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2 BOARD MEETING OF THE WATER AUTHORITY

3 OF GREAT NECK NORTH

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6 50 Watermill Lane  
7 Great Neck, New York  
8 Held via Microsoft Teams  
9 January 11, 2021  
10 6:11 P.M.

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10 **TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS**

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12 **A P P E A R A N C E S:**

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14 Michael C. Kalnick, Chairperson, Village of Kings Point

15 Gerald Schneiderman, Director, Village of Great Neck Plaza

16 Carol Frank, Director, Town of North Hempstead

17 Jay Johneas, Director, Village of Great Neck

18 Dan Levy, Director, Village of Saddle Rock

19 Steven Weinberg, Director, Village of Thomaston

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22 <sup>1</sup> The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Water Authority of Great Neck  
23 North was held on January 11, 2021, at 6:11 P.M. in accordance with Governor Cuomo's March 13,  
24 2020 Executive Order No. 202.1, extended by Executive Order No. 202.87, which permitted public  
25 meetings to be held remotely by conference call. The agenda for the meeting was posted on the  
Authority's website. In accordance with said Order, the public was given the ability to listen  
to such proceeding at the Authority's office and this transcript was made of the public portion  
of the meeting.

1     ALSO PRESENT:

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3     From the **Water Authority of Great Neck North:**

4     Ralph J. Kreitzman, Vice-Chairperson

5     Robert Graziano, Deputy Chairperson

6     Greg Graziano, Superintendent

7     Michael Rispoli, Assistant Superintendent

8     Sue Huang, Civil Engineer

9     Adam Solow, Supervisor of Water Plant Operations

10    Judith Flynn, Treasurer

11    Debra Ray, Secretary

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13    Stephen, Limmer, Counsel, McLaughlin & Stern, LLP

14    Keith Kelly, Senior Vice President/Partner, CDM Smith,  
15                                   Consulting Engineers

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17    NOT PRESENT:

18    Susan Lopatkin, Director, Village of Kensington

19    Michael Smiley, Director, Village of Great Neck Estates

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1 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Approval of the draft  
2 minutes of December 14th. [Res. #21-01-01]

3 DIRECTOR WEINBERG: So moved.

4 DIRECTOR LEVY: Second.

5 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: All in favor?

6 (Whereupon all members responded in the  
7 affirmative.)

8 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Any abstentions?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Approval of the  
11 abstract of claims. [Res. #21-01-02]

12 DIRECTOR WEINBERG: I so move.

13 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Second.

14 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: All in favor?

15 (Whereupon all members responded in the  
16 affirmative.)

17 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Any abstentions?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Treasurer's Monthly  
20 Report. [Res. #21-01-03]

21 Anything different, unusual?

22 TREASURER FLYNN: I have nothing to report.

23 DIRECTOR WEINBERG: I so move.

24 DIRECTOR FRANK: Second.

25 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: All in favor?

1 (Whereupon all members responded in the  
2 affirmative.)

3 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Any abstentions?  
4 (No response.)

5 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Gary, Engineering  
6 Status Report.

7 MR. STUART: Happy new year.

8 The report was submitted as Exhibit 2.1. If  
9 there are any questions, I would be happy to  
10 answer.

11 (No response.)

12 DIRECTOR FRANK: Do you think the extension  
13 until June 30th will be sufficient?

14 MR. STUART: June 30th for the --

15 DIRECTOR FRANK: For the --

16 MR. STUART: I think we are still waiting. I  
17 think right now the deadline is June 30th. We  
18 are waiting to hear if it's extended. I don't  
19 know that. Right now both contractors for  
20 Well 6 and Well 8 are scheduled to be finally  
21 complete by June 19th. We are hoping the  
22 extension is not an issue.

23 DIRECTOR FRANK: Good.

24 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: I reached  
25 out again last week to the EFC and they got back

1 and said, no, they still haven't heard anything.  
 2 So I think they are going to tell us that all  
 3 the way to June 30th. I wouldn't expect an  
 4 extension. We have been asking about it for  
 5 four months now.

