**MINUTES** of the **MEETING** of the **ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY** held in the office, 350 Ellicott Square Building, Buffalo, New York, on the 28th day of January, 2009.

PRESENT: Frank E. Swiatek, Chairman Kelly M. Vacco, Vice Chair Francis G. Warthling, Treasurer Robert A. Mendez, Executive Director Matthew J. Baudo, Secretary to the Authority Robert J. Lichtenthal, Jr., Deputy Director Wesley C. Dust, Executive Engineer Mark J. Fuzak, Attorney Paul H. Riester, Director of Administration Daniel J. NeMoyer, Director of Human Resources Albert J. Meaney, Comptroller Steven V. D'Amico, Budget and Financial Analyst

**ATTENDEES: Joseph Matteliano** 

#### CALL TO ORDER

#### PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

#### I. - ROLL CALL

#### **II. - READING OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Warthling seconded by Mrs. Vacco and carried to waive the reading of the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, January 15, 2009.

#### **III. - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Warthling seconded by Mrs. Vacco and carried to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, January 15, 2009.

#### **IV. - REPORTS (See "Report" Minutes for Details)**

- A) SECRETARY/PERSONNEL
- **B) LEGAL**
- C) FISCAL
- **D) OPERATIONS**
- **E) HUMAN RESOURCES**

# F) AUDIT COMMITTEEG) GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

# V. - COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

## **ITEM 1 - CREATION OF MASTER PURCHASE ORDERS:**

Motion by Mr. Warthling seconded by Mrs. Vacco and carried to approve the creation of Master Purchase Order Nos. as listed on the attached sheet page 1 not to exceed the amount of \$50,000.00 and that the Director of Administration be authorized to execute the above and all associated documents after certifying that they are in conformity with applicable laws and the Authority's By-Laws and Purchasing Guidelines, Policies and Procedures.

#### **ITEM 2 - MASTER PURCHASE ORDERS:**

Motion by Mr. Warthling seconded by Mrs. Vacco and carried to approve for payment of Master Purchase Order Nos. as listed on the attached sheets pages 1-9 after certification by the Comptroller that the orders are in accordance with the quotations and that the Director of Administration be authorized to execute the above and all associated documents after certifying that they are in conformity with applicable laws and the Authority's By-Laws and Purchasing Guidelines, Policies and Procedures.

#### VI. - UNFINISHED BUSINESS (NONE)

## VII. - NEW BUSINESS (RESOLUTIONS 3-16)

## ITEM 3 - RATIFICATION OF THE INVESTMENT OF FUNDS FROM THE MANUFACTURERS & TRADERS TRUST COMPANY, DEBT SERVICE FUND WATER WORKS SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 1998A - \$50,064.17

Motion by Mr. Warthling seconded by Mrs. Vacco

**WHEREAS,** Susan Rinaldo, Cash Manager advised under date of January 22, 2009 that there was available on January 30, 2009 the following amounts in the Debt Service Fund Water Works System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1998A:

Principal Account	\$32,916.67
Interest Account	\$17,147.50

and has recommended that the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, as Fiscal Agent, be authorized to invest from the Interest Account, in the amount of \$17,147.50 to mature in time for the June 15, 2009 Interest Payment at the highest yield to maturity to 1998B Bondholders and invest from the Principal Account in the amount of \$32,916.67 to mature in time for the December 15, 2009 Principal Payment at the highest yield to maturity; and

**WHEREAS,** Inasmuch as the Authority does not have adequate safekeeping facilities for the aforementioned securities, the Comptroller recommends that the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company be authorized to maintain possession of the securities, in trust, for the Authority for safekeeping purposes;

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the action of Albert Meaney, Comptroller, in authorizing the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company to invest from the Interest Account in the amount of \$17,147.50 to mature in time for the June 15, 2009 Interest Payment at the highest yield to maturity to 1998B Bondholders and invest from the Principal Account in the amount of \$32,916.67 to mature in time for the December 15, 2009 Principal Payment at the highest yield to maturity to 1998B, is hereby approved and ratified; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company be and it hereby is authorized to retain possession of the securities, in trust, for the Authority until further direction by the Authority's Comptroller.

