

MINUTES

BETHPAGE WATER DISTRICT

DATE: September 17, 2026 – 3:00 p.m.

Location: Bethpage Water District, 25 Adams Avenue

Commissioners and others present:

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

Call to Order: 3:08 p.m.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes from September 10, 2026, for review and approval.

Commissioner Black noted that page 2 of the September 10, 2026, minutes refers to Richard Walker as “Rob” in one paragraph and as “Robbie” in the following paragraph. The Board agreed that the reference be standardized to “Rob.” Commissioner Black made a motion to accept the minutes of September 10, 2026, pending the minor editing on page 2; Commissioner Greco seconded the motion, and it was adopted by the Board.

Superintendent’s Report: Assistant Superintendent Daub

1. Assistant Superintendent Daub presented the Board with the quote from AI Pioneer Group LLC (EchoGov) regarding minute creation. The District is operating under a pilot with the company for the current month at no cost, with the minutes being produced from the District’s recordings. The quote is structured as a three-year proposal, with a Year 1 annual cost of \$15,000. Based on a minimum of forty-five meetings per year, that cost breaks down to approximately \$330 per meeting, which is on par with the amount presently paid to the minutes service. The company’s desired price, once fully implemented, is \$25,000 per year, which would not be reached until Year 3. Additional modules to be released would be provided at no extra charge. Assistant Superintendent Daub reported that the software may also be used to record and summarize webinars and regulatory updates, and that it includes a customer-facing portal that would permit residents to search the minutes by keyword from the District website rather than opening individual PDF files. Historical records, including the resolution books, could be scanned and loaded into the database at a later date, either by the District or with the company’s assistance. Commissioner Black inquired whether the three-year term includes a termination clause, and it was agreed that language be added providing the District an opportunity to terminate, or to receive a credit, should the system be out of service for an extended period.

Commissioner Black made a motion to move forward with the three-year contract, pending district counsel's review and the addition of the termination and credit language.

The Board subsequently clarified that the document presented is a proposal and that a contract is to follow, which will be subject to negotiation with and approval by district counsel before execution.

2. Assistant Superintendent Daub presented the Board with two new Town of Oyster Bay bond claim forms, together with the claim forms approved at the previous meeting that were missing the required coversheet. All of the forms will be held for Chairman Coumatos' signature upon his return.

Town of Oyster Bay Bond Claim Forms

1. Bancker Construction Corp. – BPWD1554 – North South Transmission Main – Invoice #107837 – Net Payable: \$125,756.25.
2. Baymen Industries Ltd. – BPWD2301 – Renovation of Administration – Invoice #2 – Net Payable: \$91,550.00.

Correspondence:

1. Tri-party collateral agreement. Webster Bank and Bank of NY Mellon at 105%. Dated 09/08/2026.
2. Tri-party collateral agreement. Capital One and Bank of NY Mellon at 105%. Dated 09/08/2026.
3. Notification from Webster Bank that, as of August 20, it has joined Santander Bank and will operate as a division of Santander. Account numbers, check stock, the digital platform and ATM access remain unchanged.

Financial Report: Diana Long

1. Diana Long presented the Board with the Vendor Payments Year to Date August report, listed from highest to lowest, with the final page comparing the totals to the same period last year. The difference is attributable mainly to Bridgeway and the bond payment.
2. Diana Long reported on the OceanFirst merger. Several seminars and webinars have been attended by staff. Flushing Bank is scheduled to shut down on Friday and the accounts will convert to the OceanFirst platform on Monday. Account numbers remain the same with new routing numbers, and the existing check stock may be used until depleted. The treasury report will reflect OceanFirst in place of Flushing Bank.

Attorney's Report: Gregory Carman

A proposed retainer letter has been received, and it was confirmed that the Locust Valley Water District received the same letter. Further discussion of the matter was deferred.

Engineer's Report: Michael Weber

1. **BPWD1554** – North to South Transmission Main – Phase 2 – No change to report. The final payment requisition and the maintenance bond have been ordered and are expected to be received by next week.

Phase 3 – The contractor has begun installation of the cement-lined ductile iron water main working from the BGD-2 well site toward Plainview Road. Within the park, the 36-inch HDPE sleeves staged along Polo Road are being fused together. A meeting was held the morning of September 17, 2026, among all parties, including Parks, to discuss staging within the park and restoration expectations; the meeting went smoothly. The subcontracted driller will be on site the following Tuesday to review the area, with drilling operations to begin on or shortly after October 1, 2026. With respect to the bike path crossing at Polo Road, Parks advised that the bike path will be closed on Monday for the one day required to complete the work, which eliminates the need for plating and fiberglass ramps and the need for the contractor to direct bicycle traffic. Commissioner Black inquired as to the total length of the transmission main. Engineer Weber estimated approximately a mile and a half for all phases combined, Richard Walker noted a figure of more than a mile, and Richard Humann estimated closer to two miles; the directionally drilled HDPE alone is approximately 2,600 feet. Richard Walker reported that a letter was received from the Department of Commerce selecting this project for data submission; certified payroll reports document the hours spent on the job.