6 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: I have a question on  
 7 Middle Neck Road.

8 We are making good headway, I see just  
 9 driving around town. Is it working out well  
 10 that there is more maintenance going to be done  
 11 further north? How is it looking budget-wise?

12 MR. RISPOLI: I think currently we are still  
 13 scheduled or still anticipating to reach Brokaw or  
 14 Breuer Avenue. I don't think we have a firm  
 15 calculation based on the most current invoice  
 16 which was submitted last week, if we could  
 17 extend the project. I think CDM is still  
 18 calculating to see if we can get any further,  
 19 but there has been minimum overages. Any  
 20 additional, lost time or anything like that has  
 21 been at a real minimum. We have saved a lot of  
 22 line items that haven't been touched yet. So I  
 23 mean kind of back of the envelope calculation, I  
 24 think we should be able to get a little bit more  
 25 out of the project.

1                   DIRECTOR JOHNEAS:       Still too soon.

2                   MR. RISPOLI:       Yes.

3                   DIRECTOR JOHNEAS:       Trying to keep up with  
4 things. Thank you.

5                   CHAIRPERSON KALNICK:       Greg?

6                   SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO:       First item  
7 is 2.2a, the annual performance review. On page  
8 one, letter G, during the year have any of the  
9 Authority wells tested higher this year, it had  
10 to be answered as yes. We did have a few wells  
11 with a higher salt content than the prior 3-year  
12 period. This was a drier year which, compared to  
13 the last three years with all the rainfall we had over  
14 the summer plus the pandemic, a lot more people  
15 were at home. So domestically, our domestic  
16 usage went up which put a little bit of stress on  
17 our wells. But  
18 since the summer the wells have come back to  
19 their normal levels of chlorides.

20                   That's the only thing outstanding on this as  
21 opposed to last year's, other than that we are  
22 meeting all of our requirements, et cetera.

23                   So the Board would need, if so accepted, to  
24 adopt this I believe, correct, Steve?

25                   MR. LIMMER:       Yes, you can adopt it.

1 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Move to adopt the  
2 Performance Review for the year 2020.

3 [Res. #21-01-04]

4 DIRECTOR WEINBERG: So moved.

5 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: I second.

6 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: All in favor?

7 (Whereupon all members responded in the  
8 affirmative.)

9 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Any abstentions?

10 (No response.)

11 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Next item is  
12 Semiannual Water Storage Tanks Sanitary  
13 Inspection Services.

14 Adam was working on this for the Authority.  
15 The last few years H2M has been doing this work.  
16 Adam solicited quotes and H2M again is the  
17 lowest responsible bidder. We have been  
18 extremely satisfied with H2M's inspection work,  
19 et cetera, so I recommend they be renewed at the  
20 increased rate of \$7,000 annually. These are  
21 required as part of Nassau County, New York State  
22 Department of Health regulations to have our  
23 ground storage tanks -- elevated tanks inspected  
24 twice a year. [Res. #21-01-05]

25 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: So moved.

1 DIRECTOR LEVY: I second.

2 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: All in a favor?

3 (Whereupon all members responded in the  
4 affirmative.)

5 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Any abstentions?

6 (No response.)

7 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Mike, why  
8 don't you go ahead and do Greenway Terrace?

9 MR. RISPOLI: Sure. So Greenway Terrace is a  
10 water main project going into a development.  
11 The original bid was in August 2017. The site  
12 hasn't been ready for us for years and years and  
13 years.

14 The site is now ready and being that  
15 CDM's proposal was dated in 2017 they have  
16 some increases related to the work to be  
17 performed in 2021 so I propose the Board  
18 approve the increase from CDM to complete the  
19 contract for \$3,300 in addition to their existing  
20 contract -- existing proposal.

21 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: So moved?

