

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH
HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, 2025
AT 50 WATERMILL LANE, GREAT NECK, NEW YORK.**

PRESENT:

Michael C. Kalnick, Chairperson and Director*	Town of North Hempstead
Carol Frank, Director	Village of Kings Point
Jay Johnneas, Director	Village of Great Neck
Dan Levy, Director	Village of Saddle Rock
Dana Lustbader, Director	Village of Kensington
Irving Rosenstein, Director	Village of Great Neck Plaza
Michael Smiley, Director	Village of Great Neck Estates
Steven Weinberg, Director	Village of Thomaston

ALSO PRESENT:

Ralph J. Kreitzman, Vice-Chairperson	Water Authority of Great Neck North
Robert Graziano, Deputy Chairperson	Water Authority of Great Neck North
Gregory Graziano, Superintendent	Water Authority of Great Neck North
Michael Rispoli, Assistant Superintendent	Water Authority of Great Neck North
Adam Solow, Superintendent of Plant Operations	Water Authority of Great Neck North
Judith Flynn, Treasurer	Water Authority of Great Neck North
Debra Ray, Secretary	Water Authority of Great Neck North
Stephen G. Limmer, Counsel	McLaughlin & Stern, LLP
Joe DiPiero, Project Engineer	H2M Architects + Engineers
William Jackson, Esquire**	Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP

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

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

On the motion of Director Weinberg, seconded by Director Johnneas, by Resolution #25-01-01, the Minutes of the Board's December 16, 2024, 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 Lustbader, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #25-01-02, 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 Weinberg, seconded by Director Johnneas, by Resolution #25-01-03, 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.

William Jackson, Esquire, of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP attended the Board Meeting via video conference to explain the arbitrage rebate from the Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2019. He also answered questions from the Board. The payment of the Arbitrage Rebate appears in the Abstract of Claims and therefore no separate motion to approve payment is needed.

Director Levy entered the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Joe DiPiero, Project Engineer, H2M, presented a project status update in lieu of James Neri, Senior Vice President, who was unavailable due to the date change of the meeting. The list of projects includes:

1. **Wellhead Treatment at Community Drive** – The Team is working on the 60% set which is scheduled to be delivered to the Authority on March 7th. Pilot protocol submitted to NCDH along with comment response to engineering report on 11/18. Draft pilot report sent to the Authority for review on 12/6 and H2M received comments back on 1/7/ NYSDOH submitted comment letter on 1/7. Comment responses and report revisions in progress (to be reviewed with Authority).
2. **A-Plant Flood Mitigation** – Contractor ordered flood planks and doors from PS Flood Planks. Scheduled shipping date is Feb. 5, 20025. No change.
3. **Rehabilitation of Wells 9, 12, 13, 14, and 10A** –Punchlist items for Wells 9 and 10A still need to be completed. Contractor has mobilized to perform rehabilitation work on Well 14. Well 13 experiencing positive bacteriological issues; rechlorination and retesting being performed. Well 12 to be addressed following completion of Well 14.
4. **BRIC Application** – Awaiting correspondence from DHSES. No change.
5. **Asbestos Water Main Replacement** – Plans and Specifications were submitted to NCDH on 11/22. Project advertised for bidding on Jan. 9, 2025, and bids are due February 13, 2025.
6. **DR4694/4723 Scope Update and Submission**—DHSES notified the Superintendent on 10/28 that the project has moved on to FEMA review. FEMA RFI has been received on 11/21. H2M responses delivered by 12/16 die date. No change.
7. **Community Drive Drainage Tie in**—Drill 1 and 2 completed. Open cut for driveway turn and setting up drill 3 to be completed week of 1/27.
8. **Saddle Rock Bridge Watermain Inspection**—Onsite inspection and asbestos testing were completed Tuesday 11/26/24. Final 100% report submitted on 12/16/24.
9. **Rehabilitation of Weybridge Rd. Elevated Storage Tank**—Conceptualized corral system in preparation to present to cell carriers.
10. **Directional Drill New Watermain Under Mill Pond**—H2M pausing drill design and working on alternative pricing for rehabilitation of the existing watermain through bridge abutment. Director Levy had questions about this project and Superintendent held the discussion meant for item 2.2d at this time instead.
11. **New Watermain Loop—Old Mill II Development**—Project advertised for bidding on January 9, 2025, and bids were received on January 23, 2025. Recommendation of award letter will be sent to WAGNN for presentation at February 2025 meeting.

Gregory Graziano presented the Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Graziano asked Director Frank to speak with a question she had for the Board. Director Frank was approached by the publisher of the Great Neck Record/News to write an article about bottled water versus tap water. Director Frank asked for the Board's thoughts on the matter. It was suggested by the Board that Director Frank write the article and then the Board will determine upon review of the article if it should come on behalf of the Board or just from her as a resident.

Superintendent Graziano submitted his draft of the Annual Performance Review for Calendar Year 2024 to the Board and stated that the Authority is in compliance with the Authority's Performance Measurements. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Lustbader, by Resolution #25-01-04, {N0789528.2}

upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board reviewed and approved the Annual Performance Review for 2024 and authorized its filing with the Authority Budget Office and its posting on the Authority's website. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

Superintendent Graziano discussed the 2025 Engineering Cost Proposal submitted by H2M Architects + Engineers and answered questions from the Board of Directors. The proposal is an increase from \$800/month to \$850/month, which the Superintendent felt was fair. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Lustbader, by Resolution #25-01-05, the Board reviewed and approved the 2025 Engineering Cost Proposal submitted in a letter dated January 22, 2025. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Proposal is on file with the Secretary.


Superintendent Graziano requested that Assistant Superintendent Michael Rispoli present agenda item 2.2c: the Award of Bid for the Old Mill II Watermain Extension Project. Assistant Superintendent Rispoli explained that the bid is in the amount of \$345,362.54 and is 100% developer paid and suggested the Board accept the award of bid to Merrick Utilities pending a deposit of 110% of the bid from the developer, in the event that there are change orders increasing the final cost of the project. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Smiley, by Resolution #25-01-06, the Board approved the Award of Bid for the Old Mill II Watermain Extension Project to Merrick Utilities for the price of \$345,362.5, pending receipt of deposit from the developer. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Bid Tabulations is on file with the Secretary.

Director Smiley presented the 2024 Annual Governance Committee Report to the Board. He stated that the Committee is satisfied that the Authority is following all necessary and appropriate procedures and rules, and that the Authority actively seeks cost saving and environmental efficiencies wherever possible. The Committee will continue to review the Authority's policies and procedures and to offer suggestions as necessary. A copy of the report is on file with the Secretary. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Lustbader, by Resolution #25-01-07, the Board accepted the Annual Governance Committee Report for 2024. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Copies of the report are on file with the Secretary.

On the motion of Director Johneas, seconded by Director Rosenstein, by Resolution #25-01-08, the Board approved the re-adoption of the existing Authority Policies. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Copies of the policies are on file with the Secretary and will be posted on the Authority's website.

On the motion of Director Johneas, seconded by Director Rosenstein, by Resolution #25-01-09, the Board approved the re-adoption of the existing Authority Rules & Regulations. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Copies of the Rules & Regulations are on file with the Secretary and will be posted on the Authority's website.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Approved by Secretary: 

Date: 2/24/2025