves on the freon / compressor system causing it to go out on reset. Traditional to furnish and install two 5-ton expansion valves in order to make the proper repairs, Traditional confirmed the need for these valves with Carrier the HVAC system manufacturer.
5. Asst. Supt Daub met with Calgon rep Kevin Johnson to discuss ongoing VPC lease terms. Kevin told him to work out terms with BWD board and come back to Calgon with offer. Daub recommended to board that BWD offer Calgon a buy out payment plan of three annual payments.
6. 40 Sherman Ave (Falcone residents), calls have been made and messages left to discuss ongoing issue with resident installing turf over meter pit. Will follow up with board when discussion is had.
7. Supt. Boufis updated the Board on the status of the CS-4 approvals for the following positions. Clerk typist, Account Clerk, Business Manager. The positions were approved. He received the Clerk Typist List. He did not receive the Account Clerk list and will not be able to receive the Business Manager list because he has not had a conversation with the board on salary structure. He will be able to send out the Clerk Typist canvas letters. Commissioner Greco confirmed that the Clerk Typist and Account Clerk was approved but was not aware of the Business Manager position being approved. Supt. Boufis reported that the position was approved by Civil Service, however, a salary structure still needs to be approved by Civil Service.
8. Commissioner Black reported that she picked up posters from the Bethpage School District. We will begin to work on deciding the winners, and we are in the process of ordering the trophies. Commissioner Black reported that there is not a set date yet, she is waiting to hear back from the school district and the library. The tentative date is the second week in June, which historically is when they have held award ceremonies. Commissioner Black also reached out to Taylor Rosekind from Island Trees, just to confirm the two dates that they are coming, and to discuss with her the structure of the awards. Island Trees is not set up like Bethpage with three different schools. Commissioner Black is waiting to hear back from her. When they have that date set, which she should have by next week for the awards ceremony for both schools, she will report back to the board.
9. Commissioner Black reported that she attended last evening hosted by Mindy Germaine. It was a wonderful program. It was done in conjunction with the Water District and with civic groups in Port Washington. It was a wonderful program for high school students. Ten high school students who had a presentation on the concern of the water on Long Island and the availability and different strategies that they had come up with. The whole program was around the premise that Long Island has the best bagels and why and everyone concludes and concurs it's because of our water. The name of the program was

Save the Bagel. Congressman Suozzi also did make a report, and he did refer to the navy Northrop plume. Commissioner Black reported that they will work with Mindy Germain through a community civic group or the school district for these students to make the presentation to other districts. Commissioner Black reported that it was very inspiring that the next generation of civic leaders and possibly water district superintendents. It was really an Earth Day well spent.

New Business: Supt. Boufis

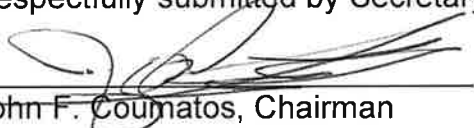
None

Executive Session: 3:57pm – 4:21pm

Attorney Carman requested Commissioner Black, Commissioner Greco, Supt. Boufis, Asst. Superintendent Daub and Attorney Carman enter executive session to discuss personnel issues.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:22pm

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Scott A. Greco



John F. Coumatos, Chairman



Theresa M. Black, Treasurer



Scott A. Greco, Secretary