

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners of the South Farmingdale Water District (SFWD), held in the Board Room of the SFWD Office at 40 Langdon Road, Farmingdale, NY on August 12, 2025 at 4:00 PM.

Present:

Commissioner Ralph Atoria, Chairman
Commissioner John Hirt, Treasurer
Commissioner Gary Brosnan, Secretary
James Edgette, Superintendent
Judy Walter, CPA, Business Manager

Willis B. Carman, Esq – Carman, Callahan & Ingham
Alison Auriemmo, PE – H2M Architects & Engineers

Minutes of the regular meeting held on July 22, 2025, and special meeting held on August 5, 2025 were read aloud, unanimously approved by the Board, and signed by Secretary Gary Brosnan.

Mrs. Auriemmo gave an update on current projects. She presented H2M's letter of recommendation for the Replacement Well No. 1-6 project. Which states they recommend the District award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Philip Ross Industries, Inc. of Melville, NY, in the amount of \$1,424,305.00 for the Total Base Bid, which includes all work and carbon steel well construction elements. After discussion, the Board unanimously **RESOLVED** to award the contract to Philip Ross Industries, Inc.

Mrs. Auriemmo also presented H2M's proposal for engineering services for WIIA Application for 2025 Water Main Replacement for a fee of \$16,500. After discussion, it was agreed that this is a low scoring project per the EFC scoring guidelines and there is a low chance that a grant will be awarded on this type of project. The Board unanimously **RESOLVED** to not move forward with the WIIA Grant Application for this project.

Mr. Carman presented his report and gave an update on the renewal of lease agreement with AT&T.

Mrs. Walter presented the June 2025 Treasurer's Reports including the Budget to Actual Report and Collateral Summary. The Board discussed and unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the June 2025 budget adjustments to be made to the 2025 budget and that those adjustments be attached and made an official part of these minutes.

The Board discussed the Long Island 1,4 Dioxane Water Contamination Cases Cost Allocation Addendum received from Sher Edling LLP which provides an amended approach for allocating shared costs between all Long Island Water Districts being represented by Sher Edling LLP in the 1,4 Dioxane litigation. It is noted that Michael Ingham, Esq. of Carman, Callahan & Ingham LLP has reviewed and gave his approval on the Addendum. After discussion, the Board unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the Addendum and it was signed by Commissioner Atoria. A copy is on file at the District.

The Board also discussed the fire hydrant rental charges to the Fire Districts.

WHEREAS the Water District does own and maintain all hydrants within the confines of the area of a Fire District, and **WHEREAS** a Fire District is engaged in the protection of life and property within said area of the Water District and requires the use of said hydrants to fulfill that purpose, and

WHEREAS Fire District's do lease and rent from the SFWD those hydrants presently located within the area of the Fire District to be used for the extinguishment of fires, and for the practice of the Fire District, and **WHEREAS** the SFWD agrees to use its best efforts to keep and maintain hydrants supplied with water at all times at a pressure at least sufficient for the extinguishment of fires,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the annual rental for fire hydrants charged to the Fire Districts within the confines of the SFWD shall be charged seventy dollars (\$70.00) per hydrant effective January 1, 2026. It was further **RESOLVED**, that the Commissioners are hereby approved to sign an Extension of Fire Hydrant Agreement for a period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, with the Bethpage Fire District, South Farmingdale Fire District, Massapequa Fire District and the North Massapequa Fire District.

After a review of the September calendar and in accordance with NYS Town Law, Section 215(9a), the Board unanimously **RESOLVED** to hold a public meeting on Thursday September 4, 2025, to discuss the proposed Budget for 2026. Notice shall be posted in the Farmingdale and Plainedge Libraries, the SFWD public bulletin board, the SFWD website, the Town of Oyster Bay website, and the official newspaper of the District, The Nassau Observer. The Board authorized Mrs. Walter to place the legal notice of public hearing of annual budget for 2026 in the official newspaper of the District on August 21, 2025.

The Representation Letter to audit firm Cullen & Danowski, LLP was presented to the Board and signed by Chairman Atoria. A copy is on file at the District.

The Board discussed the Civil Service Employees Benefit Fund Retiree Dental Plan. After review of the Plan the Board noted that the District has no obligation to pay for coverage under the Plan. The Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) will solely be responsible for the administration of the Plan, and to inform eligible members of the Plan. The CSEA agrees to hold the District harmless from any liability in connection with the cost of the Plan. The Board discussed and unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the Plan and it was signed by Commissioner Atoria. A copy is on file at the District.

Mr. Edgette gave an update on current operations. He discussed the Roof Replacement at Administration Building project is ready to go to bid. He proposed to place the legal notice to bidders in the official newspaper of the District on August 28, 2025 and hold the bid opening on September 16, 2025. The Board discussed and unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the proposed dates presented by Mr. Edgette.

A bond voucher from Roland Electric, claim #14 for \$157,367.50, relating to Contract E of the PI 6 AOP project, was reviewed, approved and signed by the Board.

A bond voucher from Philip Ross, claim #8 for \$318,321.25, relating to Contract P of the PI 6 AOP project, was reviewed, approved and signed by the Board.

Three bond vouchers from H2M Architects and Engineers, invoice #280036 for \$15,144.31, invoice #281793 for \$20,477.78, and invoice #281794 for \$483.99 relating to the PI 6 AOP project, were reviewed, approved and signed by the Board.

A bond voucher from H2M Architects and Engineers, invoice #280040 for \$14,070.00, relating to the Distribution System Improvement project, was reviewed, approved and signed by the Board.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was carried.

I certify that the above is a true copy of the minutes.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gary Brosnan", is written over a solid horizontal line.

Gary Brosnan, Secretary
SFWD Board of Commissioners

