

MINUTES

BETHPAGE WATER DISTRICT

DATE: September 10, 2026 – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Bethpage Water District, 25 Adams Avenue

Commissioners and others present:

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

Call to Order: 3:00 p.m.

Bid Opening:

BPWD2552 – Barnum Avenue Watermain Replacement. Engineer Michael Weber opened and read aloud the bids received for the project, in no particular order, together with the total bid and the type of bid security:

1. **Bancker Construction Corp.** – 5% bid bond – total base bid \$1,336,185.00
2. **Araz Industries** – 5% bid bond – total bid \$1,285,400.00
3. **Merrick Utility Associates** – 5% bid bond – total bid \$1,408,400.00
4. **Allen Industries** – 5% bid bond – total bid \$1,418,900.00
5. **Alessio Pipe and Construction** – 5% bid bond – total bid \$1,030,000.00

Engineer Weber announced Alessio Pipe and Construction, with a total bid of \$1,030,000.00 as read, to be the apparent low bidder. No representative of Alessio Pipe and Construction was present. Engineer Weber advised that his pre-bid estimate for the project was \$1.2 million and that H2M will review all bids and verify the bid math, with a recommendation to the Board anticipated at the meeting the following Thursday.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes from August 27, 2026, for review and approval.

Commissioner Black made a motion to accept the minutes of August 27, 2026, as presented; Commissioner Greco seconded the motion, and it was adopted by the Board. Chairman Coumatos was not present at the August 27, 2026, meeting and did not sign those minutes.

Superintendent's Report: Asst. Supt. Daub

1. Asst. Supt. Daub presented the Board with the payroll journal for the week ending August 23, 2026, payroll No. 18. The journal will remain available in the office for review for the week.
2. Asst. Supt. Daub presented the Board with the Water Storage Inspection report, noting that these inspections are performed twice a year. The Board requested that future reports include a recommendation page, or executive summary, at the front of the report so that items not up to par can be identified.
3. Diana Long was not present at the meeting. Asst. Supt. Daub presented the Board with the August 2026 Treasurer's Report, enclosed in the Board packets, to be reviewed and signed.

4. Rob Walker reviewed budget transfer Resolutions 2026-05, 2026-06, 2026-07 and 2026-08 to be reviewed and signed. The first resolution transfers \$116,000 within the operating budget, budget transfers are now performed monthly rather than at year end. The remaining resolutions appropriate \$610,000 from the capital reserve funded by the cell tower revenue into the capital fund for other capital projects, \$598,000 for the wellhouse, and \$1.7 million for water main projects, so that the projects are funded as the work proceeds and no negative balances appear in the year-end financials. The resolutions will be posted on the website.
5. Rob Walker reported that the District is in alignment with the Town of Oyster Bay for the year, and that Rob D'Arienzo of the Town of Oyster Bay requires the District's budget documents by September 24, 2026. The documents are ready to be sent following approval of the budget.

Town of Oyster Bay Bond Claim Forms

All claim forms presented were from H2M architects + engineers:

1. **North to South Transmission Main** – Net Payable: \$1,845.18
2. **North to South Transmission Main** – Net Payable: \$8,500.00
3. **Ion Exchange & AOP Treatment Plant-1** – Net Payable: \$1,850.00
4. **Ion Exchange & AOP Treatment Plant-1** – Net Payable: \$927.10
5. **Ion Exchange & AOP Treatment Plant-1** – Net Payable: \$19,922.67
6. **BGD-2 Wellhouse & Treatment** – Net Payable: \$4,899.38
7. **BGD Plant Treatment Feasibility Study** – Net Payable: \$19,400.00

The Board discussed attaching a District voucher to each claim form. Asst. Supt. Daub will assemble the vouchers with the claim forms for signature.

Correspondence:

1. Tri-party collateral agreements. Webster Bank and Bank of NY Mellon at 105%. Dated 08/24/2026 and 08/31/2026.
2. Tri-party collateral agreements. Capital One and Bank of NY Mellon at 105%. Dated 08/24/2026 and 08/31/2026.
3. August 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. August month-end statement for First American Asset Advisory.
5. Announcement that the RAB meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16, at the Goodfellow Senior Community Center.
6. Announcement that the Nassau Suffolk Water Commissioners' Association meeting will be held on Monday September 21st at Palmer's Restaurant, with the Bethpage Water District as host district.

Attorney's Report: Gregory Carman

1. The contract with Merrick Utility Associates for the Marginal Road Water Main Project was brought in and has been signed.

2. Dish Network bankruptcy update. Attorney Carman reported that Marc Pergaman, the bankruptcy counsel retained by the Hicksville Water District, has been identified to handle the matter for the District, and that he will reach back out to him directly and put him in contact with Asst. Supt. Daub. Attorney Carman advised that all required filings will be made and that counsel will be looking for estimates and proposals establishing the District's damages, including lost revenue and the cost of removing and disposing of the equipment on the tank. It was noted that equipment abandoned through the bankruptcy proceeding would become the District's property, and the Board discussed whether the space could be leased to another carrier. Attorney Carman stated that the District should at least file, and that if there is an opportunity to collect, the District will collect.

Engineer's Report: Michael Weber

1. **BPWD1554 – North to South Transmission Main – Phase 2:** The final change order has been finalized, resolving the final contract values, and all parties have signed. The final payment requisition and maintenance bond from Bancker are expected any day.
Phase 3: Bancker has been clearing the area around the well and the driveway path down to the well and preparing an RCA driveway. Delivery of the ductile iron main and pipe has been taken, with the ductile iron pipe work aimed to begin next week. A construction progress meeting is to be scheduled, tentatively Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.
2. **BPWD2107 – Ion Exchange & AOP Treatment at Plant No. 1** – Philip Ross should have wrapped up the epoxy floor in the buildings today. Toward the end of the month they will return to examine the leaking pack tower flanges in the other building, which will require taking the well down for a period of time. The contractor is being pressed to finish the remaining work items, with the goal of completing everything and processing final payment by mid-October. Asst. Supt. Daub reported that the differential pressure gauge for the packed tower aerator, a single gauge with three ports, is being sent out and will be connected, the lines having already been run, and that air stripper training was provided to the entire group on Wednesday.
3. **BPWD2552 – Barnum Avenue Watermain Replacement** – H2M will review the bids received at this meeting and verify the bid math, with a recommendation to follow.
4. **AT&T Upgrades at Carman Road** – AT&T is ready to perform its upgrades and will work around the availability of an H2M inspector. Engineer Weber will advise when the work is to take place.
5. **BGD Plant Treatment Feasibility Study** – The report is under final internal review. The team is looking to present its findings and recommendations to the Board, possibly the Thursday after next or the last Thursday of the month.
6. **Water Main Replacement – Maple Avenue, Meade Avenue and 11th Street** – The project is progressing and is expected to go to the Department of Health toward the end of this month.

Old Business: Asst. Supt. Daub

1. Asst. Supt. Daub reported that the New Service packet was updated to reflect the updated DCV breakdown provided by H2M, and that approval was received from the Nassau County Department of Health. The DOH had noted that an old print was posted on the website.

2. Rich Humann reported that no response has been received from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) regarding the Well 6-2 District's response letter, and that the DEC has not directed the District to stop operating the well.
3. Asst. Supt. Daub reported that he received an email from the DEC two days ago stating that the DEC does not have the District's 2018 and 2019 water conservation reports. Asst. Supt. Daub spoke with Engineer Weber and searched the District files and server without locating the reports, and it was noted that other districts received the same request for the same years. Engineer Weber advised that H2M assisted in preparing the original plan and began the annual updates in 2020. Asst. Supt. Daub will continue to search the archives, including the retention storage at Plant 6.
4. A Commissioner reported that he was contacted by a member of the fire department regarding a sinkhole outside of South Park Drive. Asst. Supt. Daub advised that he was aware of the condition and that the drain pools in the park just outside the gate settle recurrently and have been filled with soil over the years. Engineer Weber will confirm the limits of the District property and the fenced area, and the Board discussed installing fencing around the pools for safety.

New Business PMG Report:

1. Gary Cucchi of PMG Marketing presented the proposed newsletter content for the Board's direction. The messaging will be split into two pieces: a four-page issue to be mailed by the end of the month, and a second issue to be in hand the Thursday before the election addressing the District's work on the Grumman plume. The Board directed that this issue carry a message from the Board of Commissioners introducing Joseph Daub as Assistant Superintendent, that the first page be an update on capital improvements prepared with Asst. Supt. Daub and Rob Walker, and that the article regarding the Grumman Road operations be held for a later issue. Chairman Coumatos will author the Commissioner's Corner for this issue, followed by Commissioner Black and then Commissioner Greco in December. All content is due next week. Mr. Cucchi also reported that the social media calendar for the balance of the year has been completed and that residents will be encouraged to sign up for the e-news through the website.
2. Asst. Supt. Daub and Rob Walker presented the 2027 operating budget, including capital projects, by way of a slide presentation and binders provided to the Board. The proposed 2027 budget totals \$20,232,339.00 with no tax increase and no change in the taxes collected, and provides funding for all 14 staff members, \$12 million for capital improvements, \$2 million for pumping water, \$1.5 million for purification and treatment, \$1.6 million for transmission and distribution mains, and \$2.8 million for engineering and other professional services. The presentation addressed technology enhancements, advanced treatment methods, the backflow testing program, storm mitigation and education programs. No vehicle purchases are included for 2027, as three vehicles with plows were purchased this year.
3. The five-year capital plan for 2026 through 2030 was presented, totaling approximately \$53 million: North to South Transmission Main Phase 3, \$8 million; water main replacement program, \$10 million, covering approximately 7 miles on Marginal Road, Barnum Avenue, Dennis Street, Elizabeth Street, Elm Street, and Maple Avenue, Meade Avenue and 11th Street; BGD-2 wellhouse, \$1.75 million; Grumman Road garage and office, \$3.0 million; and BGD-2 South Park treatment construction, approximately \$30 million. The approximate annual amounts presented were \$8.75 million in 2026, \$15 million in 2027, \$10 million in 2028, \$12 million in 2029, and \$7 million in 2030, subject to confirmation.

4. Rob Walker reported that the proposed 2027 budget is substantially the same as the prior year other than a \$4 million increase funded by an inter-fund transfer from reserves, of which \$2 million will be used to pay off additional debt and \$2 million will be used for future projects. He further reported that the budget must be submitted to the Town of Hempstead on Tuesday the 15th. The Board was in agreement that a special meeting before that date was not necessary.
5. A resolution to adopt the proposed 2027 budget in the amount of \$20,232,339.00 was presented to the Board. The related resolutions, for the combined budget, the Town of Hempstead, the Town of Oyster Bay, and the \$4 million allocation of fund balance, were signed by the Board so that the budget could be submitted to the towns.
6. The Board discussed water rates, noting that consumption for the year was slightly below last year and that the District has maintained its water rates to customers despite the increased cost to produce water.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Scott A. Greco.

John F. Coumatos, Chairman

Theresa M. Black, Treasurer

Scott A. Greco, Secretary