

Lizette Davis

From: Edward Brancati
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 9:38 PM
To: Zachary Strauss; johnrhodes786@gmail.com
Cc: Lizette Davis; Kenneth Famulare
Subject: RE: Conservative Advisory Council appointment

Mr. Strauss,

Thank you for expressing your interest in serving on the CAC. I have included Lizette Davis from my office on this email. The process is to submit paperwork from interested individuals to the Village Board, and they will then schedule a date and time for an interview, which will be coordinated by Ms. Davis.

Can you please possibly forward a resume for the Village Board's review and we can get the process started.

Thanks again for your interest as it is greatly appreciated.

-Ed

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From: Zachary Strauss <zstrauss510@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 10:47 AM
To: johnrhodes786@gmail.com; Edward Brancati <ebrancati@mountkiskonyc.gov>
Subject: Conservative Advisory Council appointment

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Dear Mr.Brancati-

After a brief conversation with Mr. John Rhodes of the Conservation Advisory Council, on how I can become a member, he recommended that I write you for appointment to a position on the CAC. My name is Zachary R.

Strauss, I am a licensed professional Geologist with over 21plus years of experience in environmental engineering and geology. I live in Mount Kisco for over 10 years and have retired from local work. My 21 plus years of experience includes, but limited to:

1. Environmental removal and replacements of underground and above ground tanks - both chemical and petroleum.
2. Contaminated soils and ground water collection and laboratory analysis for reports.
3. Supervision, health and safety for field work;
4. Working with contractors and subs and drillers. Working with DEC and local regulators.
5. Phase I and Phase II environmental assessments for real properties.

I have also have engineering Management and architecture skills.

All this I believe to be helpful for the position on the Conservation Advisory Council.

I look forward to a meeting to finalize this appointment.

Thank You.

Sincerely;

Zachary R. Strauss, licensed Geologist.

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Mt. Kisco, NY 10549

ZACHARY R. STRAUSS, L.G.
Geologist, Environmental Engineer & Construction Manager
zstrauss510@yahoo.com [REDACTED]

SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Registered Professional Geologist with over 20 years of geological and environmental engineering experience including:
 - Hydrogeological investigation; groundwater sampling and monitoring;
 - Installation of cluster wells, monitoring wells, piezometers, and deep well development;
 - Leaking bulk storage UST removal and hydrogeological pre-/post-boring plans;
 - Geotechnical and environmental borings; inspection of borings and monitoring wells;
 - Phase I, II and III investigations;
 - Asbestos and lead-based paint inspection for Phase I Environmental Assessments;
 - Wetland delineations for tax roles;
 - Construction management for upgrades of fuel systems and remediation systems;
 - Evaluation and investigation of No. 4 and No. 6 fuel oil in below grade boiler room facilities with bulk storage tank leakage through walls, in floors, sump pits, and in groundwater;
 - Installation of oil/water separator to meet NYS DEC compliance;
 - Close client and contractor interaction;
 - Specifications and contract writing;
 - Design review of bidding documents and submitted construction materials by contractors.
- Extensive experience managing multi-million dollar environmental and construction projects.
- Knowledgeable in RCRA, CERCLA, SARA, TSCA, Clean Water Act, CBS and SPCC, NYS SPDES, PBS and NYSDEC, and NJDEP Regulations, as well as NEPA, SEQRA and CEQR, various permitting processes, and OSHA.
- Familiar with operation and placement of pH meters, Hnu's, CGI's, Turbidity and Temperature meters.
- Field and office Health and Safety Officer.
- Computer skills: MS Word, Excel, Outlook, and PowerPoint.

