

## **MINUTES BETHPAGE WATER DISTRICT**

**DATE:** July 16, 2026 – 3:00 p.m.

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

**Commissioners and others present:**

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

**Call to Order:** 3:04 p.m.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Commissioner Greco made a motion to approve the July 2, and July 9, 2026, minutes. Commissioner Black seconded the motion, and it was adopted by the Board.

**Superintendent's Report: Assistant Superintendent Daub**

1. Richard Walker provided the Board with an update regarding the capital funding for the garage door. The Board had previously approved and paid for the project. Rather than use the operating account, the Board expressed a desire to pay using the tower fund.
2. The Town of Oyster Bay sent the district the budget forms that the district needs to have completed by September 20, 2026. The Board is slated to hold hearings on September 3, 2026.
3. The Bayman Industries claim is under review for incorrect numbers.

**Town of Oyster Bay Bond Claim Forms**

**Correspondence:**

1. The First American asset provided a statement for May through June 2026.
2. Dish Network sent a follow-up letter to the district requesting that the District to opt in to the bankruptcy terms.

**Legal Counsel: Gregory Carman**

1. Regarding the Dish bankruptcy, Mr. Carman reached out to Locust Valley. He noted a need to review the amount that Dish owes the District at the end of the lease. Mr. Carman exchanged correspondence with legal counsel specializing in

bankruptcy. There is an expected cost to remove Dish's installed equipment from the tanks.

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

1. North South Transmission Main phase 2: Banker Construction continues to be pressed to close out the project. There were some areas of disagreement regarding final quantities, paving, and the credit that they are offering for the foreign fittings. Banker indicated that they intend to reach out and speak directly with the district. It was noted that a call was received by Banker.
2. North South Transmission Main phase 3: The start date schedule shows the work beginning on August 23, 2026. There has been a delay in receiving the domestic valves. The work start date could possibly be moved up.
3. Treatment Plant 1: The New York State health department issued its completed works approval for the job. The contractor's punch list continues to be worked through, with 25% of the grant money to be issued following its completion.
4. Water Main Replacement for Barnum Avenue: The week before, the health department was seeking the removal of meter pits from the plans. The health department is reevaluating its request and will contact the district shortly.
5. BGD Plant Feasibility Study: Water quality has been reviewed. Treatment train options, floor diagrams, preliminary floor, and site plans were completed. The project manager has a meeting scheduled to review the project's status.
6. Marginal Road Water Main Replacement: The submitted bids have been reviewed, and follow-up questions are being asked before a recommendation is presented. That recommendation is expected the following week.
7. Water Main Replacement for Maple Mead and 11th: The utility mark-outs are complete.
8. Applications for an upcoming grant are due Monday, July 27, 2026. Mr. Weber recommends resubmitting the district's application for the BGD2 project. The resolution would be updating the names for the agent and the Minority Business Officer on the application.

#### **Engineer: Richard Humann**

1. H2M Engineer Richard Humann noted that the correspondence was submitted to the Region 1 Director at the Stony Brook Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) in response to the March 30, 2026, notice of violation regarding an expired permit for Well 6-2. The District is on record justifying its position on the violation. The DEC is in a position to possibly walk back some of its requirements.

#### **PMG Media Relations and Communications: Gary Cucchi**

1. Mr. Cucchi emailed and provided the Board with copies of the Public Relations (PR) piece for the South Bay Neighbor News August Issue for review. The content itself is written as a press release for dissemination.
2. The Board requested extra copies for the previous middle school contest.
3. The backflow reminders and notices are being distributed. Significant edits were made regarding the messaging for backflow device testing. The changes are to make it clear to the consumer that the testing is specifically free, with other fees involved.
4. The old Facebook page is to be abandoned, and a new one is to be started in its place.

#### **Old Business: Assistant Superintendent Daub**

#### **New Business: Assistant Superintendent Daub**

1. Commissioner Black made a motion to approve an active project fund transfer to American Door Inc. for the Grumman Road Water Tower transfer of funds. Commissioner Greco seconded the motion, and it was adopted by the Board.
2. Commissioner Black made a motion to approve the 2026 grant application under the New York State Infrastructure Improvement Act and to authorize Assistant Superintendent Joseph Daub as the agent on behalf of the district. Commissioner Greco seconded the motion, and it was adopted by the Board.
3. On Tuesday, August 4, 2026, there is a National Night Out event at Bethpage High School for the police.
4. Commissioner Black made a motion to bring the District's water trailer to the National Night Out event at Bethpage High School on August 4, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. Commissioner Greco seconded the motion, and it was adopted by the Board.
5. The first claim for Bayman Industries for the asphalt and concrete work completed at Adams ave. The originally given price was \$612,000; it is now expected to be approximately \$599,000. This claim is for \$501,720.
6. Commissioner Black made a motion to approve Bayman Industries claim of \$501,720 for S-Vault and concrete construction. Commissioner Greco seconded the motion, and it was adopted by the Board.

#### **Executive Session:**

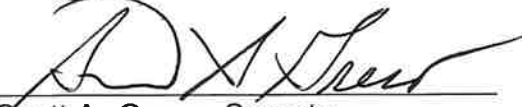
1. There was no Executive Session.

#### **Meeting Adjourned: 3:33 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Scott Greco.

  
John F. Coumatos, Chairman

  
Theresa M. Black, Treasurer

  
Scott A. Greco, Secretary