MINUTES
BETHPAGE WATER DISTRICT

DATE: November 5, 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 Richard Humann Michael Weber Sal Greco Gary Cucchi Lillian Taylor

Call to Order: 3:02 p.m.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes from October 22, 2026, and October 28, 2026, for review and approval.

Commissioner Black made a motion to approve the minutes of October 22, 2026, as written and the minutes of October 28, 2026; 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 Payroll Journal for the week ending November 1, 2026, Payroll No. 22. There are four payrolls remaining for the year.
2. Assistant Superintendent Daub presented the Board with the 2027 Weekend and Holiday Schedule so that employees may begin planning vacation time. The schedule is a direct rotation from 2026 and lists holiday coverage. Commissioner Greco noted that the workforce schedule is handled by staff and does not require Board approval.
3. Assistant Superintendent Daub presented the Board with the 2027 Board Meeting Schedule for review. The Commissioner election listing will be removed and that date kept as a regular meeting. It was noted that no residents have attended the 5:00 p.m. meetings; the question of holding later meetings in 2027 was tabled for discussion with Chairman Coumatos. It was also noted that the 2026 Christmas Eve meeting had been moved to Tuesday, December 22, and that the Thanksgiving week meeting is posted as no meeting. Assistant Superintendent Daub will revise the 2027 schedule, moving the last December meeting to a Tuesday or Wednesday, for Chairman Coumatos' review.

Town of Oyster Bay Bond Claim Forms

None

Correspondence:

1. Tri-party collateral agreement. Webster Bank and Bank of NY Mellon at 102%. Dated 10/26/2026.
2. Tri-party collateral agreement. Capital One and Bank of NY Mellon at 105%. Dated 10/26/2026.
3. Irrevocable Stand-By Letter of Credit between OceanFirst Bank and Federal Home Loan Bank of NY in the amount of $8,000,000. Dated 10/27/2026. Diana Long confirmed these are three-month letters and a new letter will be received every three months.
4. Notice of the Nassau-Suffolk Water Commissioners' Association meeting to be held Monday, November 16, at Rialto's Restaurant, with Gary Cucchi as guest speaker.

Financial Report: Diana Long

1. Diana Long presented the Board with Budget Transfer Resolution #2026-09, covering the $3.752 million BAN payment and the balance of funds. The funds were previously transferred and paid; the resolution addresses the budget side, moving appropriations from debt service and the water tank capital account to BAN principal and transfers out.
   Commissioner Black made a motion to approve Resolution #2026-09, budget appropriation resolution; Commissioner Greco seconded the motion, and it was adopted by the Board.

Attorney's Report: Gregory Carman

1. The District received communications from Propel NY regarding cost recovery agreements and escrow agreements, with redlined agreements requested by the end of next week. Little impact is expected for the District. Michael Weber noted one area with a sizable amount of water main requiring relocation, large enough to require Health Department approval to bid; otherwise the work is limited to crossings.

Engineer's Report: Michael Weber

1. **North to South Transmission Main** – Bancker successfully pressure tested the 16-inch CLDI water main on the BGD plant property, running from Well BGD-2 to the main portion of the plant. The subcontractor, Huxtead, drilled the pilot hole for the directional drill, starting last Thursday and completing on Monday. Reaming to the first larger diameter began late yesterday and will continue through the end of next week. The contractor worked last Saturday;

the park has asked that work, or at least traffic-impeding activities, be avoided on upcoming dates when NCAA cross-country meets are being held.