22 DIRECTOR LEVY: Do we need to discuss this  
23 with the developer or we just tell them?

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25 MR. RISPOLI: This is the approval based on



1 the developer depositing funds with the  
2 Authority. He has not deposited funds yet, but  
3 prior to us Authorizing CDM to begin work, we  
4 will secure funds. [Res. #21-01-06]

5 DIRECTOR LEVY: Okay. Then I move.

6 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Seconded?

7 DIRECTOR WEINBERG: Second.

8 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: All in favor?

9 (Whereupon all members responded in the  
10 affirmative.)

11 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Any abstentions?

12 (No response.)

13 MR. RISPOLI: In the same vein as CDM's  
14 increased costs with relation to Greenway Terrace,  
15 Bancker Construction who was awarded the  
16 contract, again, back in August of 2017, requested  
17 some increase based on their union rates going up,  
18 cost of materials going up. They are asking for an  
19 additional \$19,441. So again, this would be  
20 developer paid. We have not received a deposit  
21 from the developer but again, we would require a  
22 deposit prior to authorizing Bancker to begin work.

23 DIRECTOR LEVY: Question: Are we  
24 experiencing these increases in costs on materials  
25 we're

1 buying for our own projects? Is it the same  
2 prices?

3 MR. RISPOLI: We have, on an annual  
4 basis we do our valves and fittings bid. We have  
5 seen increases. The most significant increase was  
6 from 2018 to '19. We actually ended up re-bidding  
7 that one just because we weren't too happy with  
8 the price; wanted to confirm since there was a  
9 significant increase.

10 So we did see a significant increase from  
11 2018 to 2019. Between 2019-2020 it was not as  
12 significant of an increase, but with the  
13 pandemic and US Steel having such an issue  
14 meeting demand, I believe there has been a crazy  
15 increase between the second half of 2020 and  
16 what will be 2021.

17 It's kind of difficult to say based on the  
18 Middle Neck Road project just because that has  
19 so much traffic protection and everything else  
20 involved that it wasn't really a true cost of  
21 materials that we received.

22 DIRECTOR LEVY: So we don't know  
23 what we are paying for K-Valve, things like that.

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25 MR. RISPOLI: We do, but our current

1 prices for the Authority for our inventory is  
2 based on April 2020 pricing so it hasn't seen  
3 the impact from the pandemic yet.

4 [Res. #21-01-07]

5 DIRECTOR LEVY: So we need to move on this.

6 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Motion to approve?

7 DIRECTOR LEVY: I move.

8 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: I second.

9 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: All in favor?

10 (Whereupon all members responded in the  
11 affirmative.)

12 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Any abstentions?

13 (No response.)

14 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: The last  
15 item is a proposal from TIGG that Deb sent out  
16 earlier today.

17 This is in regards to the treatment project  
18 that H2M is working on at Watermill Lane for  
19 2-A, 9 and 11-A. We are getting up to the point  
20 where we really need to order these under  
21 emergency purchase because there is still about  
22 a ten month to twelve month lag time as  
23 everybody is ordering these carbon vessels.

24 TIGG was able to hold the 2020 pricing for us  
25 since we are ordering so early in 2021 and this

1 would be under emergency purchase, also coupled  
 2 with the fact that there was a bid done by  
 3 Plainview Water District first, so it's pretty  
 4 much piggybacking on their bid results. But  
 5 purchasing under emergency purposes to get these  
 6 vessels in the queue as each one feels they will  
 7 need them in the ten-month period of time. They  
 8 are going to need them soon.

9 MR. LIMMER: Greg, just to repeat for  
 10 the minutes, the last time you indicated just in the  
 11 minutes the nature of both of these orders are this  
 12 is a sole supplier and there is a limited  
 13 amount of these vessels and we have to be sure  
 14 we order them and can get them in time to meet  
 15 the state requirements.

