

# **MINUTES**

## **BETHPAGE WATER DISTRICT**

**DATE: May 8, 2025 – 3:00pm**

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

### **Commissioners and Others Present:**

John Coumatos   Scott Greco   Theresa Black   Sal Greco   Michael Boufis  
Denise Spinelli   Joseph Daub   Diana Long   Michael Weber  
Richard Humann   Gregory Carman   Michael Ingham

**Call to Order: 3:01pm**

### **Minutes of previous meeting:**

Minutes from April 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 24, 28, 2025, May 1, 2025

### **Superintendent's Report: Michael Boufis**

1. Supt. Boufis presented the board with the April month-end collateral statement from custodian M&T Bank for the customer First National Bank of Long Island.
2. Supt. Boufis presented the board with a proposal for engineering services for watermain replacement from H2M architects + engineers for Dennis Lane c/s Elizabeth Drive in the amount of \$149,800.00.
3. Supt. Boufis presented the board with a proposal for engineering services for watermain replacement from H2M architects + engineers for Elm Drive in the amount of \$105,100.00.
4. Supt. Boufis presented the board with a proposal for engineering services for water main replacement from H2M architects + engineers for Barnum Ave in the amount of \$115,700.00.
5. Supt. Boufis presented the board with payroll journal reports for week ending May 4, 2025.
6. Supt. Boufis presented the board with overtime report for week ending May 4, 2025.
7. Supt. Boufis presented the board with the award letter for the lawn maintenance contract. Fabio's Complete Landscaping, Corp. of Bethpage has been deemed the lowest responsible bidder.

8. Supt. Boufis has requested an estimate for repair of GST at Plant 4 and Power Washing and Coating of EST at Plant 1.

Chairman Coumatos asked for a motion to be made to move forward with the 3 water main proposals that Supt. Boufis presented to the board. Commissioner Black made motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Greco. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Correspondence:**

1. Tri-party collateral agreement. Capital One and Bank of NY at 105%. Dated 4/28/25.
2. Letter from Town of Oyster Bay Zoning Board of Appeals for hearing date on May 15, 2025, for a subdivision located at #110 Spruce Ave.
3. LIWC training seminar at Westbury Firehouse on May 21, 2025, on Cybersecurity, metering infrastructure and groundwater contaminants. Andrew Panetta, David Kelly and Michael Murphy will be attending.
4. NYSAWWA Edwin C. Tiff Jr symposium will be held on September 17-18, 2025, in Syracuse. Abstracts need to be submitted by May 9, 2025.
5. LIWC 2025 water taste contest has concluded. Congratulations to Greenlawn Water District and Oyster Bay Water District for making it to the finals.

#### **Attorney's Report: Michael Ingham / Gregory Carman**

1. Attorney Ingham and Diana Long composed financial reports in reference to unpaid Rental Charges for Dish Network and the District. Total amount due is \$71,599.58. Invoice submitted to Dish Network for payment.

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

1. **BPWD1554** - North to South Transmission Main – Phase 2 (Central Ave.) – H2M to respond to NCDOH comments tomorrow 5/9. BGWD/LIRR coordinating on utility agreement. Phase 3 (Park) – H2M submitted drawing with profile for PSEG review to obtain utility agreement. NYS Parks confirmed BPWD easement packet has been forwarded to Albany for review and processing. NYS Parks to update after they receive information from Albany.
2. **BPWD2107** - Ion Exchange & AOP Treatment at Plant No. 1 – FRP grating to be delivered to the site via flatbed truck on either Monday 5/12 or Tuesday 5/13. Ice and water shield membrane installed on upper roof to protect the plywood. Existing IX/AOP building interior platform and exterior electrical room doors have been removed, new doors installed. Supt. Boufis met with Engineer Humann on site to review future landscaping planting and fence condition.