2. **Adams Avenue Treatment** – Philip Ross Industries has been addressing leaks at the PTA, installing new longer bolts and washers. The work should be complete within a couple of days, after which the well will be placed into service to confirm the repair. Remaining punch list items include flow meter calibration and the fan and louver in the Well 7 building. The goal is to have the job closed out and paid by the end of the year.
3. **Water Main Replacement on Barnum Avenue** – Installation is in its second week, with approximately 40% of the pipe installed. Assistant Superintendent Daub inquired whether service work would begin in approximately two weeks so the plumber can be coordinated. Michael Weber noted the contractor is behind its initial schedule and will review progress at the end of the day tomorrow. It was confirmed Alessio is performing the work.
4. **Wellhouse and Treatment for Well BGD-2** – The Health Department comments on the engineering report have been satisfied, and the technical plans and specifications are being prepared for submission to the Health Department later this month. The project is expected to be in a position to bid at the beginning of the year.
5. **BGD Plant Treatment Upgrades** – The engineering report for the Health Department is in progress, and environmental reviews required for a project of this size have been performed. A meeting is scheduled tomorrow with Mainspring, the vendor of a natural gas compression-style generator, as an alternative power source for the plant. Assistant Superintendent Daub noted the vendor initially indicated one unit could power a plant, while H2M's calculations indicate six to eight units may be needed, which may not be cost feasible.
6. **Marginal Road Water Main Replacement** – The contractor has given a tentative schedule to begin work the week of November 23, Thanksgiving week. Commissioner Greco raised concern about disruption to homeowners over the holiday; the District has the latitude to require the start be deferred to the following week. Concern was expressed regarding the contractor's delay since the notice to proceed. Michael Weber noted the contractor is under contract, has until February 28 to complete the work, and the contract contains no provision mandating a start date. The TOBAY road opening permit has been signed.
7. **New Service Stubs for 320 Central Avenue** – The project owner provided backflow prevention drawings, which were reviewed. The new domestic and fire services will be served from new connection points on Central Avenue to an above-grade vault, away from the corner of Stewart Avenue. Release of the work to bid will be timed to the owner's construction schedule.
8. Assistant Superintendent Daub inquired about the permitted working hours for AT&T's upgrades at Grumman Road so that a schedule may be set.

Michael Weber will review the license agreement and request the contractor's hours.

Old Business: Assistant Superintendent Daub

1. Gary Cucchi and Lillian Taylor reviewed the draft content for the next newsletter, targeted to reach mailboxes by December 3 or 4, 2026. The issue will be six pages and will feature a milestone timeline of District achievements from 2015 to the present with an outlook to the future; the lead story will cover the 2027 budget with no increase to ratepayers and the five-year capital improvement plan. The Board agreed the headline should focus on progress, investment, and innovation, that budgeted dollar amounts should be included, and that the Commissioners' message should address what goes into treating the water and round-the-clock maintenance. Content will also include winter reminders, email sign-up information, Eye on Water sign-up, free residential backflow testing, and voting location information for the election. A reference to relocation of the Adams Avenue elevated tank will be corrected to the tank rehabilitation. It was suggested the content also be produced for the website, social media, the e-newsletter, and community meetings. Revised copy will be sent tomorrow, with Board comments needed early next week to meet the print deadline.
2. Gary Cucchi reported that the crew filmed drone footage and photographs of the North to South Transmission Main last Friday, producing approximately 10 to 15 short video segments for social media and the newsletter article on page 5. Commissioners were asked to send any photos to Gary Cucchi and Lillian Taylor.
3. Commissioner Greco will provide his edits to the Commissioner's Corner column by Friday 11/6.
4. Lillian Taylor reported that Mike Mirabella has been invited to the District Facebook page and that the Instagram account has been set up, pending his confirmation.
5. Commissioner Black reported she will visit the Plainedge School District regarding the school program. Tentative dates of March 16, 17, and 18 were set with Lorraine Marcis for the Bethpage School District; Island Trees will return for two days with two groups and will join the poster contest this year, with an Earth Day deadline and awards targeted for June.
6. Assistant Superintendent Daub reported that Fabio will replace the tree that died, under warranty, on Monday or Tuesday.
7. Commissioner Greco provided paperwork listing the cybersecurity deadlines and will provide a copy to Assistant Superintendent Daub. Rob Walker reported that H2M is overseeing the District's compliance, that the grant contracts have been filed with EFC, and that the cybersecurity assessment update and the Emergency Response Plan are nearly complete.

New Business:

1. Richard Humann discussed public perception of drinking water, including bottled water and microplastics, and the value of proactive industry messaging.
2. Richard Humann discussed cybersecurity risks to utilities, including the possibility of eliminating remote access to systems, and the need for the industry to advocate with the State for on-site primary power sources and the associated regulatory compliance.
3. Assistant Superintendent Daub advised Commissioners regarding the daily quarantined email notices, recommending they be directed to a folder and checked for missed emails.

Executive Session: 4:31 p.m. – 5:33 p.m.

A motion was made to go into executive session to discuss personnel. The board exited executive session, no action taken.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Scott A. Greco.

John F. Coumatos, Chairman

Theresa M. Black, Treasurer

Scott A. Greco, Secretary