CREDENTIALS

- Licensed Professional Geologist – State of Washington
- Qualified Groundwater Consultant - State of New Jersey
- 40-hour OSHA Health and Safety Operations at Hazardous Materials Sites
- FEMA ICS-5A, 22, 55, 100, 200, 700, 800 Certification for Emergency Response through USCG Auxiliary
- NYS Asbestos & Lead Paint Inspector (previously licensed)
- NYS Home Inspector (License pending)

CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS

- Mitigated client risk and loss resulting from accurate, insightful scientific analysis of construction site suitability.
- Consistently managed multimillion dollar projects within budget, negotiating contracts, capping expense, justifying cost overruns, planning, scheduling, overseeing and coordinating field work of contractors and subcontractors.
- Saved clients time and money by correctly assessing and remediating groundwater and soil contamination, as well as monitoring on-site air pollution and other environmental hazards.
- Successfully negotiated with clients and performed Phase I and II Environmental Assessments including reporting of analysis of findings written in the final reports for commercial real estate for bank mortgage loans, etc.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Technically Yours Environmental and Planning Services

Senior Consultant - Geological, Hydrogeological and Hazardous Waste Projects

New York, NY

7/92-Present

- Engage in numerous Phase I & II Environmental Assessment Projects, as well as tank removals, investigations, closure reports and replacements for clients as diverse as AT&T, GreenPoint Savings Bank, NYC Housing Authority, Federated Stores, FDNY/DDC, NYPD/DDC, and NYC Parks Department.

US Coast Guard Bridge Administration

Bridge Construction Specialist

New York, NY

5/08-8/09

- Oversaw administration for major bridge rehabilitation and new construction, requiring permit issuing, time extensions, and construction documents.
- Conducted EIS reviews for the Goethals Bridge replacement project and Tremley Point rehabilitation.

Dorson Environmental Management, Inc.

Elmsford, NY

Project Manager

11/06-8/07

- Oversaw underground and aboveground petroleum storage tank removals and remediation for insurance companies as third party oversight in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Connecticut.
- Work involved Phase I's and coordination with NYSDEC, NJDEP and PADEP, as well as sites in other states.
- Reviewed environmental court cases to draw opinions on outcomes.

The Home Inspection Group

Floral Park, NY

Senior Geologist - Phase I (Consulting)

8/06-11/06

- Conducted Phase I work throughout Manhattan, Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn, Staten Island and Long Island.

EMDS, Inc.

Morristown, NJ

Senior Field Geologist (Consulting)

9/06-11/06

- Responsible for environmental field oversight encompassing drilling of cluster wells, borings and development of wells, sampling of soil and groundwater for LIRR locations.

Long Island Railroad (LIRR) - Morris Yards

Queens, NY

CFC Contamination Investigator (Consulting)

3/06-7/06

- Led soil and groundwater investigation of CFC contamination of LIRR yard.
- Oversaw drilling operations, collected samples of soil, groundwater, wells and air for laboratory analysis.
- Logged data collected in the field.

YEC, Inc..

Valley Cottage, NY

Senior Field Geologist (Consulting)

5/05-8/05

- Managed drilling and tank removal projects; oversaw health and safety issues; and trained junior staff.

Louis Berger Group, Inc.

New York, NY

Senior Geologist (Consulting)

8/04-10/04

- Worked on LIRR and MTA subway No. 7 line extension requiring oversight of drilling operations and sampling of soil and groundwater, managing health and safety issues, and extensive recordkeeping.

O'Brien Kreitzberg, Inc.

New York, NY

Construction Manager

3/99-7/03

- Work included close client-DDC interaction and design review of bidding documents for several multi-million dollar projects; oversaw field operations of contractors and subcontractors engaged in upgrades of AST's UST's and remediation of contaminated soils and groundwater, as well as all aspects of construction management relating to environmental issues and safety.

Associated Engineering

New York, NY

Construction Manager

5/98-3/99

- Oversaw \$1 million in upgrade or replacement of fuels systems in FDNY fire house locations throughout Brooklyn and Manhattan. Dealt with all aspects of construction, field inspection of operations by contractors and subcontractors.

O'Brien and Gere Engineers, Inc.

New York, NY

Hydrogeologist/Hazardous Waste Engineer

3/90-7/92

- Conducted a hydrogeologic study of the Freshkills Landfill consisting of environmental and hydrogeological investigations of the leachate, groundwater, and geology; in-field soil and rock identification; well development using pH meters, Hnu's, CGI's, Turbidity and Temperature meters to collect data.
- Supervised drilling operations and up top 5 helpers.
- Additionally, served as Health and Safety Officer at rig site.

