

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
of
JERICHO WATER DISTRICT

held at the office of the District in Syosset, Nassau County, New York, on the 7th day of January 2026, at 8:30 A.M.

Present:	Commissioners	Thomas A. Abbate Patricia Beckerle Gregory S. Morley Gregory W. Carman Jr. Peter F. Logan Kathleen Cannon Amanda Blum William D. Merklin James Van Horn
	Attorney	
	Superintendent	
	Business Manager	
	Asst. Business Manager	
	Engineer(s)	

Commissioner Abbate called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting(s) were read and approved unanimously.

Monthly report of Engineer was read and ordered filed.

1. Budget Report: D&B prepared a summary of ongoing project budgets.
2. Well 20 & 21 AOP Treatment: Scheduling final walk through in coming weeks. Security vendor work remains outstanding. Reviewing operational alternatives to address recent POC detections in raw water at both wells.
3. Well 22 Facility Improvements & AOP Treatment: MC and EC are continuing to perform their critical path work items. Scheduling survey work following receipt of the monuments. Change modifications include transformer pad credit, fence credit, National Grid and SCADA costs and drainage connection to pond.

A discussion was held regarding conditional acceptance of the alternatively designed drainage structures for Contract No. C5-24, 1,4-Dioxane and PFOA Treatment at Well No. 22 – General Construction with J. Anthony Enterprises Inc. After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED that in consideration of this conditional acceptance, the Commissioners authorize releasing withheld payments to J. Anthony Enterprises Inc. for requisition nos. 16-18 in the not to exceed amount of \$167,859.93.

VOTE AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

Commissioner Abbate AYE

Commissioner Beckerle AYE
Commissioner Morley AYE

Mr. Logan then presented to the Commissioners Change Order Nos. 7 & 8 from J. Anthony Enterprises Inc. for Contract No. C5-24, 1,4-Dioxane and PFOA Treatment at Well No. 22 – General Construction as follows:

- Change Order No. 7: For credit for transformer vault foundation (that will be done by JVR Electric) in the amount of (\$1,532.44).
- Change Order No. 8: For credit for fence surrounding property in the amount of (\$7,713.78). (Original Fence was owned by Jericho School District and they installed the new fence.)

After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that the Commissioners approve Change Order Nos. 7 & 8 from J. Anthony Enterprises Inc. for Contract No. C5-24 for 1,4-Dioxane and PFOA Treatment at Well No. 22 – General Construction thereby reducing the total cost of the contract from \$3,859,938.28 to \$3,850,692.06, a total reduction of \$9,246.22, to be charged to Capital Project Account No. H-8397-020-2303 Well No. 22 AOP System.

VOTE AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

Commissioner Abbate AYE
Commissioner Beckerle AYE
Commissioner Morley AYE

Mr. Logan then presented to the Commissioners Change Order Nos. 6 & 7 from Philip Ross Industries for Contract No. C14-22R for 1,4-Dioxane and PFOA Treatment at Well No. 22 – Mechanical Construction as follows:

- Change Order No. 6: For reallocation of costs from Natural Gas Service Work Allowance and SCADA system additions in the amount of \$104,898.00 (with no overall change to the contract price.)
- Change Order No. 7: To furnish and install additional 8" ductile iron pipe and 8" gate valve from manhole structure to pond in the amount of \$13,311.25 (thereby increasing the overall cost of the contract from \$4,373,218.25 to \$4,386,529.50).

After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that the Commissioners approve Change Order Nos. 6 & 7 from Philip Ross Industries for Contract No. C14-22R for 1,4-Dioxane and PFOA Treatment at Well No. 22 – Mechanical Construction in the total amount of \$13,311.25 to be charged to Capital Project Account No. H-8397-020-2303 Well No. 22 AOP System.

VOTE AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

Commissioner Abbate AYE
Commissioner Beckerle AYE
Commissioner Morley AYE

4. Kirby Lane AOP: MC and EC are preparing contract close out documents. A meeting was held with Stalco and their attorney on December 5th. Discussion regarding D&B's assistance with Stalco negotiations.
5. Southwoods Road - New Well and Treatment Facility: Contractors are working on punch list. Working with attorney to close out Layne's contract. Waiting for NCDOH approval to operate pending acceptable bacteriological results. D&B has requested a cost proposal from the GC to install trees in front of the generator.

Mr. Carman then presented to the Commissioners a Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release between the Layne Christensen Company (Layne) and the District with regards to Contract No. C9-22 Construction of Well 33. In lieu of assessing liquidated damages, JWD agrees to accept \$15,000.00. JWD and Layne acknowledge and agree that the adjusted final Contract Amount is \$511,098.00. The Commissioners reviewed the agreement and deemed the terms to be fair and reasonable. After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED that the Commissioners execute the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release with Layne Christensen Company in the amount of \$15,000.00 pending receipt of the fully executed settlement agreement and settlement check.

