Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Plainview Water District was held in the District office on Tuesday, September 9, 2025.

Present: Marc Laykind, Chairman

Andrew Bader, Treasurer Michael Chad, Secretary Dina Scott, Business Manager

Kevin Gielarowski, Assistant Superintendent

Michael Ingham, Attorney James Neri, Engineer

Greg Gordon, ZE Creative Communications Lola Rivera, ZE Creative Communications

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Correspondence was reviewed in the Board update.

The Board approved and signed payroll checks.

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

# **MICHAEL INGHAM'S REPORT - ATTORNEY:**

Attorney Ingham presented a letter addressed to the legal counsel of National Grid requesting an investigation take place into the series of District customer service line leaks that have occurred directly adjacent to their cast iron gas main on Abbey Lane and Stevens Street. Discussion took place and the Board requested Attorney Ingham to submit the letter.

Attorney Ingham presented a memorandum to support the installation of advanced security systems being entitled to a professional services exemption under General Municipal Law §103. Discussion took place regarding the District's consideration of the upgrade of the existing security systems in place. After discussion, the Board requested Engineer Neri prepare a proposal to provide engineering support services to solicit requests for proposals for the purchase and installation of advanced security systems Districtwide.

Attorney Ingham discussed the proposed FOIL response for the recently received FOIL request. After discussion, the Board requested Ms. Scott to submit the reply presented by counsel.

#### **ENGINEER NERI'S REPORT - ENGINEER:**

Engineer Neri provided the Board with a Project Status List which contains the status of all authorized projects to date and indicates a change in status of any ongoing projects. Said items were reviewed and discussed with the Board in detail.

Engineer Neri reported that construction punch list items continue to progress at the Plant No. 4 Advanced Oxidation Process (AOP), nitrate and perchlorate treatment facility. H2M architects + engineers is working with Eagle Control Corp. to get the system fully operational as soon as possible. Engineer Neri reported that the plumbing contractor has not been responsive in his requests for documentation to submit to the Environmental Facilities Corp. (EFC) with regard to their inability to successfully fulfill Minority Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) and Service-Disabled Veterans' Business Development (SDVOB) grant requirements as set forth in the contractual agreement. Discussion took place and the Board requested Attorney Ingham to draft a letter to address their breach of MWBE and SDVOB requirement completion as well as the project extending beyond is contractual completion date.

Engineer Neri reported that the District placed legal notice for the Plant 5 emerging contaminant treatment project advertisement to bid with its designated publisher on Thursday, September 11, 2025 with bid opening dates on Thursday, October 9, 2025.

Engineer Neri reported that pile drillings commenced at the Plant No. 7 AOP treatment enclosure project. Discussion took place and the Board requested Engineer Neri continue to keep them informed.

Engineer Neri reported that the electrician completed termination of the flow meters at Plant No. 5. H2M architects + engineers has requested Eagle Control Corp. to be on site for programming of the new flow meters and integration to the SCADA system.

## GREG GORDON'S REPORT - PUBLIC INFORMATION FIRM:

Greg Gordon presented a press release related to increased summer irrigation usage leading to higher water bills for the Board's review and approval. The Board provided comments and approved for publishing upon the revisions being made.

Greg Gordon presented the fall 2025 newsletter timeline. The fall newsletter kick off meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 3:00pm.

Greg Gordon presented a draft invitation for the District to host a ceremony for the opening of the Plant No. 4 AOP, nitrate and perchlorate treatment facility on Thursday, October 9, 2025. Greg Gordon also presented a suggested list of invitees for consideration. Discussion took place and the Board requested a revised list be presented.

## KEVIN GIELAROWSKI'S REPORT – ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT:

Kevin Gielarowski reported that District staff repaired a service line leak on 1 Steven Street. Discussion took place regarding the continued series of service line leaks that have taken place on Abbey Lane and Stevens Street and the District's intended course of action.

Kevin Gielarowski reported that hydrogen peroxide was delivered at Plant Nos. 1 and 2.

