

FINAL: May 28, 2019

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH  
HELD ON APRIL 15, 2019,  
AT 50 WATERMILL LANE, GREAT NECK, NEW YORK.**

**PRESENT:**

Michael C. Kalnick, Chairperson  
Jean Celender, Director  
Carol Frank, Director  
Jay Johnas, Director  
Dan Levy, Director  
Michael Smiley, Director  
Steven Weinberg, Director

Village of Kings Point  
Village of Great Neck Plaza  
Town of North Hempstead  
Village of Great Neck  
Village of Saddle Rock  
Village of Great Neck Estates  
Village of Thomaston

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Ralph J. Kreitzman, Vice-Chairperson  
Robert Graziano, Deputy Chairperson  
Michael Rispoli, Assistant Superintendent  
Sue Huang, Civil Engineer  
Judith Flynn, Treasurer  
Debra Ray, Secretary  
Stephen Limmer, Counsel  
Keith Kelly, Partner

Water Authority of Great Neck North  
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McLaughlin and Stern, LLP  
CDM Smith, Consulting Engineers

**NOT PRESENT:**

Susan Lopatkin, Director  
Gregory C. Graziano, Superintendent

Village of Kensington  
Water Authority of Great Neck North

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Seven members, who together are authorized to cast a majority of the weighted vote (Chairperson/Director Kalnick, Directors Celender, Frank, Johnneas, Levy, Smiley and Weinberg) were present, constituting a quorum.

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #19-04-01, the Board reviewed and approved the Minutes of the Board's March 11, 2019. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Minutes is on file with the Secretary.

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #19-04-02, the Board reviewed and approved the Abstract of Claims. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Abstract is on file with the Secretary.

On the motion of Director Frank, seconded by Director Johnneas, by Resolution #19-04-03, the Board reviewed and approved the Treasurer's Monthly Report. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Report is on file with the Secretary.

On the motion of Director Celender, seconded by Director Levy, by Resolution #19-04-04, the Board reviewed and accepted the Revenue and Expenses Quarterly Report for the period ended March 31, 2019. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Report is on file with the Secretary.

On the motion of Director Weinberg, seconded by Director Levy, by Resolution #19-04-05, the Board reviewed and accepted the Capital Improvement Projects Report for the period ended March 31, 2019. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Report is on file with the Secretary.

The Treasurer distributed the Final Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2018, and the Final Independent Accountants' Report on Investment Compliance, both of which had been approved, as Final, at the March meeting.

On the motion of Director Frank, seconded by Director Johnneas, by Resolution #19-04-06, the Board reviewed and approved the request for a Budget Transfer for the Rate Study. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Report is on file with the Secretary.

Keith Kelly presented the Engineer's Report:

1. **SMLP Project** – Improvements at several well sites to address flooding issues including the raising of well houses above flood elevations. **<EFC has granted extension until September 2021>**

Well 2A – Demolition of existing building and construction of new well house that will be approximately 8 feet higher than existing. Reusing the existing well but replacing the existing pump with a new one. Includes new chemical feed system and generator in enclosure. Anticipated construction start is September 2019.

- Construction contract (with Philip Ross Industries) preparation/execution is underway.

Well 6 – Demolition of portion of existing building and construction of new well pump portion of building such that new pump and associated equipment is above flood elevation.

- Project on hold due to pending 1,4-dioxane regulations and potential litigation.

2. **Weybridge Road Tank Catwalk Structural Project** – Funding has been provided by cellular companies for improvements to catwalk for new cellular equipment to be installed on tank. Contractor has provided their bonds and Insurance and Contract signing is being scheduled. Work is anticipated to proceed on April 23, 2019 pending execution of the contract.

- A conference call was held on Tuesday (4/9) with the Cellular Companies to discuss the replacement of their equipment once the structural improvement work is completed.