VOTE AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

Commissioner Abbate AYE
Commissioner Beckerle AYE
Commissioner Morley AYE

6. PTAS at the Wheatley Rd. Site (Well 6 & 16): D&B is attempting to coordinate another generator test with both Cummins and National Grid present.
7. Split Rock Tank Booster Station: D&B is working with the contractors to close out the contracts. Generator startup is scheduled for today.
8. Pump Rehabilitation Projects:
 - Well 30: Well cleaning will be performed following well work at Well 22 facility.
 - Kirby Booster Pumps: Installation planned for late January or early February.

- Stone Hill Booster Pumps: Contractor has removed the first pump. They will inspect it and make recommendations for repairs.
- Juneau Booster Pumps: Tentative schedule for installation is March 2026.

9. Convent Road Facility Architectural Improvements and Barn Roof Replacement: Roof contract waiting for revised O & M manual submittal.

10. Water Service Gooseneck Replacement: D&B prepared a memorandum regarding bid quantities. D&B prepared an Award recommendation letter.

Mr. Merklin then presented to the Commissioners a memorandum regarding asphalt restoration bid quantity analysis for Contract No. C7-25, Water Service Gooseneck Replacement. The result of the re-evaluation of all restoration bid items, is believed to be in excess of \$689,150.00 when using the corrected quantities and Araz's original unit prices. The project will be awarded as bid, since this is a requirements contract, reconciliation will be completed at contract close out.

Mr. Logan presented to the Commissioners a letter from Mr. Anthony Eagan of D&B Engineers and Architects D.P.C. stating that he had reviewed the three (3) bid proposals received on December 12th, 2025, for Contract No. C7-25 Water Service Gooseneck Replacement. Araz Industries, Inc. of West Babylon, New York was the lowest bidder for the contract with a total bid price of \$11,308,136.00. Based on his findings of the contractor's past and present performances, references and review of the bid proposal, Mr. Eagan recommended award of Contract No. C7-25 to Araz Industries, Inc. for the total amount of \$11,308,136.00. (Actual contract value will vary depending on the quantity of work orders performed during the contract duration and the actual quantity of each unit price item incurred during the performance of the work.) After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that Contract No. C7-25, Water Service Gooseneck Replacement be awarded to Araz Industries, Inc. of 67 Kean Street, West Babylon New York, as lowest responsible bidder with a bid that conforms to the bid specifications of the District, in the amount of \$11,308,136.00 to be charged to Capital Project Account No. H-8397-014-2300 Service Connection Replacement.

VOTE AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

Commissioner Abbate AYE
Commissioner Beckerle AYE
Commissioner Morley AYE

11. The Hunt Club Road Water Main Connection: D&B prepared an award recommendation letter.

Mr. Logan presented to the Commissioners a letter from Mr. Collin Jacobs of D&B Engineers and Architects D.P.C. stating that he had reviewed the four (4) bid proposals

received on December 12th, 2025, for Contract No. C5-25 Hunt Club Water Main Improvements. Araz Industries, Inc. of West Babylon, New York was the lowest bidder for the contract with a total bid price of \$424,360.00. Based on his findings of the contractor's past and present performances, references and review of the bid proposal, Mr. Jacobs recommended award of Contract No. C5-25 to Araz Industries, Inc. for the total amount of \$424,360.00. After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that Contract No. C5-25, Hunt Club Water Main Improvements be awarded to Araz Industries, Inc. of 67 Kean Street, West Babylon New York, as lowest responsible bidder with a bid that conforms to the bid specifications of the District, in the amount of \$424,360.00 to be charged to Capital Project Account No. H-8397-317-2300 Hunts Club Water Main Improvements.

VOTE AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

Commissioner Abbate AYE
Commissioner Beckerle AYE
Commissioner Morley AYE

12. Treatment at Wells 18, 19 & 29: The draft BODR will be submitted in late January.
13. Juneau Pump Station Improvements: Contractor is working on the punch list and contract close out. Line Reactors and Breakers were replaced on January 5, 2026.
14. Jericho Tank Rehabilitation: Site piping work has been delayed. Requested an updated schedule from the Contractor. Pending change order for requested cost proposal from Contractor for additional piping work requested by the District.
15. GIS Improvements: D&B is preparing a "How To" manual for JWD staff.
16. Sugar Toms Lane Water Main replacement: A schedule has been requested from the contractor.
17. PFAS Treatment at Wells 23: D&B is working with JWD to develop scope and a cost estimate to add AOP treatment to the project. D&B will contact EFC when the scope and budget estimate have been established.
18. PFAS Treatment at Wells 27 & 28: D&B is preparing a scoping memorandum.
19. LIU Post Distribution Mapping: D&B sent a draft proposal for review for assisting the District with mapping of JWD and LIU Post water mains.
20. Grant Funding Opportunities: Waiting for additional information on potential for lead service line replacement grants. May 29th deadline for submittal to Intended

Use Plan (IUP). Projects with Engineering Reports will be eligible for IIA funding (formerly known as BIL).

