

**ITEM 1 - LEAD AGENCY STATUS RELATIVE TO STURGEON POINT LINE
MAINTENANCE FACILITY, IDENTIFIED AS CONTRACT NO. HE-001,
PROJECT NO. 202100242**

Motion by _____ seconded by _____

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2021, the Erie County Water Authority (the “Authority”) executed an agreement with Hunt Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors & Landscape Architects, DPC (“Hunt”) for the design of a new Line Maintenance Facility to be located at the Sturgeon Point Water Treatment Plant (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, due to the scope of the Project, the Authority’s Engineering and Legal Departments in consultation with Hunt, believe that the Project, and actions associated with the Project, are subject to review under the Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law and 6 NYCRR Part 617 adopted pursuant thereto by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (collectively referred to as "SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, recognizing the need for certain legal expertise with respect to implementing SEQRA, the Authority requested input on the SEQRA process from Harris Beach PLLC; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with SEQRA, Hunt, Harris Beach PLLC and Authority staff have reviewed the Project and the Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”) and determined that:

- (1) The Project can be preliminarily classified as an Unlisted Action under SEQRA as that term is defined by 6 NYCRR §617.2(al)
- (2) The Projects will require various approvals and/or permits from several agencies; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with 6 NYCRR §617.6(b)(2) for Unlisted Actions when more than one agency is involved, a Lead Agency should be established prior to a determination of significance; and

WHEREAS, the Authority will be principally responsible for carrying out and funding the Project and should be established as the Lead Agency for purposes of complying with SEQRA and to coordinate Project review with other involved agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Legal and Engineering departments concur with said recommendation; and

WHEREAS, Leonard F. Kowalski, Executive Engineer will be the Project sponsor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Board of Commissioners of the Authority solicit for SEQRA lead agency status for the following reasons:

The anticipated impacts of the action being proposed are primarily of local significance, and

The Board of Commissioners of the Authority has the greatest capability for providing the most thorough environmental assessment of the proposed action; and be it further

RESOLVED: The actions undertaken by Authority staff with respect to completing the EAF are hereby ratified and confirmed; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Leonard F. Kowalski, Executive Engineer is authorized to execute the EAF on behalf of the Authority; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Project involves an “Unlisted Action” as said term is defined pursuant to 6 NYCRR Section 617.2(al) of the SEQRA regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Authority hereby declares its intent to act as SEQRA Lead Agency and directs Hunt and Authority staff to transmit Part 1 of the EAF and relevant Project materials, at the discretion of Authority staff, to each SEQRA Involved Agency (as such term is defined in SEQRA) stating the Authority’s intent to act as Lead Agency and seeking input regarding potential impacts of the Projects, to ensure a single integrated environmental review is conducted with respect to the Projects in accordance with Section 617.6 of the SEQRA regulations for the proposed action: “the design and construction of a new line maintenance facility at the Sturgeon Point Water Treatment Plant”.

Ayes:

Noes:

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ITEM 2 - AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LACKAWANNA AND E. & R. GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH CONTRACT NO. GP-010, PROJECT NO. 202100035

Motion by seconded by

WHEREAS, the Erie County Water Authority (the “Authority”) has initiated a capital improvement project, known as the Transmission and Distribution Main Replacement, Towns of West Seneca and Hamburg and the City of Lackawanna, identified as Contract No. GP-010, generally consisting of the replacement of the existing watermains on Willett and Abbott Roads (the “Main Replacement Project”); and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 2022, the Authority awarded the construction contract to E. & R. General Construction, Inc. (the “Contractor”) to complete the Main Replacement Project (the “Main Replacement Project Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the Main Replacement Project includes the replacement of an existing watermain on Carden Avenue in the City of Lackawanna with restoration to the trench width of the road only; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lackawanna (the “City”) has requested that the Authority consider milling and paving the entire width of Carden Avenue from Abbott Road west approximately 250 linear feet to the property line of the Lackawanna Middle and High Schools as part of the Main Replacement Project; and

WHEREAS, the Main Replacement Project Contract includes milling and paving of Willett and Abbott Roads and includes unit prices for this work; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor has agreed to perform milling and paving work on Carden Avenue at the unit prices set forth in the Main Replacement Project Contract; and

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed the unit prices for milling and paving work as set forth in the Main Replacement Project Contract and agrees they are fair and reasonable; and

WHEREAS, by working in a cooperative fashion to resurface Carden Avenue as part of the Authority’s Project, both the City and the Authority will save money and limit the disturbance to the residents of Carden Avenue, as well as the students and staff at the Lackawanna Middle and High Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Authority’s 2023 Capital Budget includes funds under Unit 2595 Eng/Const Transmission Mains, Item No. 101599 GP-010 Transmission Main Replacement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Board of Commissioners approve the Cooperative Agreement with the City and the Contractor in connection with the Main Replacement Project; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Chair is authorized to execute the Cooperative Agreement on behalf of the Authority.

Ayes:

Noes:

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ITEM 3 - AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONFIDENTIALITY AND NON-DISCLOSURE LICENSING AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF LACKAWANNA RELATING TO THE ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY'S GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS), PROJECT NO. 202300016

Motion by seconded by

WHEREAS, the City of Lackawanna (the "City") has approached the Erie County Water Authority (the "Authority") requesting use of the Authority's Geographical Information System ("GIS") data pertinent to the Authority's facilities within the City's limits; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect data and information tracking, plotting, or identifying properties and facilities of the critical water infrastructure owned, managed, or leased by the Authority, the Authority's Legal and Engineering departments (the "Departments") prepared a Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Licensing Agreement (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Departments respectfully request that the Board of Commissioners of the Authority (the "Board") approve of the Agreement and execution of same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Board approve the Agreement between the City and the Authority relating to the use of the Authority's GIS data pertinent to the Authority's facilities within the City's limits; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Chair is authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Authority.