Kevin Gielarowski reported that the District is in receipt of the sampling monitoring equipment from Sampleserve. A virtual demonstration and kickoff workshop took place this morning. Discussion took place and the Board requested Kevin Gielarowski continue to keep them informed.

Kevin Gielarowski reported the distribution staff are continuing efforts to replace meters in excess of 25 years.

## **DINA M SCOTT'S REPORT – BUSINESS MANAGER:**

Vendor check nos. 58269 through 58284 dated September 4, 2025 in the amount of \$82,802.07 were previously reviewed, approved and signed by the Board.

Dina Scott requested Board approval and authorization to transfer funds to cover the following dental claim costs:

• Dental claims dated September 2, 2025 in the amount of \$600.88

Motion made by Commissioner Laykind, seconded by Commissioner Bader, the below stated resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the dental claims dated September 2, 2025 in the amount of \$600.88 and the Board authorized funds to be transferred into the District's dental benefit account.

Dina Scott presented a report of customer billing adjustments that were made in accordance with District Policy. After discussion, the report was ordered filed. Ms. Scott presented the Board with a request to adjust the second quarter 2025 invoice for 21 Pal Street by reducing the invoice amounts due to circumstances as discussed in detail. Discussion took place regarding the proposed adjustment. After discussion, Dina Scott recommended the Board deny the customer request presented. The Board concurred with Dina Scott's recommendation.

Dina Scott reported that one of the four Districts in which an interconnect and Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) exist has their denied participation in the resubmittal of the intermunicipal grant application through the NYS Environmental Facilities Corp. Discussion took place and the Board requested Engineer Neri proceed with submittal of the grant application.

Dina Scott reported that representatives from AECOM visited the District on Friday, August 22, 2025 to discuss the DEC monitoring well on Michael Drive with herself and Kevin Gielarowski. Discussion to take place regarding details of the meeting and the Board requested Dina Scott and Kevin Gielarowski to keep them informed of any future communications.

Dina Scott reported that the final tax lien roll will be prepared for approval on Thursday, September 11, 2025, and is required to be remitted to the Town of Oyster Bay on due date Friday, September 12, 2025. A copy of the most updated list was provided to the Board for their review.

Dina Scott presented the final 2026 Operating Budget to the Board of Commissioners and requested the Board execute and adopt.

After discussion, the following Resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, New York State Town Law Section 215 subd. 9-a requires the Plainview Water District (District) to prepare an estimated budget for its fiscal year commencing January 1, 2026, conduct a public hearing thereon and file such estimated budget with the Budget Officer for the Town of Oyster Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Board has prepared an estimated budget for the District's 2026 fiscal year and conducted public hearings with respect thereto on September 4, 2025; and

Motion made by Commissioner Laykind, seconded by Commissioner Chad, the below stated resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves and adopts the District's Operating Budget for 2026.

Dina Scott reported that the District is in receipt of litigation proceeds for the PFAS class action litigation in the net amount of \$1,716,760.35. Total net proceeds for 2025 amount to \$2,378,496.54. As discussed in preparation of the 2026 operating budget, the District has committed to allocate \$2,000,000.00 of these funds to remit payment on debt service of bond anticipation notes for debt previously incurred to construct the treatment facilities necessary to remove emerging contaminants from the District's water supply. Dina Scott presented a transfer request form to transfer \$2,000,000.00 from the District's operating cash account to the fund balance assignment for debt service cash account.

Motion made by Commissioner Laykind, seconded by Commissioner Chad, the below stated resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the transfer of \$2,000,000.00 from the operating cash account to the fund balance assignment for debt service cash account.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned with a call to the Chair at 8:05 pm.

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PLAINVIEW WATER DISTRICT)

We, the undersigned, Commissioners of the Plainview Water District, Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County, New York, do hereby certify that the above-mentioned and contained is a true copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Commissioners held in the District office on Tuesday, September 9, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the seal of the Plainview Water District on this day of October 2025.

MARC B. LAYKIND, CHAIRMAN

ANDREW N. BADER, TREASURER

MICHAEL A. CHAD, SECRETARY