Miss Cannon gave the Commissioners an update regarding the status of the District's Grant applications for NYS WIIA. The District received WIIA grant denial letters for Project No. 19474 – 1,4-Dioxane and PFOA Treatment at Well 3 and Project No. 19907 PFAS Treatment at Wells 27 and 28 (however, this project was awarded a Federal IIA-EC Grant on October 28, 2025).

21. Valentine Lane Water Main: Draft drawings have been submitted to JWD for review. Soil borings will be performed in the next two weeks. NYSDEC permit application has been submitted.
22. Merry Lane Piping Modifications: Well 9 mark out and survey will commence following tank piping work completion (mid-late January). Draft drawings will be submitted to JWD this month.
23. Muttontown Pressure Zone: A draft memo was submitted to JWD.
24. Requirements Contracts: Draft Pump Maintenance and GAC Pre-Purchase contract will be submitted in mid-January.
25. Emerging Contaminant Tracking for Capital Planning: D&B is preparing a proposal to assist the District with tracking data to improve Capital Project Planning.
26. Risk and Resiliency Assessment (RRA): This work has been completed.

Status of Proposed Development Projects – Engineers Report

1. Woodbury Hills: Contract documents have been approved by NCDOH. A Developers Agreement has been sent to the developer. A bid date will be established after payment is received.
2. Silver Path Estates Subdivision: This will be discussed further after the completion of the Muttontown Pressure Zone Evaluation.
3. Farnam Subdivision: Application and initial deposit from developer have been received. Mr. Logan requested CCI to submit a proposal for full easement title search, securing title insurance policy, drafting of easement(s) and fees to record the easement(s).
4. Grandville Gardens Subdivision: No action required unless developer makes a request for further evaluation of water availability.

5. TOB Miller Place Water Main Extension: The Town has indicated that this project is on hold.
6. Bhooma Subdivision: Waiting for application and initial deposit from developer prior to preparing a proposal.
7. Country Club Developers: D&B prepared draft language for JWD to address developer's request for easement modifications.
8. Whitney Estates: CCI to submit a proposal for full easement title search, securing title insurance policy, drafting of easement(s) and fees to record the easement(s). CCI to draft Deposit for Design Agreement. Waiting for developer to submit payment prior to starting design work.
9. 2340 Cedar Swamp: Waiting for initial application fee from developer.
10. Village of Matinecock Drainage Thorne Lane: D&B met with JWD on January 6th to discuss the scope of this project.

Monthly Report of the Superintendent was read and ordered filed.

Mr. Logan reported that all analysis of wells and bacteriological sampling for the period of December 17, 2025 to January 6, 2026, had been completed and all were within state and federal standards.

Mr. Logan presented to the Commissioners a letter of resignation from employee Justin Lohen, Water Servicer Trainee, whose last day on payroll was January 2, 2026. Miss Cannon then presented to the Commissioners a calculation of the accrual payout for Mr. Lohen. Mr. Logan indicated that he received back all uniforms and keys from Mr. Lohen. The Commissioners wished Mr. Lohen well in his future endeavors. After discussion, and upon motion duly made, and seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that the Commissioners authorize the accrual payout be made to Justin Lohen on the pay date of January 2, 2026.

VOTE AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

Commissioner Abbate AYE
Commissioner Beckerle AYE
Commissioner Morley AYE

Mr. Logan informed the Commissioners that he had received a request from Jessica Jones for information pertaining to 753 Remsen Lane, Oyster Bay. Miss Cannon sent Ms. Jones a letter acknowledging receipt of her FOIL request within five (5) days of the receipt of her request as required under Section 89 (3) of the Freedom of Information Law, stating

that her request will be granted or denied, (in whole or part), within approximately thirty (30) days.

Miss Cannon then presented and reviewed with the Commissioners a Cash Balance/Cash Deposit report as of January 5, 2026. After discussion, the report was ordered filed.

Miss Cannon then presented and reviewed with the Commissioners a Purchase Order by Expense Account Report listing all purchase orders issued between December 16, 2025, and January 5, 2026. After discussion, the report was ordered filed.

Miss Cannon then advised the Commissioners that she received a notification from Connect One Bank (CNOB) that the interest rate decreased to 3.92%.

Miss Cannon reported that the Bank Reconciliations for the month of December 2025 were completed. After discussion, the Commissioners ordered the Bank Reconciliations filed.