3. **SCADA Upgrade** – Installation of new control panels, communications equipment, and associated work at all Authority facilities/sites so that all SCADA equipment is consistent and up-to-date. Work at some sites are being funded through SMLP program.
  - Well 9 and A-Plant SCADA control panels have been installed and tested in the field. The tests have been approved pending resolution of the punch list items.
  - Well 10A and Wildwood Booster control panels are currently being fabricated and will be installed once fabrication and factory testing is complete.
4. **2018 Water Main Improvements** – Replacement of approximately 14,124 feet of water main including valves, hydrants, and services in Great Neck Estates, Saddle Rock Estates, and Great Neck Plaza.
  - Punch list items are mostly addressed. The remaining lawn restoration, including seeding, will be done within next couple of weeks.
5. **Greenway Terrace Water Main** – Installation of approximately 800 feet of water main for new development.
  - No change since last meeting. Developer's contractor is running behind schedule.
6. **Well 7 Electrical and Instrumentation Upgrades** – Various upgrades to improve reliability including new electrical service, motor control center, transformer, wiring, and chemical safety panel. This work is being performed as a change order to the SCADA Upgrade project.
  - Primary service equipment has been approved and installed. The primary service conduit and manholes have been installed and the restoration of Morris Avenue is completed. Contractor is continuing to work on the interior of the pump station and coordinate the installation of the new service cable. Contractor will coordinate with PSEG-LI on the delivery of the transformer and inspection of the service installation.
7. **East Shore Road Water Main Improvements** – Replacement of approximately 7,200 feet of water main including valves, hydrants, and services along East Shore Road, from approximately Twin Ponds/Foxwood Road to Hick's Lane. Construction to be completed in 2019.
  - Bid opening was held on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Merrick Utility was apparent low bidder. Recommendation of award was submitted for Authority consideration.
8. **Middle Neck Road Water Main Improvements** – Replacement of approximately 6,000 feet of water main including valves, hydrants, and services along Middle Neck Road from approximately Appletree Lane to Great Neck Road, and transfer of services from approximately 4,000 feet of existing 8-inch to 12-inch main with abandonment of the 8-inch.
  - Working on design. Bidding in late August is anticipated with construction start slated for April 2020.
9. **Hydraulic Model** – Development of a hydraulic (computer) model of the Authority's water system to be used to evaluate future improvements, developments, etc. Model was calibrated to real conditions by conducting hydrant flow tests.
  - Finalized technical memorandum documenting the model development and model calibration and submitted it to the Authority for review.
10. **Pheasant Run Water Main Extension** - Installation of approximately 1,280 feet of water main for new development.
  - Design concept completed. Waiting for developer to update storm water drainage plan and execute easement agreements before finalizing design.

11. **Old Mill II Water Main Extension** - Installation of approximately 1,110 feet of water main for new development.

- On hold at this time. Developer not ready.

Deputy Chairperson, Robert Graziano presented the Superintendent's Report:

The Deputy Chairperson presented the bids for the East Shore Road Water Main Improvements Project and recommended the award of the contract to Merrick Utility Associates in the amount of \$2,813,622.00. On the motion of Director Johnneas, seconded by Director Levy, by Resolution #19-04-07, the Board awarded the East Shore Road Water Main Improvements Project to Merrick Utility Associates in the amount of \$2,813,622.00. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Copies of the proposal are on file with the Secretary.

CDM Smith submitted its proposal dated March 28, 2019, to provide Engineering Services for the Weybridge Road Elevated Tank Construction Oversight of the Fourth Cellular Company—T-Mobile. In October 2017, the Authority authorized CDM Smith to provide Engineering Services during construction and construction inspection services for three cellular companies (Verizon, AT&T and Sprint) to remove existing and install new equipment on the Weybridge Road Tank. Since that time, T-Mobile has decided to upgrade its equipment. CDM Smith is now requesting the authorization of the cost to oversee the work of the fourth cellular company, which is \$10,835. On the motion of Director Celender, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #19-04-08, the Board authorized the cost to oversee the work of the fourth cellular company for \$10,835. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Copies of the proposal are on file with the Secretary.

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #19-04-09, the Board approved the Draft of the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for the year ending 2018, as circulated, pending any changes required by the NYS Department of Health. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. The Report will be posted on the Authority's website. Copies of the Report will be available in the Authority's offices.


The Deputy Superintendent presented the outline to the Board for the next Newsletter:

- Page 1:       Public Hearing Set for Proposed Rate Changes  
              Authority Joins Other Public Water Providers to Make Polluters Pay for Cleanup Costs  
              Tips to Save Money on Your Water Bill
- Page 2:       Conservation Tips – Lawn Watering  
              Lawn Sprinkling Rules & Regulations  
              Backflow Devices and Testing Required
- Page 3:       Availability of Water Quality Report for Year Ending 2018  
              New Conservation Kits Now Available (with photo of new components)
- Page 4:       Update on 2 Water Main Projects for 2019  
              Leak Inspection Summary

On the motion of Director Johnneas, seconded by Director Levy, by Resolution #19-04-10, the Board went into Executive Session at 6:12 p.m. to discuss the 1,4 Dioxane litigation. The Board emerged at 6:24 p.m. The Chairperson announced that no action had been taken and no minutes would be produced.

Vice Chairperson Ralph Kreitzman informed the Board that Hughes Hubbard, the firm from which he retired, is representing one of the defendants—Ferro—in the Authority's 1,4 Dioxane lawsuit. He informed the Board that since he is retired, he has no access to any confidential information of the firm or its clients including the subject litigation. He was told by Hughes Hubbard's General Counsel that since he is retired and no longer part of the firm, in its opinion, there is no conflict of interest. Both Stephen Limmer, the Authority's General Counsel, and Sher Edling LLP, the Authority's Special Counsel for the litigation, confirmed that there was no conflict.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Approved by Secretary: 

Date: May 28, 2019