16 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Correct.  
 17 The only thing is it's not, there is Calgon Carbon  
 18 and there is TIGG that provide these vessels so it's  
 19 not a sole supplier, but based  
 20 on the old pricing that all water districts are using,  
 21 TIGG is beating Calgon across the board  
 22 on all pricing.

23 MR. LIMMER: Okay. So is it fair to say for  
 24 the minutes that this is a case of a public  
 25 emergency arising out of a condition whereby the

1 circumstances affecting the public health and  
2 safety of the inhabitants of the district  
3 require immediate action that cannot await  
4 competitive bidding and therefore in accordance  
5 with subsection 4 of Section 103 of the General  
6 Municipal Law, the contract may be awarded  
7 without competitive bidding?

8 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Sounds good  
9 to me.

10 (Whereupon there was a discussion held off  
11 the record.)

12 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Motion to approve?

13 DIRECTOR LEVY: At what point do we need to  
14 pay for these; upon the order or upon the  
15 receipt?

16 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: There are payment  
17 milestones. As they start them in the queue there  
18 is a certain percentage that is paid as they get to  
19 each phase -- we don't pay it all up front, like a  
20 payment is due upon delivery. There are  
21 milestones through the contract that have to be  
22 approved by the engineer who then sends a letter  
23 to me saying it's okay to pay.  
24 We are working with TIGG right now, with CDM at  
25 the Well 6 project. I think that process has

1       been moving pretty okay, right, Keith or Gary?

2               MR. STUART:       Yes, it has.

3               DIRECTOR LEVY:       And I have a follow-up  
4       question: Is there any indication we are ever  
5       going to get reimbursed for any of this?

6               SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO:       No. As of  
7       now the EFC has not released any new funding  
8       opportunities for 2021, it's still being talked  
9       about. The last Long Island Water Conference  
10       minutes discussed it's still being bandied  
11       about. We are still involved with the lawsuit  
12       which we can't get into here.

13               There also is something that Sue is working  
14       on with the EPA for potentially some loan. We  
15       were approved for some loan funding but we can't  
16       talk about that right now. I don't think that's  
17       public yet right, sue? We can't speak about  
18       that publicly yet?

19               MS. HUANG:       No, they wanted to us to wait  
20       until they make the official announcement.

21               SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO:       Right.

22               But Sue is still vetting out the caveats to  
23       the funding.

24               Dan, to answer your question, we are looking  
25       every which way for funding as much as possible.

1                   DIRECTOR LEVY:     Okay. What's the total cost  
2 of these vessels going to be in the end?

3                   SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO:     \$1,091,764.98.  
4                   (Whereupon there was a discussion held off  
5 the record.)

6                   CHAIRPERSON KALNICK:     Motion to approve. [Res. #21-01-08]

7                   DIRECTOR LEVY:     So moved.

8                   CHAIRPERSON KALNICK:     Seconded?

9                   DIRECTOR FRANK:     Second.

10                  CHAIRPERSON KALNICK:     All in favor?

11                  (Whereupon all members responded in the  
12 affirmative.)

13                  CHAIRPERSON KALNICK:     Any abstentions?

14                  (No response.)

15                  CHAIRPERSON KALNICK:     I think, Greg, you were  
16 going to do the Governance Committee Report?

17                  SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO:     I thought Steve was  
18 doing it.

19                  CHAIRPERSON KALNICK:     Steve will do it, okay.

20                  SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO:     For Michael Smiley,  
21 right, Steve?

22                  DIRECTOR WEINBERG:     Sure. We met virtually.  
23 Did you get back with any comments to Mike?

24                  DIRECTOR JOHNEAS:     No, I didn't have any  
25 comments. This was my first time reading it.

1 It was very interesting. Took a few nights to  
2 go through segments of it.

3 DIRECTOR WEINBERG: That was a smart  
4 idea to break it up.

5 So as you can see, the Governance Committee  
6 has met and discussed the policy and the  
7 Employee Policy Manual at length and did not  
8 have any suggestions, revisions or changes to  
9 policies that are set forth in the manual and  
10 are recommending that the Board accept the  
11 report of the Governance Committee which is in your  
12 packet and recommend that we maintain the same  
13 policy as set forth in the -- that's  
14 coming second, the Employee Policy Manual.