Miss Cannon then reported in the 2025 District's Annual Budget, the Commissioners budgeted \$500,000.00 in A-9950-000-9020 Transfer to Assigned Fund Balance to be transferred to A-0915-0000, Unreserved Fund Balance Designated for Debt Service. After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that the Commissioners approve transferring \$500,000.00 from the 2025 Operating Budget A-9950-000-9020 to Unreserved Fund Balance for Debt Service.

VOTE AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

Commissioner Abbate AYE

Commissioner Beckerle AYE

Commissioner Morley AYE

Miss Cannon then requested the Commissioners authorize the following budget transfer(s), (nunc pro tunc):

To Fund Paving Materials with Rason Through Year End 2025

A-8340-000-4620	Road Patch - Permanent	\$550.00
A-8340-000-4650	Repairs to Wells & Distribution	(\$550.00)

After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners authorized the budget transfer(s):

VOTE AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

Commissioner Abbate AYE
Commissioner Beckerle AYE
Commissioner Morley AYE

Miss Cannon informed the Commissioners that she had received a request from Mr. Mark Zurada Esq. requesting information for Contract No. C10-19 Split Rock Tank Rehabilitation. Miss Cannon sent Mr. Zurada a letter acknowledging receipt of his FOIL request within five (5) days of receipt of his request as required under Section 89 (3) of the Freedom of Information Law, stating that his request will be granted or denied, (in whole or part), within approximately thirty (30) days. The Commissioners instructed Miss Cannon to compile the requested information to comply with the FOIL request.

Miss Cannon then requested authorization for Ms. Blum to participate in the NYSGFOA Annual Conference in Albany, New York to be held April 15th, to April 17th, 2026. After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED that the Commissioners authorize Ms. Blum to attend the NYSGFOA Annual Conference.

VOTE AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSENTIONS: 0

Commissioner Abbate AYE
Commissioner Beckerle AYE
Commissioner Morley AYE

Miss Cannon then presented to the Commissioners a letter from the Office of the Comptroller for the Town of Oyster Bay regarding the GASB Statement 75 and Other Post Employment Benefits for the year ending December 31, 2025. The Town Board authorized the contract with USI Consulting Group, Inc. for providing actuarial services to the Town and its participating Districts (including JWD) to comply with GASB Statement 75. The fees for the service are \$1,175.00 for the Biennial GASB 75 Valuation and report, and \$300.00 for the disclosure update FYE 5/31/2025 and \$300.00 FYE 5/31/2026 for the total amount of \$1,775.00. Miss Cannon informed the Commissioners that she submitted payment to the Town by the required deadline of January 9, 2026 in order for the District to participate.

Miss Cannon then informed the Commissioners that she received a request from a customer on Account No. 36450520-1, for a reduction to their 3rd and 4th Quarter 2025 water bill due to leaks on their water service. Miss Cannon informed the Commissioners that a reduction to their 3rd and 4th Quarter 2025 bill would be in line with the District's policy to allow excess water usage in excess of the three (3) year average usage, to be charged at a rate equal to the District's cost to pump 1,000 gallons of water. The reduction will result in a total water charge being reduced for the 3rd Quarter of 2025 to \$3,389.12 from \$4,681.22, a reduction of \$1,292.10 and 4th Quarter of 2025 to \$2,678.09 from \$2,833.85, a reduction of \$155.76. This account was tagged as continuous flow expected and therefore did not receive the District's courtesy leak alerts. After discussion, the Commissioners approved

the reduction to the 3rd and 4th Quarter 2025 water bills and instructed Miss Cannon to send the consumer revised bills.

VOTE AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSECTIONS: 0

Commissioner Abbate AYE
Commissioner Beckerle AYE
Commissioner Morley AYE

A discussion was held regarding customer accounts set to continuous flow expected. After discussion, the Commissioners instructed Mr. Logan and Ms. Blum to work with staff on a plan to properly earmark accounts.

Miss Cannon informed the Commissioners that she received the following three (3) requests to waive penalties:

1. Account No. 55479920-0 in the amount of \$198.00.
2. Account No. 55558551-1 in the amount of \$178.45.
3. Account No. 25852100-0 in the amount of \$100.24.

Miss Cannon informed the Commissioners that no penalty on the above accounts had been waived in the last five (5) years. After discussion, the Commissioners authorized Miss Cannon to waive penalties on the accounts listed above and instructed her to send revised bills to the consumers.

VOTE AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSECTIONS: 0

Commissioner Abbate AYE
Commissioner Beckerle AYE
Commissioner Morley AYE

Commissioner Abbate then opened the public session, resident Peter Hsu was in attendance, with there being no speakers, the public session was closed.

The Board of Commissioners went into executive session at 9:48 AM to discuss legal matters and re-entered at 9:55 AM with no action taken.

The pending agenda items list was read, discussed, and filed.

There being no further business, the meeting was, upon motion, duly made, seconded, and adjourned.


Secretary