

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH  
HELD ON DECEMBER 16, 2024  
AT 50 WATERMILL LANE, GREAT NECK, NEW YORK.**

**PRESENT:**

Michael C. Kalnick, Chairperson and Director\*  
Carol Frank, Director  
Dan Levy, Director  
Dana Lustbader, Director  
Irving Rosenstein, Director  
Michael Smiley, Director  
Steven Weinberg, Director

Town of North Hempstead  
Village of Kings Point  
Village of Saddle Rock  
Village of Kensington  
Village of Great Neck Plaza  
Village of Great Neck Estates  
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 G. Limmer, Counsel  
James Neri, Senior Vice President  
Howell Moskowitz  
Joann Moskowitz

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McLaughlin & Stern, LLP  
H2M Architects + Engineers  
Robert Kessler Agency  
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**NOT PRESENT:**

Jay Johneas, Director

Village of Great Neck

\* Present by Video conferencing (not included for  
determining a quorum and voting)

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

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Smiley, by Resolution #24-12-01, the Minutes of the Board's November 18, 2024, meeting were reviewed by the Directors and were approved with one correction, to note that Deputy Chairperson Robert Graziano was not present at the November 18, 2024 Board Meeting. 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 Smiley, by Resolution #24-12-02, 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 Levy, seconded by Director Lustbader, by Resolution #24-12-03, 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.

James Neri, Senior Vice President, H2M, presented an update on the status of all projects since the previous meeting. The list of projects includes:

1. Wellhead Treatment at Community Drive –The 30% design set has been reviewed internally and is scheduled to be delivered to WAGNN on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Completed: Pilot report submitted to NCDOH along with comment responses to engineering report on 11/18. Draft pilot report was sent to WAGNN for review on 12/6. Potential for additional future testing of new resin, to be determined.
2. A-Plant Flood Mitigation – The contractor ordered flood planks and doors from PS Flood Planks. Scheduled shipping date is February 5, 2025.
3. Rehabilitation of Wells 9, 12, 13, 14, and 10A –Punchlist items for Wells 9 and 10A still need to be completed. New pump and motor installed in Well 13. First set of BACs taken by ASC came back negative. Second set of confirmatory BACs taken by NCDOH were positive. Re-sampling to be scheduled. Wells 12 and 14 need to have preliminary testing performed, to be followed by pump removal and rehabilitation efforts. Progress meeting held on Thursday 12/12 to discuss scheduling of remaining work.
4. BRIC Application – Awaiting correspondence from DHSES. No change.
5. Asbestos Water Main Replacement –Plans and specifications were submitted to NCDOH on 11/22. H2M reviewed bidding schedule with WAGNN. Tentatively scheduled to advertise project (all phases) January, 2025 with bid and contract award anticipated February, 2025. Dates to be refined following NCDOH plan approval.
6. DR4694/4753 Scope Update and Submission—DHSES notified the Superintendent on 10/28 that the project has moved on to FEMA review. FEMA RFI received on 11/21. H2M responses delivered 12/16, due date.
7. Community Drive Drainage Tie In—Preconstruction meeting held 12/11/24. Material started 12/16/24, with construction starting January, 2025. Coordinating site access with well rehabilitation work.
8. Saddle Rock Bridge Water Main Inspection—Onsite inspection and asbestos testing were completed Tuesday, 11/26/24. Report is 75% complete targeting report delivery for Friday, 12/13/24.
9. Direction Drill New Water Main under Mill Pond—H2M pausing drill design and working on alternative pricing for rehabilitation of the existing watermain through bridge abutment. No change.
10. New Water Main Loop – Old Mill II Development—H2M held meeting with WAGNN to discuss bidding schedule and bid dates. H2M to review specifications and provide updates as needed to facilitate bidding.

Gregory Graziano presented the Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Graziano presented the Board with the letter from USP Technologies with a price adjustment for the supply of 27% NSF Grade Hydrogen Peroxide for 2025. The Superintendent explained that the Authority piggybacks on the contract with Hicksville Water District and that contract includes a 4.3% increase for 2025, from \$3.41 per gallon to \$3.56 per gallon effective January 1, 2025. He also explained that USP Technologies is the only supplier of this product and therefore recommended the Board approve the proposal. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Smiley, by Resolution #24-12-04, the Board approved the price increase for 2025 in accordance with the proposal letter dated December 9, 2024. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the proposal letter is on file with the Secretary.

The Insurance Renewal discussion was moved to Executive Session for advice of counsel.

Superintendent Graziano explained that Nassau County has offered a grant from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to cover the cost to the Authority for an easement from the county to replace the watermain attached to the underside of the Saddle Rock Bridge with a new watermain under Udall's Pond. The grant is for \$9,100, the cost of the easement. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Frank, by Resolution #24-12-05, the Board approved the agreement and authorized Superintendent Graziano to sign the agreement in lieu of the Chairperson, who is out of the state, since the Agreement must be executed and delivered to the County by December 31, 2024. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the executed Agreement 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 2025 budget and that it will carefully review the overall scope of the external audit for 2024 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. On the motion of Director Smiley, seconded by Director Frank, by Resolution #24-12-06, the Board accepted the Audit Committee Report dated December 2, 2024. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the report is on file with the Secretary.

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 2024 calendar year.

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Frank, by Resolution #24-12-07, the Board went into Executive Session at 6:12 p.m. for advice of counsel to discuss insurance renewals. The Board emerged at 7:16 p.m. and Chairperson Kalnick announced that no action had been taken and no minutes would be produced.

Director Levy left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Howell and Joann Moskowitz discussed the issues involved in renewing the Authority's insurance, which must be done by December 28, 2024, and their letter from the Robert Kessler Agency, dated December 13, 2024. They informed the Board that the present carrier, Tokio Marine - Houston Casualty, had previously advised that it would not be renewing its policies because of the Authority's loss history. Only two companies presented proposals for the insurance renewals, Travelers and Allied Public Risk – American Alternative Insurance Corp. ("Allied"). The coverages in the proposals were slightly different and the premiums for the Allied proposal were significantly higher than the Travelers' premiums. Howell and Joann are continuing to negotiate with both Travelers and Allied to obtain better coverage and lower premiums. If the Authority determines to insure with Allied, the higher of the two proposals, but with coverage that may be worth the additional cost, the not-to-exceed cost would be \$450,000. Because of the limited time, and the difficulty to obtain a quorum with the upcoming holiday vacation period, Counsel suggested the Board authorize the Chairperson and the Superintendent to make the final decision as to which of the two proposals to accept, as those proposals may be enhanced in coverage and/or reduced in cost. Based upon the foregoing, on the motion of Director Lustbader, seconded by Director Smiley, by Resolution #24-12-08, the Board authorized the Chairperson and the Superintendent to bind the insurance coverage with either Travelers or Allied for the period 12/28/24 through 12/28/25, which, in their opinion, based upon the additional information that they receive from the Kessler Agency, would be in the best interests of the Authority, for a not to exceed cost of \$450,000. The vote was 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Once the policy is bound, a copy of the policy will be on file with the Secretary.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Approved by Secretary: *Debra Ray*

Date: February 3, 2025

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