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Swiatek, Vacco and Warthling Noes: None

## ITEM 4 - RATIFICATION OF THE INVESTMENT OF FUNDS FROM THE MANUFACTURERS & TRADERS TRUST COMPANY, DEBT SERVICE FUND WATER WORKS SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 1998B - \$111,688.64

Motion by Mr. Warthling seconded by Mrs. Vacco

WHEREAS, Susan Rinaldo, Cash Manager advised under date of January 22, 2009 that there was available on January 30, 2009 the following amounts in the Debt Service Fund Water Works System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1998B:

Interest Account \$44,605.31 Principal Account \$67,083.33 and has recommended that the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, as Fiscal Agent, be authorized to invest from the Interest Account, in the amount of \$44,605.31 to mature in time for the April 15, 2009 and invest from the Principal Account in the amount of \$67,083.33 to mature in time for the October 15, 2009 Principal Payment at the highest yield to maturity to 1998B Bondholders; and

WHEREAS, Inasmuch as the Authority does not have adequate safekeeping facilities for the aforementioned securities, the Comptroller recommends that the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company be authorized to maintain possession of the securities, in trust, for the Authority for safekeeping purposes;

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the action of Albert Meaney, Comptroller, in authorizing the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company to invest from the Interest Account in the amount of \$44,605.31 to mature in time for the April 15, 2009 Interest Payment at the highest yield to maturity to 1998B Bondholders and invest from the Principal Account in the amount of \$67,083.33 to mature in time for the October 15, 2009 Principal Payment at the highest yield to maturity to 1998B Bondholders, is hereby approved and ratified; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company be and it hereby is authorized to retain possession of the securities, in trust, for the Authority until further direction by the Authority's Comptroller.

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Swiatek, Vacco and Warthling Noes: None

# ITEM 5 - RATIFICATION OF THE INVESTMENT OF FUNDS FROM THE MANUFACTURERS & TRADERS TRUST COMPANY, DEBT SERVICE FUND WATER WORKS SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2003F - \$91,766.74

Motion by Mr. Warthling seconded by Mrs. Vacco

**WHEREAS,** Susan Rinaldo, Cash Manager advised under date of January 22, 2009 that there was available on January 30, 2009 the following amounts in the Debt Service Fund Water Works System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2003F:

Interest Account	\$39,683.41
Principal Account	\$52,083.33

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and has recommended that the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, as Fiscal Agent, be authorized to invest from the Interest Account, in the amount of \$39,683.41 to mature in time for the July 15, 2009 Interest Payment at the highest yield to maturity to 2003F Bondholders and to invest from the Principal Account in the amount of \$52,083.33 to mature in time for the July 15, 2009 Principal Payment at the highest yield to maturity to 2003F Bondholders; and

WHEREAS, Inasmuch as the Authority does not have adequate safekeeping facilities for the aforementioned securities, the Comptroller recommends that the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company be authorized to maintain possession of the securities, in trust, for the Authority for safekeeping purposes;

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the action of Albert Meaney, Comptroller, in authorizing the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company to invest from the Interest Account in the amount of \$39,683.41 to mature in time for the July 15, 2009 Interest Payment at the highest yield to maturity to 2003F Bondholders and to invest from the Principal Account in the amount of \$52,083.33 to mature in time for the July 15, 2009 Principal Payment at the highest yield to maturity to 2003F Bondholders, is hereby approved and ratified; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company be and it hereby is authorized to retain possession of the securities, in trust, for the Authority until further direction by the Authority's Comptroller.

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Swiatek, Vacco and Warthling Noes: None

## ITEM 6 - RATIFICATION OF THE INVESTMENT OF FUNDS FROM THE MANUFACTURERS & TRADERS TRUST COMPANY, DEBT SERVICE FUND WATER WORKS SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2007 - \$188,046.98

Motion by Mr. Warthling seconded by Mrs. Vacco

**WHEREAS,** Susan Rinaldo, Cash Manager advised under date of January 22, 2009 that there was available on January 22, 2009 the following amounts in the Debt Service Fund Water Works System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2007:

Interest Account \$135,130.31 Principal Account \$52,916.67 and has recommended that the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, as Fiscal Agent, be authorized to invest from the Interest Account, in the amount of \$135,130.31 to mature in time for the June 1, 2009 Interest Payment at the highest yield to maturity to 2007 Bondholders and invest from the Principal Account in the amount of \$52,916.67 to mature in time for the December 1, 2009 Principal Payment at the highest yield to maturity to 2007 Bondholders; and

**WHEREAS,** Inasmuch as the Authority does not have adequate safekeeping facilities for the aforementioned securities, the Comptroller recommends that the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company be authorized to maintain possession of the securities, in trust, for the Authority for safekeeping purposes;

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the action of Albert Meaney, Comptroller, in authorizing the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company to invest from the Interest Account in the amount of \$135,130.31 to mature in time for the June 1, 2009 Interest Payment at the highest yield to maturity to 2007 Bondholders and invest from the Principal Account in the amount of \$52,916.67 to mature in time for the December 1, 2009 Principal Payment at the highest yield to maturity to 2007 Bondholders, is hereby approved and ratified; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company be and it hereby is authorized to retain possession of the securities, in trust, for the Authority until further direction by the Authority's Comptroller.

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Swiatek, Vacco and Warthling Noes: None

# ITEM 7 - RATIFICATION OF THE INVESTMENT OF FUNDS FROM THE MANUFACTURERS & TRADERS TRUST COMPANY, DEBT SERVICE FUND WATER WORKS SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2008 - \$493,750.00

Motion by Mr. Warthling seconded by Mrs. Vacco

**WHEREAS,** Susan Rinaldo, Cash Manager advised under date of January 22, 2009 that there was available on January 22, 2009 the following amounts in the Debt Service Fund Water Works System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2008:

Interest Account \$180,833.33 Principal Account \$312,916.67 and has recommended that the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, as Fiscal Agent, be authorized to invest from the Interest Account, in the amount of \$180,833.33 to mature in time for the June 1, 2009 Interest Payment at the highest yield to maturity to 2008 Bondholders and invest from the Principal Account in the amount of \$312,916.67 to mature in time for the December 1, 2009 Principal Payment at the highest yield to maturity to 2008 Bondholders; and

**WHEREAS,** Inasmuch as the Authority does not have adequate safekeeping facilities for the aforementioned securities, the Comptroller recommends that the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company be authorized to maintain possession of the securities, in trust, for the Authority for safekeeping purposes;

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the action of Albert Meaney, Comptroller, in authorizing the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company to invest from the Interest Account in the amount of \$180,833.33 to mature in time for the June 1, 2009 Interest Payment at the highest yield to maturity to 2008 Bondholders and invest from the Principal Account in the amount of \$312,916.67 to mature in time for the December 1, 2009 Principal Payment at the highest yield to maturity to 2008 Bondholders, is hereby approved and ratified; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company be and it hereby is authorized to retain possession of the securities, in trust, for the Authority until further direction by the Authority's Comptroller.

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Swiatek, Vacco and Warthling Noes: None

## ITEM 8 - AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE FURNISHING AND DELIVERING OF ONE SLUDGE GRINDER TO THE ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY'S STURGEON POINT WATER TREATMENT PLANT, PROJECT NO. 200900012

Motion by Mr. Warthling seconded by Mrs. Vacco

WHEREAS, Wesley C. Dust, P.E., Executive Engineer and Robert A. Mendez, Executive Director recommend that the Erie County Water Authority ("Authority") publish a notice inviting sealed bids or proposals pursuant to Section 1069 of the Public Authorities Law for the furnishing and delivering of one sludge grinder to the Erie County Water Authority's Sturgeon Point Water Treatment Plant; and **WHEREAS,** The work, labor and services for the abovementioned project is estimated to cost an amount in excess of \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, The Advertisement for Bids for the furnishing and delivering of one sludge grinder to the Erie County Water Authority's Sturgeon Point Water Treatment Plant will be conducted pursuant to the newly enacted legislation, New York State Finance Law §§ 139-j and 139-k and the Authority's Purchasing Guidelines, Policies and Procedures; and

**WHEREAS,** Jay F. Meyers, Production Engineer will be the designated contact person for the project with the adoption of this resolution;

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the plans and specifications and form of bid be prepared for the Erie County Water Authority's Sturgeon Point Water Treatment Plant and upon completion be made available for inspection by bidders in the office of the Authority; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the Secretary be and he hereby is authorized and directed to publish a notice inviting sealed bids or proposals pursuant to Section 1069 of the Public Authorities Law for the abovementioned project.

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Swiatek, Vacco and Warthling Noes: None

## ITEM 9 - AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING OF BOOSTER PUMPS FOR THE ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY, PROJECT NO. 200900010

Motion by Mr. Warthling seconded by Mrs. Vacco

**WHEREAS,** Wesley C. Dust, P.E., Executive Engineer and Robert A. Mendez, Executive Director recommend that the Erie County Water Authority ("Authority") publish a notice inviting sealed bids or proposals pursuant to Section 1069 of the Public Authorities Law for furnishing and delivering of Booster Pumps for the Erie County Water Authority; and

**WHEREAS,** The work, labor and services for the abovementioned project is estimated to cost an amount in excess of \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, The Advertisement for Bids for furnishing and delivering of Booster Pumps for the Erie County Water Authority will be conducted pursuant to the newly enacted legislation, New York State Finance Law §§ 139-j and 139-k and the Authority's Purchasing Guidelines, Policies and Procedures; and

**WHEREAS,** Jay F. Meyers, Production Engineer will be the designated contact person for the project with the adoption of this resolution;

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the plans and specifications and form of bid be prepared for the furnishing and delivering of Booster Pumps for the Erie County Water Authority and upon completion be made available for inspection by bidders in the office of the Authority; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the Secretary be and he hereby is authorized and directed to publish a notice inviting sealed bids or proposals pursuant to Section 1069 of the Public Authorities Law for the abovementioned project.

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Swiatek, Vacco and Warthling Noes: None

## ITEM 10 - AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF ANTHRACITE MEDIA AT THE STURGEON POINT WATER TREATMENT PLANT, PROJECT NO. 200800486

Motion by Mr. Warthling seconded by Mrs. Vacco

**WHEREAS,** Wesley C. Dust, P.E., Executive Engineer and Robert A. Mendez, Executive Director recommend that the Erie County Water Authority ("Authority") publish a notice inviting sealed bids or proposals pursuant to Section 1069 of the Public Authorities Law for the replacement of anthracite media at the Sturgeon Point Water Treatment Plant; and

**WHEREAS,** The work, labor and services for the abovementioned project is estimated to cost an amount in excess of \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, The Advertisement for Bids for the replacement of anthracite media at the Sturgeon Point Water Treatment Plant will be conducted pursuant to the newly enacted legislation, New York State Finance Law §§ 139-j and 139-k and the Authority's Purchasing Guidelines, Policies and Procedures; and

**WHEREAS,** Jay Meyers, Production Engineer will be the designated contact person for the project with the adoption of this resolution;

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the plans and specifications and form of bid be prepared for the replacement of anthracite media at the Sturgeon Point Water Treatment Plant and upon completion be made available for inspection by bidders in the office of the Authority; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the Secretary be and he hereby is authorized and directed to publish a notice inviting sealed bids or proposals pursuant to Section 1069 of the Public Authorities Law for the abovementioned project.

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Swiatek, Vacco and Warthling Noes: None

## ITEM 11 - AUTHORIZATION FOR DANIEL SEIDER, DISTRIBUTION ENGINEER TO ATTEND THE ADVANCING ASSET MANAGEMENT IN YOUR UTILITY: A "HANDS-ON" WORKSHOP IN BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA

Motion by Mr. Warthling seconded by Mrs. Vacco

**WHEREAS,** Heretofore and on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2008 the Erie County Water Authority (Authority) authorized Daniel Seider, Distribution Engineer to attend the Advancing Asset Management in Your Utility: A "Hands-On" Workshop in Roanoke, Virginia at a total estimated cost of \$1,600.00 from October 7, 2008 to October 10, 2008; and

**WHEREAS,** The seminar was postponed and has been rescheduled to March 10, 2009 to March 11, 2009; and

**WHEREAS,** Richard M. Rosenberry, Sr. Distribution Engineer and Robert A. Mendez recommend authorizing Daniel Seider, Distribution Engineer to attend the rescheduled seminar;

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Daniel Seider, Distribution Engineer be and he is hereby authorized to travel to Blacksburg, Virginia from March 10, 2009 to March 11, 2009 to attend the Advancing Asset Management in Your Utility: A "Hands-On" Workshop at a total estimated cost of \$1,300.00.

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Swiatek, Vacco and Warthling Noes: None

#### ITEM 12 - CREATE TWO POSITIONS OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR (ECWA) (RPT)

Motion by seconded by and carried that the Erie County Water Authority ("Authority") creates and establishes two positions of Water Treatment Plant Operator (ECWA) (RPT) under the title and duties presently set forth in the Authority's Classification Plan, to be compensated under Annual Salary Grade No. 6B, of the Authority's Career and Salary Plan effective January 28, 2009.

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Swiatek, Vacco and Warthling Noes: None

## ITEM 13 - AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND POLICY NO. 13.0 (PHYSICAL STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS POLICY) OF THE ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY'S HUMAN RESOURCES POLICIES/ PROCEDURES MANUAL

Motion by Mr. Warthling seconded by Mrs. Vacco

WHEREAS, Heretofore and on the 18th day of May, 1995, by Resolution Item No. 25, the Erie County Water Authority (the "Authority") adopted a Human Resources Policies/ Procedures Manual; and

**WHEREAS,** Heretofore and on the 27th day of December, 2005 the Authority adopted a revised Human Resources Policies/Procedures Manual; and

WHEREAS, Heretofore and on the 17th day of July, 2007 the Authority adopted a Physical Standards & Requirements Policy to incorporate into the Human Resources Policies/Procedures Manual; and

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WHEREAS, Matthew J. Baudo, Secretary to the Authority advises that it is in the best interest of the Authority to amend Policy No. 13.0 (Physical Standards & Requirements Policy) of said manual adding the positions of Stores Clerks, Sr. Stores Clerk, Administrative Assistant-Stores and Water Utility Worker - Stores as noted on Schedule "A" attached; and

WHEREAS, Matthew J. Baudo, Secretary to the Authority recommends amending Policy No. 13.0 (Physical Standards & Requirements Policy) of the Authority's Human Resources Policies/Procedures Manual adding the positions of Stores Clerks, Sr. Stores Clerk, Administrative Assistant-Stores and Water Utility Worker - Stores; and

WHEREAS, Robert A. Mendez, Executive Director concurs with said recommendation;

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Authority amend Policy No. 13.0 (Physical Standards & Requirements Policy) of the Authority's Human Resources Policies/Procedures Manual adding the positions of Stores Clerks, Sr. Stores Clerk, Administrative Assistant-Stores and Water Utility Worker - Stores as noted on Schedule "A" attached.

Ayes: Three; Commrs. Swiatek, Vacco and Warthling Noes: None

#### **ITEM 14 - PURCHASE ORDERS:**

Motion by Mr. Warthling seconded by Mrs. Vacco and carried to approve for payment of Purchase Order Nos. as listed on the attached sheets pages 10-17 after certification by the Comptroller that the orders are in accordance with the quotations and that the Director of Administration be authorized to execute the above and all associated documents after certifying that they are in conformity with applicable laws and the Authority's By-Laws and Purchasing Guidelines, Policies and Procedures.

## **ITEM 15 - PURCHASE ORDER AMENDMENTS:**

Motion by Mr. Warthling seconded by Mrs. Vacco and carried to approve for payment of Purchase Order Amendments as listed on the attached sheet page 18 after certification by the Comptroller that the orders are in accordance with the quotations and that the Director of Administration be authorized to execute the above and all associated documents after certifying that they are in conformity with applicable laws and the Authority's By-Laws and Purchasing Guidelines, Policies and Procedures.

#### **ITEM 16 - SERVICE CONNECTION WORK ORDER LIST:**

Motion by Mr. Warthling seconded by Mrs. Vacco and carried to approve Service Connection Work Order No. 2009-03, to C. Destro Development Co., Inc. for Service Area No. 1 under Contract No. 07-04-01 and to C. Destro Development Co., Inc. for Service Area No. 2 under Contract No. 07-05-01 and large services under Contract No. 07-03-01 to Kandey Company, Inc.

#### VIII. - ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned until the next regular meeting to be held on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Matthew J. Baudo Secretary to the Authority

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