# MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH HELD ON JANUARY 9, 2023 AT 50 WATERMILL LANE, GREAT NECK, NEW YORK.

## PRESENT:

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

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

\* Present by Video conferencing

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

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Frank, by <u>Resolution</u> #23-01-01, the Minutes of the Board's December 12, 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 Levy, by <u>Resolution</u> #23-01-02, 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 Levy, seconded by Director Smiley, by <u>Resolution</u> #23-01-03, 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.

Director Weinberg entered the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

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 all Nassau County Department of Health (NCDH) water quality sample results and all results were satisfactory; continued correspondence and workshopping with NCDH regarding peroxide analyzers lead-time issue (ship date delayed to June 2023); installed all equipment labels. The work to be completed includes the following: receive final NCDH completed works approval; plant commissioning/testing to system; generator parallel testing with system loads and Eagle programming; TIGG vessel coatings touchups; general final punch list; receive/review all closeout documents: O&M, warranties, as-builts, spare parts. James Neri also updated the Board on the 2022 Water Main improvements project by stating that the water main job is complete and that H2M has sent a draft record drawing and VS for the Authority to review. We are waiting on final punch list items to be completed including the return of borrowed materials to the Authority and to fix a few paving areas.

# Michael Rispoli presented the Assistant Superintendent's Report:

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

 <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.

• This project is complete other than the contractor finishing one punch list item regarding the blow off control valve.

<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 have entered into an agreement to perform testing to determine the cause of the damage to the well pump. The testing is to begin shortly.
- 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 its schedule so WAGNN can re-issue a notice to bidders.
- 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 its schedule so WAGNN can issue a notice to bidders.
- 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 its schedule so WAGNN can issue a notice to bidders.

## Gregory Graziano presented the Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Graziano submitted his draft of the Annual Performance Review for Calendar Year 2022 to the Board and stated that the Authority is in compliance with the Authority's Performance Measurements except for salt content. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Lustbader, by <u>Resolution</u> #23-01-04, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board reviewed and approved the Annual Performance Review for 2022 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.

H2M submitted a proposal dated December 22, 2022, for professional engineering services with regard to the Well 8 investigation being performed pursuant to the agreement with the contractor referred to in Assistant Superintendent Michael Rispoli's Report. The H2M services broadly include well cleaning and pumping observation. More specifically, H2M proposes to observe the activities being performed by AC Schultes on behalf of the contractor by dispatching a senior construction inspector to observe the work; collecting photographic documentation of the activities; observing the televising of the Well; providing daily summary reports of its observations; making recommendations to the Authority; reviewing results of the investigation; and discussing the foregoing with the Superintendent, all as more fully set forth in its proposal. All of such services to be provided for the not to exceed fee of \$11,880. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Lustbader, by <u>Resolution</u> #23-01-05, the Board approved the proposal letter dated December 22, 2022. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Secretary.

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Weinberg, by <u>Resolution</u> #23-01-06, the Board resolved as follows:

Whereas, Superintendent Graziano informed the Board that the Authority has two vehicles, a 2011 Ford F350 pickup truck and a 2003 Ford F450 Dump Truck, both of which are required to be utilized daily and are two of the most important vehicles in the Authority's fleet, especially at this time of year, and it was an unforeseen occurrence that, after having been looked at several times by the Authority's repair shop, both vehicles cannot be utilized and the estimated repair costs for each vehicle is much greater than the actual value of the vehicle. And it was also an unforeseen occurrence that the Superintendent has been informed that any vehicle being purchased through the New York State Contact is taking between 12 to 18 months to be built and delivered for use at the Authority. Based upon the foregoing and the Superintendent's recommendation, the Board finds that the aforesaid unforeseen occurrences and conditions require immediate action which cannot await competitive bidding in order to assure the necessary operations of the Authority System to protect the public buildings, public

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property, and the life, health, and safety of the inhabitants and the property within the Authority District, and the Board authorizes the purchase of a replacement pick-up truck and the purchase of a replacement dump truck outside of the New York State Contact on an emergency purchase basis, without competitive bidding. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, O abstentions. A copy of the letter is on file with the Secretary.

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Johneas, by <u>Resolution</u> #23-01-07, the Board approved a budget increase to the 2023 budget line #23035 in the amount of \$110,000 for the emergency purchase of the replacement pick-up truck and the replacement dump truck. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, O abstentions. A copy of the letter is on file with the Secretary.

Director Smiley reviewed the Annual Governance Committee 2022 Report with the Board and advised the Board 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 Frank, seconded by Director Lustbader, by <u>Resolution</u> #23-01-08, the Board approved the re-adoption of the Authority's Policies. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, O abstentions. Copies of the policies are on file with the Secretary and are posted on the Authority's website.

On the motion of Director Johneas, seconded by Director Rosenstein, by <u>Resolution</u> #23-01-09, the Board approved the re-adoption of the Authority's Rules & Regulations. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, O abstentions. Copies of the Rules & Regulations are on file with the Secretary and are posted on the Authority's website.

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Frank, by <u>Resolution</u> #23-01-10, the Board went into Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. for advice of counsel. The Board emerged from the Executive Session at 6:52 p.m. and Chairperson Kalnick announced that no action had been taken and no minutes would be produced.

In response to a letter from Twin County Swimming Pools, dated December 20, 2022, offering a 60-day extension of its present pricing for Sodium Hypochlorite and advising the Authority of a price increase for Sodium Hypochlorite thereafter, on the motion of Director Smiley, seconded by Director Weinberg, by <u>Resolution</u> #23-01-11, the Board accepted the 60-day extension of the 2022 price for Sodium Hypochlorite. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, O abstentions. A copy of the letter is on file with the Secretary.

On the motion of Director Smiley, seconded by Director Weinberg, by <u>Resolution</u> #23-01-12, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved going out to bid for the purchase of Sodium Hypochlorite (Chlorine) for the period of March 1, 2023-December 31, 2023. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

On the motion of Director Weinberg, seconded by Director Smiley, by <u>Resolution</u> #23-01-13, the Board approved the proposed retainer agreement, as special counsel, from Sher Edling, dated January 9, 2023. The was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the agreement is on file with the Secretary.

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

Approved by Secretary: Delun Ray

Date: 2/14/23