

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH
HELD ON AUGUST 21, 2023,
AT 50 WATERMILL LANE, GREAT NECK, NEW YORK.**

PRESENT:

Michael C. Kalnick, Chairperson/Director
Carol Frank, Director
Jay Johnas, Director
Dan Levy, Director
Irving Rosenstein, Director
Steven Weinberg, Director

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Ralph J. Kreitzman, Vice-Chairperson
Robert Graziano, Deputy Chairperson
Gregory Graziano, Superintendent
Michael Rispoli, Assistant Superintendent
Adam Solow, Superintendent of Plant Operations
Judith Flynn, Treasurer
Debra Ray, Secretary
Stephen Limmer, Counsel
James Neri, Senior Vice President

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McLaughlin & Stern, LLP
H2M Architects + Engineers

NOT PRESENT:

Dana Lustbader, Director
Michael Smiley, Director

Village of Kensington
Village of Great Neck Estates

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

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Johnneas, by Resolution #23-08-01, the Minutes of the Board's July 17, 2023, meeting were reviewed by the Directors and were approved. The vote was 6 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 Johnneas, by Resolution #23-08-02, the Minutes of the Board's July 17, 2023, Public Meeting were reviewed by the Directors and were approved. The vote was 6 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 Johnneas, by Resolution #23-08-03, the Board reviewed and approved the Abstract of Claims. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Abstract is on file with the Secretary.

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Frank, by Resolution #23-08-04, the Board reviewed and approved the Treasurer's Monthly Report. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Report is on file with the Secretary.

Secretary Ray advised the Board that although three requests for proposals were sent out, only one proposal, from Satty & Partners, was received. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #23-08-05, the Board reviewed and approved the proposal for the External Audit from Satty & Partners. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Proposal is on file with the Secretary.

James Neri, Senior Vice President, H2M, presented an update on the status of all projects since the previous meeting. The list of projects includes the AOP Treatment at Watermill Lane which is 100% complete with all punch list items complete and final record documents turned over to the Authority; the 2022 Water Main Improvements project is 100% complete with H2M requesting closeout documentation; the Wellhead treatment at Community Drive-Pilot is 85% complete with a soil percolation test report to follow within next two weeks; Well 8 Investigation-nothing new since the last meeting; A-Plant Flood Mitigation is 99% complete with contract documentation for the scope of work under Project E and Project F continuing to progress; the Rehabilitation of Wells 9, 12, 13, 14, and 10A bids were received 8/10/23 with AC Schultes as low bid and H2M has prepared a letter recommending the award of the bid to AC Schultes; the 2023 Water Main Replacement-Bids were received on 8/10/23 and H2M has prepared a letter recommending the award of the bid to Bancker Construction Corp. as the lowest responsible bidder; the Valve Replacement Contract-construction contract is completed and H2M is preparing payment requests and working to close out the project including a clean-up change order that would allow for a credit back to the Authority for just under \$8,000; and the Hydraulic Model Conversion is 100% complete, no further work is expected under this project.

Michael Rispoli presented the Assistant Superintendent's Report:

The following is a summary of the status of the current projects:

1. **SMLP Project** – Improvements at several well sites to address flooding issues including the raising of well houses above flood elevations. All SMLP Projects have been completed other than some minor punch list items.

Well 6 (Juniper Drive – "Lighthouse") – 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. The project also included 1,4-dioxane treatment system. The NYSDOH and NCDOH have approved and released this well for use.

- This project is complete other than the contractor finishing one punch list item regarding the blow off control valve. The valve and orifice plate have been delivered to WAGNN and WAGNN and PRI will schedule its installation after the high summer demand period.

Well 8 (Weybridge Road) – Construction of new well house atop the existing below grade structure and installation of new pump and associated equipment above flood elevation in new building. Construction is complete and well has been approved by DOH for use.

- The new well pump and column pipe have been installed and the booster pump discharge head and column pipe have been reinstalled. Waiting for bacteriological samples to come back negative so facility can be placed on-line.
- Adam Solow, Supervisor of Water Plant Operations added to the report that, to date, there have been 6 chlorinations and more than 6 BAC tests that have all come back positive across the board so Eagle is going to try something different.

2. **Weybridge Road Tank Cellular Company Antenna Project** – Project involves antenna replacement work by the four cellular companies.