- Conducted storm water sampling program at the F.R. Chemicals site in Mount Vernon, NY.
- Responsible for UST tank removal and post hydrogeological investigations of tank sites at the Chrysler Sterling Stamping plant.

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Shoprite Grocery Stores- Bedford Hills, New York
11/ 2014-present

- worked **in both Deli and bakery departments as Deli and Bakery Clerk**. Presently in Bakery as overnight baker and packer of consumables including cakes, pies, cookies, and breads on a daily basis. This is part time.

A&P and Stop and Shop Grocery Stores – Mount Kisco, New York
11/ 2014-present

- **Deli and Bakery Clerk** – cutting and packing of cold cuts, salads and meeting the public to help them with deli orders on a daily basis. Bakery Baker and clerk work with baking of breads, Pastries, cookies and rolls, packaging . This is part time.

Championship Learning Center/Learning Leaders & Kaplan Education New York, NY
Teacher/Tutor - Elementary, Junior/Senior High School 8/06-9/12

- Teach English, Language Arts, Global History, Math, and Sciences to students in grades 3-12.

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

Green Architecture and Environmental Issues: A Panel Discussion. March 1993.

Presentation by Z. Strauss at CSI Conference, Warwick Hotel Conference Center, New York, New York.

Environmental Regulations and Specification Writing: Asbestos to Radon. November 1990.

Presentation given by Z. Strauss to Construction Specifications Institute class, New York, New York.

Strauss, Z.R. Specifications for Geotechnical and Environmental Work. April/May 1990. *The Addendum*.
(Metropolitan New York Construction Specifications Institute Monthly Newsletter)

Strauss, Z.R. Environmental Architecture. November 1990. *The Addendum*
(Metropolitan New York Construction Specifications Institute Monthly Newsletter)

Strauss, Z.R. Warning!! Man-made Mineral Fibers: The Next Generation of High Risk. November 1990.
The Addendum. (Metropolitan New York Construction Specifications Institute Monthly Newsletter)

Strauss, Z.R. Radon: The Silent Killer. November 1990. *The Addendum*
(Metropolitan New York Construction Specifications Institute Monthly Newsletter)

EDUCATION

New Mexico Institute of Mining Technology Socorro, NM

B.S., Science

A.S., Geology, Mining and Petroleum Engineering

ACTIVITIES

US Coast Guard and US Coast Guard Auxiliary 3/03-Present

Medical/First Aid Coordinator Consultant (11/09-Present)

- Responsible for maintaining and procuring first aid and medical equipment for on-board use on 12 boats including AED's at a US Coast Guard Small Boat Station on Staten Island, NY.

Lead Chef - AUXCHEF Program (1/09-Present)

- Train personnel working at Stations, Sector Galleys or on boats.
- Coordinate events for all dinners and events feeding from 50-450 military personnel.

Flotilla Commander (1/10-12/12)

- Coordinated a Flotilla of 70 individuals.



Mount Kisco Volunteer Fire Department

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Phone: (914) 666-4692 Fax: (914) 666-5794 Chiefs@KiscoFire.com

John M. Hochstein
Chief of Department

Matthew R. Hollis
First Assistant Chief

Joshua B. Fine
Second Assistant Chief

Raymond J. Zaccari
Third Assistant Chief

6/9/2023

Mayor Picinich and Village Board,

The Mount Kisco Fire Department is requesting to hold the annual Mount Kisco Fire Department Parade. This years parade will be held on July 14th at 7pm. The parade will begin on Moore Avenue and continue down Main Street turning down South Moger Avenue and ending at The Green Street Firehouse. As always we will coordinate all road closures and no parking zones with the Village Managers office and the Westchester County Police.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "John M. Hochstein".

John M. Hochstein

Chief of Department

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The 2023 Village Tax for the Village of Mount Kisco are due by Friday, June 30, 2023 without penalty. Taxes can be paid online by going to our website www.mountkisco.ny.gov, go to online payments and follow the directions. Payment can be mailed directly to the lockbox or can be paid here at the Village Hall. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30-4:30. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Joann Cerretani at (914) 864-0034.