2. Adams Avenue – Philip Ross Industries will tentatively address the PTA flange leaks in mid-October, when the tower can be removed from service. In the interim, the contractor is being pressed to complete the remaining items on its list, an update of which was provided to them earlier in the day.
3. Barnum Avenue Water Main – A recommendation of award was provided for the bids received last week. The recommendation is to award to the low bidder, Alessio Pipe Construction, in the amount of \$1,030,000.

Commissioner Black made a motion to award the contract for project BPWD2552, Barnum Avenue water main replacement, to Alessio Pipe Construction; Commissioner Greco seconded the motion, and it was adopted by the Board.

4. AT&T upgrades at Grumman Road – The upgrade is scheduled to begin Monday the 21st and is estimated to take twenty days. District staff will be on site monitoring the work.
5. Feasibility Study at BGD – The final report is being wrapped up. A date is to be selected that works for all Commissioners so that the findings may be presented.

6. Marginal Road Water Main Replacement – A kickoff meeting with Merrick is being scheduled, potentially for next week.
7. Water Main Replacement – Maple Avenue, Meade Avenue and 11th Street – The project manager will be reaching out to Assistant Superintendent Daub to schedule a review meeting on the plans. The plans are about to go into internal review and are on track for submission to the Health Department at the end of the month. The work runs the full length of Meade Avenue and Maple Avenue from 11th Street to Stewart Avenue, together with the portion of 11th Street south of Meade Avenue; the portion north of Meade Avenue was completed approximately five to six years ago.
8. The Town has been updated on the status of the District's water main projects. With respect to the two jobs previously shelved, the Town is willing to mill and pave Elm Drive at some point late next year, following completion of National Grid's work in that area. The Board may consider releasing a contract for Elm Drive at the beginning of next year for the work to take place in the spring, as early as conditions allow. No decision is required at this time. The Dennis Lane and Elizabeth Drive project remains more tentative, as the Town advised that it is subject to funding being available.

Old Business: Assistant Superintendent Daub

1. Assistant Superintendent Daub reported on the summer pumpage figures requested by Chairman Coumatos. For the period of May through August, the District pumped 646.8 million gallons in 2024, 681.2 million gallons in 2025, and 651 million gallons in 2026. Pumpage is down from last year, which was attributed to the amount of rainfall this year and to the number of leaks repaired, but remains above 2024. The report will be presented again when Chairman Coumatos is present.
2. Assistant Superintendent Daub reported on the sinkholes at South Park Drive and the possibility of fencing in that area. Upon review of the easement agreement with H2M, Engineer Weber advised that the agreement is specific that the area currently fenced is the only portion of the parcel that may be fenced, notwithstanding that the District owns a 400-foot by 400-foot section; the pools are located outside the fence line but on District property, and changing the fence line is not permitted under the current agreement. Assistant Superintendent Daub reported that the condition is seasonal, that the District has eyes on the site daily and adds soil as needed, and that no soil has been added in over six months. The Board discussed installing plantings or a low fence around the area as a safety measure. Engineer Weber will review the easement to determine whether there are restrictions on other improvements within the area. Access must be maintained for continued filling of the sinkholes. Assistant Superintendent Daub will address the matter.

New Business:

1. A notice was received from the Port Washington Water District inviting the Board to the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Christopher Morley Park Water Treatment Facility

on Thursday, October 1, 2026, with arrival at 11:30 a.m. and the ribbon cutting at 12:00 p.m. The Hicksville Water District ribbon cutting is scheduled for Saturday the 19th at 10:30 a.m. at Plant 6 on Kuhl Avenue. The Nassau Suffolk Water Conference meets Monday, and the Long Island Water Conference meets the following Monday.

2. Rob Walker reported on the PSEG claim arising from the May snowstorm incident involving the utility pole guide line and the District's backhoe. He reported that the photographs submitted show the cable wrapped in the backhoe, having pulled part of the backhoe off, and that the amount claimed was reduced by approximately \$1,100, leaving approximately \$8,000 remaining to be paid. A voucher will be prepared for payment. The Board discussed gathering the available documentation of the District's costs from the Central Avenue incident for submission to the utility.

Executive Session: 3:44 p.m. – 3:58 p.m.

Board requested to enter executive session to discuss ongoing litigation.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Scott A. Greco.

John F. Coumatos, Chairman



Scott A. Greco, Secretary



Theresa M. Black, Treasurer