- AT&T's revised layout has been submitted and approved. Shop drawings of their support system have been approved. ATT has requested the work begin on Monday, August 21 (Assistant Superintendent, Michael Rispoli, provided an update of Tuesday, August 22 for work to begin). A preconstruction meeting would occur on the first day. The work schedule has been set for 15 days, but ATT's contractor may need more time and an additional deposit will be required if this time extension occurs. Working with Sprint regarding schedule for removal of its equipment and obtaining its inspection fee. Close out documents of cellular carrier work will be provided by CDM Smith. Final tank restoration will be under a separate contract once all carriers are done with their work.

3. **Pheasant Run (Kings Point) Water Main Extension** - Installation of approximately 1,280 feet of water main for new development.

- a. No change since last month. Waiting on developer regarding their schedule so WAGNN can re-issue for bid.

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

- a. No change since last month. Waiting on developer regarding their schedule so WAGNN can issue for bid.

5. **West Shore Road Water Main Improvements** - Installation of approximately 1,950 feet of water main for new development.

- a. No change since last month. Waiting on developer regarding their schedule so WAGNN can issue for bid.

Gregory Graziano presented the Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Graziano presented sampling costs for UCMR5 Sampling Services from Pace Laboratories and Eurofins and recommended that the Board award Eurofins for the October 2023 – December 2025 time period. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #23-08-06, the Board awarded UCMR5 Sampling Services to Eurofins. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Secretary.

Superintendent Graziano presented the costs for three chemical contracts. The contracts are for: Poly Orthophosphate, Sodium Hydroxide, and Sodium Hypochlorite for the 2024 contract year with options to renew in 2025 and 2026. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Frank, by Resolution #23-08-07, the Board awarded the Poly Orthophosphate contract for 2024 to Shannon Chemical at \$22.07 per gallon. On the motion of

Director Levy, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #23-08-08, the Board awarded the Sodium Hydroxide contract for 2024 to PVS Minibulk for \$2.93 per gallon. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #23-08-09, the Board tabled the award for the 2024 Sodium Hypochlorite contract until the next meeting and agreed to re-bid the Sodium Hypochlorite contract since none of the bidders' bids met the requirements for the bid. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Copies of the proposals are on file with the Secretary.

Superintendent Graziano presented the bids for the 2023 Water Main Replacement Project and explained that, as set forth in the August 15, 2023, letter from James Neri, Aventura Construction Corporation was the lowest bidder at \$910,410.00, however Aventura's project references do not meet the minimum qualifications outlined in the bid specifications. Accordingly, Superintendent Graziano recommended that the project be awarded to the next lowest qualified bidder, Bancker Construction Corporation at a cost of \$1,085,325.00. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #23-08-10, the Board awarded the 2023 Water Main Replacement Project to Bancker Construction Corporation in the amount of \$1,085,325.00. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Copies of the proposal and letter from James Neri are on file with the Secretary.


Superintendent Graziano presented the bids for the Rehabilitation of Wells 9, 10A, 12, 13, and 14 and recommended the projects be awarded to A.C. Shultes, Inc. in the amount of \$1,731,000.00. He explained that this bid includes a contingency to install a submersible pump in Well 10A, should plumbness and alignment testing indicate that the preferred vertical turbine pump is not able to be installed. The total bid amount recommended includes all contingencies. On the motion of Director Johnas, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #23-08-11, the Board awarded the Rehabilitation of Wells 9, 10A, 12, 13, and 14 to A.C. Shultes, Inc. in the amount of \$1,731,000.00. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Copies of the proposal are on file with the Secretary.

Superintendent Graziano explained that the bids for the 2023 Water Main Improvements Project held on August 10, 2023, came in slightly higher than expected due to the current state of inflation, shortage of raw materials, and other issues beyond the Water Authority's control. As a result, he is requesting a budget transfer in the amount of \$55,000.00 to cover the work. The budget transfer is from the New/Replace Short Mains/Valves budget line 23008 to the 2023 Water Main budget line 23033. The budget transfer will not result in an increase to the total capital budget for the year. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #23-08-12, the Board reviewed and approved the request for a Budget Transfer to cover the shortage. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Report is on file with the Secretary.

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #23-08-13, the Board went into Executive Session at 6:22 p.m. for advice of counsel with regard to potential litigation with regard to Freon 22 contamination. The Board emerged from Executive Session at 6:52 p.m. and the Chairperson announced that no action had been taken and no minutes would be produced.

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #23-08-14, the Board approved Sher Edling LLP's proposed Freon Litigation Legal Services Agreement and authorized the Chairperson to sign and return a copy to Sher Edling, LLP. A copy of the agreement is on file with the Secretary.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Approved by Secretary: 

Date: September 18, 2023