3. **BPWD2351** - Harrison Ave. Watermain Replacement – All restoration work completed. Contractor to return and complete Storz connections. Contractor to submit final payment request. Working on record drawings.
4. **BPWD2551** - Marginal Road Watermain Replacement Project - Documents forgoing through final review. Plans and Specs to be submitted to NCDOH.
5. **BPWD2353** - 11 Union Ave. Service Stubs – H2M finalized plans and sent to District for final review. H2M proposed the below dates for bidding: Advertisement date – Friday May 16<sup>th</sup>, Bid Date – Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. Read at 4:00pm.
6. **BPWD2402** - Solar Field at Grumman Road – Meeting with District and their accountant went well on 5/2. Working on putting together a proposal to provide a design for the CESIR study. District may be eligible for ITC solar rebates.
7. **BPWD2301** - Renovation of Administration Building – Ambrosio completed except for appliance tie in. M&N has completed the kitchen backsplash casework (except for lobby) and touchups throughout. M&N to complete lobby casework, interior signage, gutter screens, appliances, bathroom accessories, fire extinguisher and final cleaning within next two weeks. PGA working on controls and condenser for the basement air handler. Palace waiting on other contractor to finish so they can power last few appliances and devices. (E.g. A unit heater in basement, kitchen outlets and backsplash, LED sign). Commissioner Greco inquired as to when the final punch list will be completed? Supt. Boufis stated final review will be completed with H2M in two weeks. Garage Building: GC has completed painting. Storefront installation is anticipated within the next two weeks which will fully enclose the building along with ceiling installation. Supt. Boufis stated a plan is being developed in reference to cleaning of building and cost associated with work.

#### **Commissioner Coumatos:**

1. Commissioner Coumatos inquired as to a possible "Open House" for BWD Residences upon completion of the Administration Building. Supt Boufis will formulate a plan when construction is nearing completion.
2. Commissioner Coumatos questioned Engineer Humann and Supt. Boufis on the next steps with Calpine. There was a meeting with the Town of Hempstead and the 3 Water Districts about the Towns efforts into entering the program. We have received permission to piggyback on the Towns RFP.

#### **Old Business: Supt. Michael Boufis, Asst. Supt Joseph Daub**

1. Supt. Boufis received a call from Supt. Frank Koch, SFWD, stating he will be retiring next week. Supt. Koch again stated the SFWD is requesting water

supply from the BWD through interconnection on Hampshire Drive. The question concerning installation of a water meter and hydraulic control valve has not been finalized. NCDOH approval will be required for necessary installations. Water rate is estimated to be \$4.50/ thousand gallons. Merrick Utility is the contractor for the Village of Farmingdale. Supt. Boufis will again pursue requirements.

2. Supt. Boufis and Denise Spinelli met with Attorney's Ingham and Carman to continue to update the Policy & Procedure manual.
3. Supt. Boufis continues to work with Gary Cucchi from PMG Marketing for BWD Spring Newsletter. Supt. Boufis sent over all the corrected minutes to be posted on the District's website.
4. Joseph Daub, Frank Ellinger and Commissioner Greco met with Jason Miller from Steel Equities at the warehouse space located at #999 South Oyster Bay Road. If we are interested in renting the space we will be able to move in on October 1, 2025. Steel Equities will build out a bathroom, cover the existing office space and create a breakroom for the employees. Commissioner Greco made a motion to lease the space, Commissioner Black 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Joseph Daub reported that all the new trucks have been labeled and put into service.

#### **Commissioner Greco:**

1. Commissioner Greco stated he will be attending the National AWWA – ACE Convention in Denver, Co.
2. Commissioner Greco inquired on the status of the vapor recovery system at Plant-6. Monthly rental is \$5800 per month, \$69,600 per year. Engineer Humann stated if unit was no longer needed at Plant 6, unit could be used at Plant-5 in the future. Supt. Boufis will work on a plan for the air emissions at Plant-5 with H2M.
3. Commissioner Greco requested copies of the recent Landscaping Bid and SCADA Contract.
4. Commissioner Greco inquired as to whether the Annual Water Quality Statement had been submitted to NCDOH. Supt. Boufis stated Report was submitted as required,
5. Has Northrop Grumman Corp. responded to submitted Plant 4 Lease Agreement? Ed Hannon from NGC informed the District Lease Agreement has been forwarded to their Legal Department for review.

#### **New Business:**

None

**Meeting Paused: 4:25pm**

**Executive Session:**

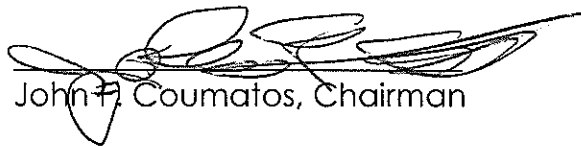
Commissioner Coumatos asked to go into executive session. Present Commissioner Black, Commissioner Greco and Attorney Carman.

**Meeting Reinstated: 4:48pm**

No action taken

**Meeting Adjourned: 4:50pm**

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Scott A. Greco



John F. Coumatos, Chairman



Theresa M. Black, Treasurer



Scott A. Greco, Secretary



Sal J. Greco, Consultant