Los impuestos del pueblo 2023 para el pueblo de Mount Kisco vencen antes del 30 de junio de 2023 sin penalización. Los impuestos se pueden pagar en línea yendo a nuestro sitio web www.mountkisco.ny.gov, vaya a pagos en línea y siga las instrucciones. El pago se puede enviar por correo directamente a la caja de seguridad o se puede pagar aquí en el Ayuntamiento. El horario de oficina es de lunes a viernes de 8:30 a 4:30. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comunicarse con Joann Cerretani al (914) 864-0034.

MAYOR

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Memorandum

VILLAGE MANAGER

Edward W. Brancati

ASSISTANT

VILLAGE MANAGER

Kenneth L. Famulare

To: Edward W. Brancati, Village Manager

From: Robert A. Wheeling, Village Treasurer

Date: June 16, 2023

Subject: Request for Authorization to Pay Certain Claims in Advance of Village Board Audit and Approval.

I am requesting authority to pay certain claims in advance of audit and approval by the Board of Trustees in order to avoid late fees for the months of July and August.

Section 5-524(6) of the Village Law provides that the Board of Trustees may by resolution authorize payment in advance of audit of claims for public utility services, postage, freight and express charges. However, such claims are required to be presented at the next regular meeting for audit. Public utility services are defined to include electric, gas, and telephone services. Additionally, Section 5-524(5) provides, in part, that amounts becoming due under lawful contracts for periods exceeding one year may be paid without prior audit. (However, our policy is to include such contractual payments for equipment leases on the board warrants).

Late fees are imposed by public utilities, credit card companies, and certain companies that lease equipment (i.e. copiers, equipment, and vehicles). According to the Opinions of the State Comptroller, this section of law was enacted by the State Legislature to provide relief to local governments from incurring late fees on past due payments. When the Village Board meets on a bi-weekly basis there is generally no problem meeting the due dates of these types of vendors. However, payment deadlines may prove difficult to meet when board meetings are three to four weeks apart.

I am requesting authority from the Board to authorize payment in advance of audit and approval, subject to the limitations allowed by law.

RESOLVED, in order to avoid paying late fees, the Village Treasurer is authorized to pay in advance of audit, claims for public utility services (electric, gas, and telephone services), credit cards, postage charges, and those contractual lease payments coming due before the next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting, provided that such claims shall be presented at the next regular meeting for audit. This authorization shall expire the first regular meeting held in September 2023.



Delaware Engineering, DPC

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Albany, New York 12203

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May 30, 2023

Ed Brancati, Village Manager
Village/Town of Mount Kisco
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Mount Kisco, NY 10549

Subject: WTP Roof Replacement Project, Contract No. 2023-01
Recommendation for Award

Dear Mr. Brancati:

On May 9th, 2023 the Village received bids for the construction of the WTP Roof Replacement Project. Delaware Engineering, D.P.C. has reviewed the bid results for conformance with the project specifications. Attached is a summary of the bid results for the project. The low bidder for the contract is Frank Cyrwus Inc. The bid amount is:

- \$139,711.00

We have reviewed the bid items and found them to be balanced and in conformance with the project bid requirements.

We have spoken with Frank Cyrwus Inc., checked their references, and have discuss their bid at length to determine that they are a qualified contractor.

Thus, Delaware Engineering is recommending that the Village/Town of Mount Kisco award to Frank Cyrwus Inc.

If you have any questions regarding the bid results, bidding process or any other project issues, please feel free to contact me at (518) 452-1290. We look forward to moving ahead on this project.

Sincerely,

Ablen Amrod, P.E.
Senior Project Manager

Mount Kisco WTP Roof Replacement
Bid Results
May 9, 2023 @ 11:00am

Contractor		BID
Milcon Construction		\$334,000.00
Titan Roofing		\$354,200.00
Frank Cyrwus		\$139,711.00
VAD		\$188,800.00
Armor-Tite		\$355,200.00
Wayne Fazzinga		\$229,130.00
Vinco		\$263,600.00