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16 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: So we need a  
17 motion to accept the general motion right,  
18 Steve? [Res. #21-01-09]

19 MR. LIMMER: Yes.

20 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Motion to accept?

21 DIRECTOR WEINBERG: Aye.

22 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Moved by Steve  
23 Weinberg.

24 Seconded?

25 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Yes, I second it.



1 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: All in favor?

2 (Whereupon all members responded in the  
3 affirmative.)

4 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Any abstentions?

5 (No response.)

6 MR. LIMMER: Just for clarification: In  
7 order to meet recent changes with regard to the  
8 disposition of property, there were circulated  
9 revisions to that policy. Proposed revisions  
10 that were circulated and then passed around to  
11 the Board so it says "proposed revisions" for the  
12 policy for the disposition of property which should be  
13 adopted by the Board.

14 I'm not sure when the Governance Committee  
15 met, if they met before or after the revisions  
16 were circulated, but they are technical  
17 revisions that were in your packet for tonight  
18 that are required to meet the changes in the  
19 law.

20 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: We have two  
21 members of the Governance Committee here so if  
22 they have read it, maybe they could recommend  
23 something.

24 MR. LIMMER: If you look at what was  
25 circulated, it has the changes in red.

1                   DIRECTOR JOHNEAS:     I see the changes in red,  
2                   yes.

3                   DIRECTOR WEINBERG:     And I see the changes  
4                   that were in red, those were in the original  
5                   packet that was sent Governance Committee about  
6                   a week ago?

7                   MR. LIMMER:     Yes.

8                   DIRECTOR WEINBERG:     Yes. Then yes, the  
9                   Governance Committee has reviewed the proposed  
10                  changes and accepts them and recommends their  
11                  adoption with respect to the disposition of property  
12                  and the re-adoption of the remaining policies.

13                  CHAIRPERSON KALNICK:     Therefore moved by  
14                  Steve Weinberg? [Res. #21-01-10]

15                  DIRECTOR WEINBERG:     Yes.

16                  CHAIRPERSON KALNICK:     Seconded by Jay.

17                  DIRECTOR JOHNEAS:     Here, here.

18                  CHAIRPERSON KALNICK:     All in favor?

19                  (Whereupon all members responded in the  
20                  affirmative.)

21                  CHAIRPERSON KALNICK:     Any abstentions?

22                  (No response.)

23                  CHAIRPERSON KALNICK:     Steve Limmer, we don't  
24                  have to accept the annual review of the policy,  
25                  do we?

1 MR. LIMMER: No. As long as you're approving  
2 the policies, that's it. So if you just approve  
3 the policies, that's it.

4 (Whereupon there was a discussion held off  
5 the record.)

6 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: I think we have covered  
7 everything.

8 Any other issues? Entertain a motion to  
9 adjourn?

10 DIRECTOR FRANK: I am not bringing up an issue  
11 but I think it would be nice for the Board  
12 members to know that there will be a Zoom kind  
13 of discussion about Lockheed Martin Plume. I  
14 know Greg is going to be on the panel.

15 I think it's Thursday night, Greg?

16 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Yes, yes. It's  
17 Thursday night at 7:30. Whoever wants to  
18 participate has to reach out and get a Zoom  
19 invite.

20 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Steve, you can go.

21 MR. LIMMER: Thank you, all. Stay safe.  
22 Stay healthy, Jay.

23 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Thank you.

24 (Whereupon there was a discussion held off  
25 the record.)

1 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Motion to adjourn?

2 DIRECTOR WEINBERG: So moved.

3 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Second.

4 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: All in favor?

5 (Whereupon all members responded in the  
6 affirmative.)

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8 (Time noted: 6:33 P.M.)

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