Ayes:

Noes:

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ITEM 5 - AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AN UPDATED RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH CSEA EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND

Motion by _____ seconded by _____

WHEREAS, the Erie County Water Authority (the “Authority”) and CSEA have agreed on a Collective Bargaining Agreement (the “CBA”), which runs through March 2027; and

WHEREAS, the CBA was ratified by Union and approved by the Board on November 24, 2021; and

WHEREAS, as required by the CBA, it is necessary to renew the Employee Benefit Fund Agreement with CSEA which provides for their dental and vision insurance; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2022, the Authority approved entering into the Renewal Agreement with the CSEA Employee Benefit Fund; and

WHEREAS, CSEA Employee Benefit Fund has submitted an updated Renewal Agreement that includes pricing for future years which were not available when the Renewal Agreement was executed; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Hibit, Director of Human Resources recommends approving the updated Renewal Agreement with the CSEA Employee Benefit Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Board of Commissioners approve the updated Renewal Agreement with the CSEA Employee Benefit Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Chair is authorized to execute the updated Renewal Agreement on behalf of the Authority.

Ayes:

Noes:

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ITEM 7 - RATIFICATION OF THE INSTALLATION OF HYDRANTS AND VALVES AND RETIREMENT OF EXISTING HYDRANTS AND VALVES - VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Motion by seconded by

WHEREAS, the Engineering Department of the Erie County Water Authority (the "Authority") advised that hydrants and valves were installed as part of the Authority's program to keep pace with improvements in firefighting technology, as follows:

Replace existing 5' hydrant at 55 Kingston Lane, Town of Cheektowaga with a new 5' AVK hydrant on 01/11/2023. Work done by ECWA forces under Work Authorization No. 107.200 7332.

Hydrant originally installed in 1964 was scrapped and retired under Retirement Authorization No. R230021.

Replace existing 5' hydrant at Treehaven Road and Century Road, Town of Cheektowaga with a new 5' AVK hydrant on 01/09/2023. Work done by ECWA forces under Work Authorization No. 107.200 7333.

Hydrant originally installed in 1941 was scrapped and retired under Retirement Authorization No. R230022.

Replace existing 5' hydrant at 24 Argus Drive, Village of Depew with a new 5' AVK hydrant on 01/11/2023. Work done by ECWA forces under Work Authorization No. 107.200 7329.

Hydrant originally installed prior to 07/01/1999 was scrapped and retired under Retirement Authorization No. R230018.

Replace existing 5' hydrant at 2699 Woodlawn Avenue, Town of Hamburg with a new 5' hydrant on 01/12/2023. Work done by ECWA forces under Work Authorization No. 107.200 7330.

Hydrant originally installed prior to 07/14/2011 was scrapped and retired under Retirement Authorization No. R230019.

Replace existing 5' hydrant opposite 230 Martin Road, City of Lackawanna with a new 5' AVK hydrant on 01/04/2023. Work done by ECWA forces under Work Authorization No. 107.200 7331.

Hydrant originally installed on 11/03/1996 was scrapped and retired under Retirement Authorization No. R230020.

Replace existing 20" valve at 386 Walton Drive, Town of Amherst with a new 20" butterfly valve on 04/26/2023. Work done by ECWA forces under Work Authorization No. 107.200 7338.

Valve originally installed in 1942 was scrapped and retired under Retirement Authorization No. R230025.

Installed a new 12” butterfly valve at 578 Dick Road, Town of Cheektowaga on 03/23/2023. Work done by ECWA forces under Work Authorization No. 107.200 7335; and

WHEREAS, Leonard F. Kowalski, Executive Engineer, ratifies said installations and work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Board of Commissioners of the Authority approve the retirement of the abovementioned hydrants and valves at the abovementioned locations; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the installation of the new hydrants and valves in the abovementioned locations, as part of the Authority's continuing program to improve its facilities is hereby approved, ratified, and confirmed.

Ayes:

Noes:

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ITEM 9 - AUTHORIZATION FOR LEONARD KOWALSKI, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, WILLIAM WHEELER, DISTRIBUTION ENGINEER, AND MARC BELLACOSE, DISTRIBUTION ENGINEER, TO ATTEND THE AWWA PIPELINE CONDITION ASSESSMENT CONFERENCE IN DALLAS, TEXAS

Motion by seconded by

WHEREAS, the Erie County Water Authority deems it advisable for Leonard Kowalski, Executive Engineer, William Wheeler, Distribution Engineer, and Marc Bellacose, Distribution Engineer, to attend the AWWA Pipeline Condition Assessment Conference in Dallas, Texas at a total estimated cost of \$7,635.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Leonard Kowalski, Executive Engineer, William Wheeler, Distribution Engineer, and Marc Bellacose, Distribution Engineer, are hereby authorized to travel to Dallas, Texas from November 5, 2023 to November 8, 2023 to attend the AWWA Pipeline Condition Assessment Conference at a total estimated cost of \$7,635.00.

Ayes:

Noes:

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