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# MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH HELD ON <u>DECEMBER 12, 2022</u> AT 50 WATERMILL LANE, GREAT NECK, NEW YORK.

# PRESENT:

Michael C. Kalnick, Chairperson\*

Carol Frank, Director
Jay Johneas, Director
Dana Lustbader, Director
Irving Rosenstein, Director
Michael Smiley, Director
Steven Weinberg, Director
[No appointment has been made.]

Village of Kings Point
Village of Great Neck
Village of Kensington
Village of Great Neck Plaza
Village of Great Neck Estates

Village of Thomaston
Town of North Hempstead

### 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 G. Limmer, Counsel
James Neri, Senior Vice President
Howell and Joann Moskowitz\*

Water Authority of Great Neck North McLaughlin & Stern, LLP H2M Architects + Engineers Robert Kessler Agency

\* Present by Video conferencing

# **NOT PRESENT:**

Dan Levy, Director

Village of Saddle Rock

The Board meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. Six members (Directors Frank, Johneas, Lustbader Rosenstein, Smiley and Weinberg) were present, constituting a quorum.

On the motion of Director Smiley, seconded by Director Frank, by <u>Resolution</u> #22-12-01, the Minutes of the Board's November 21, 2022, 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 Smiley, seconded by Director Lustbader, by <u>Resolution</u> #22-12-02, 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 Smiley, seconded by Director Johneas, by <u>Resolution</u> #22-12-03, 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.

Michael Rispoli presented the Assistant Superintendent's Report:

The following is a summary of the status of the current projects by CDM Smith:

 <u>SMLP Project</u> – 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.

<u>Well 6 (Juniper Drive – "Lighthouse")</u> – 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.

Had the Fire Marshall inspection and received verbal approval, pending one signage update. This
project is complete other than the contractor finishing one punch list item regarding the blow off
control valve and the issuance of the Fire Marshall Permit.

<u>Well 8 (Weybridge Road)</u> – 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 Authority and the contactor are currently working on an agreement to perform testing to further determine the cause of the damage to the well pump.
- 2. <u>Weybridge Road Tank Cellular Company Antenna Project</u> Project involves antenna replacement work by the four cellular companies.
  - AT&T has provided its funding and has submitted a structural analysis of the walkway with their
    equipment and design of their support system awaiting shop drawing of their support system.
     Working with Sprint regarding schedule for removal of their equipment and obtaining their 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. <u>SCADA Upgrade</u> 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 is being funded through SMLP program.
  - 1. Contractor has completed most of the final punch list items.
- 4. <u>Pheasant Run (Kings Point) Water Main Extension</u> Installation of approximately 1,280 feet of water main for new development.
  - 1. No change since last month. Construction has been cancelled. Waiting on developer regarding their schedule so WAGNN can re-notice for bids.
- 5. <u>Old Mill II Water Main Extension</u> Installation of approximately 1,110 feet of water main for new development.
  - 1. No change since last month. Received DOH approval. Waiting on developer regarding their schedule so WAGNN can notice for bids.
- 6. <u>West Shore Road Water Main Improvements</u> Installation of approximately 1,950 feet of water main for new development.

1. No change since last month. Received DOH approval. Waiting on developer regarding their schedule so WAGNN can notice for bids.

James Neri, Senior Vice President, H2M, gave the Board an update on the Watermill Lane AOP Project and noted that since the previous meeting the following tasks have been completed: received the bacteriological water quality sample results from Nassau County Dept. of Health; all BAC samples found negative; awaiting additional sample results and completed works approval; continued integration controls work and plant startup progression; procured equipment labels; and performed troubleshooting/repair of analyzers and chemical pumps. The work to be completed includes: receipt of Nassau County Dept. of Health completed works approval; plant commissioning/testing to system; generator parallel testing with system loads and Eagle programming; receipt and install of peroxide analyzers and fridges; touchups on TIGG vessel coatings; generation of final punch list; and receipt of all closeout documents – O&M/warranties/as-builts/spare parts.

# <u>Gregory Graziano presented the Superintendent's Report:</u>

Superintendent Graziano presented the Board with the proposal for the new Emergency Alert Service Provider, RaveAlert. On the motion of Director Johneas, seconded by Director Frank, by Resolution #22-12-04, the Board approved RaveAlert as the new Emergency Alert Service Provider for the Authority per the proposal letter dated November 30, 2022. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Secretary.

The Robert Kessler Agency, by letter dated December 9, 2022, amended on December 12, 2022, submitted its recommendation that the Authority renew its insurance with Tokio Marine - Houston Casualty (the "HCC Program") for the period 12/28/22 through 12/28/23. The HCC Package Policy includes the following coverage: General Liability, Employee Benefits Liability, Public Official Liability, Employment Practices Liability, Automobile, Property, Inland Marine, Mechanical Breakdown, and the Primary \$10,000,000 Excess Liability. The company's financial standing with A.M. Best remains an A++ Superior. There are several reasons for the increases: the public entity insurance market has experienced a significant upheaval; the Authority's current Loss Ratio is just over 95% due to the claim submitted for Hurricane Ida damages; HCC increased all property values countrywide; and the Authority's value increases at the new AOP Treatment Facility at 50 Watermill Lane and other locations. Based upon that recommendation, on the motion of Director Smiley, seconded by Director Johneas, by Resolution #22-12-05, the Board authorized the Robert Kessler Agency to renew the Authority's insurance with Houston Casualty in accordance with the Robert Kessler Agency's letter dated December 12, 2022, for the period 12/28/22 through 12/28/23. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the letter is on file with the Secretary.

Audit Committee Chairperson Weinberg reviewed the Annual Audit Committee Report with the Board and advised the Board that the Committee is satisfied with the Authority's 2023 budget and that it will carefully review the overall scope of the external audit for 2022 and will continue to monitor the plans and progress of the audit. To date, the Committee has been satisfied that the audits of the Authority have been made in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A copy of the report is on file with the Secretary.

On the motion of Director Lustbader, seconded by Director Smiley, by <u>Resolution</u> #22-12-06, the Board reappointed Directors Levy and Lustbader to the Audit Committee for a term of three years, from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025 and reappointed Director Weinberg as the Audit Committee Chairperson for a term of three years, from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

At the request of Secretary Ray, all Directors completed the Confidential Evaluation of Board Performance which will be submitted by the Secretary to the Authorities Budget Office for the 2022 calendar year.

On the motion of Director Smiley, seconded by Director Lustbader, by <u>Resolution</u> #22-12-07, the Board reappointed Director Weinberg to the Governance Committee for a term of three years, from January 1, 2023 to

December 31, 2025 and reappointed Director Smiley as the Governance Committee Chairperson for a term of three years, from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

On the motion of Director Lustbader, seconded by Director Frank, by <u>Resolution</u> #22-12-08, the Board went into Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. for advice of counsel to discuss a letter from Sprint. The Board emerged at 6:23 p.m. and Chairperson Kalnick announced that, in response to Sprint's letter dated November 29, 2022, by which Sprint sought to terminate its lease for its wireless facilities on the water tank at Weybridge Road because, it alleged, that the premises have become unsuitable for mobile cellular telephone system operation due to subsequent changes in system design, the Authority's counsel, Stephen Limmer, will be sending a letter to Sprint informing Spring, in substance, that the premises have not become unsuitable for mobile cellular telephone system operation due to subsequent changes in system design and, therefore, Sprint does not have a right to terminate the lease, the Authority does not agree to the termination, and the lease term will continue in accordance with its terms and conditions as amended and extended to February 28, 2026.

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Debra Ray

Approved by Secretary: