

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH
HELD ON June 17, 2024,
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 Johneas, 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
James Neri, Senior Vice President	H2M Architects + Engineers

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Eight members, who together are authorized to cast a majority of the weighted vote (Directors Frank, Johneas, Kalnick, Levy, Lustbader, Rosenstein, Smiley, and Weinberg) were present, constituting a quorum.

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Smiley, by Resolution #24-06-01, the Minutes of the Board's May 20, 2024 meeting were reviewed by the Directors and were approved. The vote was 8 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 #24-06-02, the Board reviewed and approved the Abstract of Claims. The vote was 8 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 Resolution #24-06-03, the Board reviewed and approved the Treasurer's Monthly Report. The vote was 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Report is on file with the Secretary.

Treasurer Judith Flynn explained that the New York State Insurance Fund (NYSIF) Workers' Compensation Policy premium will be increasing by \$36,410.62, from \$58,482.08 in 2023, to \$94,892.70 in 2024. The Treasurer explained the increase is primarily due to a change in the Experience Rating of \$42,454.09, the decrease in the Construction Credit of \$6,440.42 and an increase in the Assessment Charge of \$2,776.16. These charges were offset by an increase in the NYSIF discount of \$14,465.90, a decrease in payroll costs of \$674.86, as well as decreases of \$61.51 and \$57.78 in the Terrorism Premium and the Natural Disaster and Catastrophe Premium, respectively. The Treasurer also noted that the policy has been reviewed and that the coverage is consistent with last year's policy. The Treasurer recommended that the Board approve the 2024 renewal of the Workers' Compensation Policy. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Smiley, by Resolution #24-06-04, the Board approved the renewal of the 2024 Workers' Compensation Policy with the New York State Insurance Fund. The vote was 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Policy is on file with the Secretary.

Treasurer Flynn advised the Board that although six requests for proposals were sent out for an Internal Audit for the years ending 2024, 2025, and 2026, only two proposals were received. The two received were:

	2024	2025	2026
PKO O'Conner Davies:	\$25,000	\$25,500	\$26,000
Cerini & Associates LLP:	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000

Treasurer Flynn recommend the Board select the proposal dated June 3, 2024, from PKF O'Connor Davies (PKO) for 2024 with options to renew for 2025 and 2026, even though its proposal was slightly more than the Cirini proposal, because PKO is familiar with the Authority's financial statements and general ledger and has a dedicated commitment to the water industry on Long Island. Treasurer Flynn said that the Audit Committee (which will report next) joined in her recommendation. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Lustbader, by Resolution #24-06-05, the Board reviewed and accepted the proposal dated June 3, 2024, for the Internal Audit from PKO for 2024, with options for 2025 and 2026. The vote was 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Proposal is on file with the Secretary.

The Audit Committee reported that it was provided with the proposals for the Authority's Internal Audit, and, upon careful review, the Committee agreed with the recommendation of Treasurer Flynn that the Authority engage PKF O'Connor Davies for 2024, with options to renew for 2025 and 2026, in accordance with its proposal dated June 3, 2024. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Smiley, by Resolution #24-06-06, the Board accepted the report of the Audit Committee. The vote was 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the report is on file with the Secretary

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

1. Wellhead Treatment at Community Drive - Drainage tie-in design progressing with plans to be ready for review the week of June 24th and pilot testing back online and sampling underway
2. A-Plant Flood Mitigation – The contractor, DeRosa Paving, began excavation and formwork for the flood wall on the North side of the Administration building and began concrete pour on Monday, June 17th.
3. Rehabilitation of Wells 9, 12, 13, 14, and 10A –AC Schultes, needs to finish punch list items. Well 9 pump to be replaced soon; schedule pending contractor availability.
4. BRIC Application – No change: Working on responses in advance of a request for information from DHSES.
5. 2023 Water Main Replacement –Final payment and quantity adjustment change order signed and to be provided to the Authority for processing once the maintenance bond is received.
6. Asbestos Water Main Replacement –Field survey complete. Design in progress. H2m preparing 50% water main design sheets for the Authority due this week. H2M to follow up with meeting to discuss comments.
7. DR4753 Scope Update and Submission—RFI received from DHSES. Responses due June 26th via email. H2M team to work on responses with Superintendent Graziano.
8. Direction Drill New Water Main under Mill Pond—H2M is preparing easement drawings along with meets and bounds descriptions to be presented to the Water Authority for review and comment.
9. Weybridge Road EST Adhesion Testing & Test Paint Application—Test patches installed May 13, 2024. Second coat was applied May 16th. Patches need to sit for the next few weeks/months and then adhesion testing to follow.

Michael Rispoli presented the Assistant Superintendent's Report:

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

1. **Pheasant Run (Kings Point) Water Main Extension** - Installation of approximately 1,280 feet of water main for new development.
 - a. No change since last month. Waiting on developer regarding their schedule so WAGNN can re-issue for bid.
2. **Old Mill II Water Main Extension** - Installation of approximately 1,110 feet of water main for new development.
 - a. No change since last month. Waiting on developer regarding their schedule so WAGNN can issue for bid.
3. **West Shore Road Water Main Improvements** - Installation of approximately 1,950 feet of water main for new development.
 - a. No change since last month. Waiting on developer regarding their schedule so WAGNN can issue for bid.

Assistant Superintendent Rispoli explained that a public emergency, as defined in § 103(4) of the General Municipal Law, has occurred arising from an unforeseen occurrence whereby the health and safety of the property and residents of the Authority District require immediate action. In substance, Wells 12, 13, and 14 need rehabilitation at this time and, as part of that rehabilitation, a substantial quantity of wastewater will have to be blown off. The dry well facilities that previously were able to take the wastewater have become so saturated that they can no longer take the large quantity of water that will have to be blown off. The County of Nassau has agreed to allow the Authority to pipe the wastewater to the County's stormwater mains. A contract is needed to construct that main. Bancker Construction Corp. (Bancker) was the successful bidder on an hourly time basis for its labor with the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District (the District). It appears from the documents received by the Authority from Bancker and the District that the bidding met the bidding requirements of Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law. Bancker and the District have agreed to allow the Authority to piggyback on the District's contract, Contract 22-08, for the performance of the work necessary to pipe the blown off wastewater from the wells to the County stormwater system. Bancker has submitted a proposal dated June 17, 2024, to perform the labor at the same hourly rates as its successful bid to the District, plus a 15% mark up for materials and a 10% markup for its subcontractors, with an estimated total cost if the work is during the day of \$300,734.18 and, if at night, \$352,188.21, the actual cost to be based upon the actual hours worked multiplied by the agreed upon hourly rates of the workers. Based upon the foregoing, on the motion of Director Weinberg, seconded by Director Smiley, by Resolution #24-06-07, the Board approved the proposal dated June 17, 2024, as outlined above, for Bancker Construction Corp. to perform the required work. The vote was 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Secretary.

Gregory Graziano presented the Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Graziano presented the Board with an email from the Nassau County Fire Marshall, Paul Hartje, regarding the Authority shutting off water on fire lines for non-payment of the Authority water bills. In lieu of shutting off the water to fire lines as a first step to collecting the amount due for those water bills, Superintendent Graziano recommended changes to the Authority's Rules and Regulations, which, in substance, would allow the Authority to allocate any payments made by a customer to any account of that customer for which there is a balance due and, if a balance is due on one account of a customer, to shut off the water on any of the other accounts of that customer. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Lustbader, by Resolution #24-06-08, the Board approved the requested amendments to the Rules & Regulations. The vote was 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the amended Rules & Regulations is on file with the Secretary.


Superintendent Graziano presented the Board with a proposal from Hawkins, Delafield & Wood LLP (Hawkins) for Arbitrage Rebate and Yield Restriction Compliance Services as it applies to Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2019. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Smiley, by Resolution #24-06-09, the Board authorized the

engagement of Hawkins as outlined in its proposal dated May 30, 2024 . The vote was 8 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 Resolution #24-06-10, the Board went into Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. for advice of counsel regarding employment benefits. The Board emerged from Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. and the Chairman announced that no action had been taken and no minutes would be produced.

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Smiley, by Resolution #24-06-11, the Board accepted the suggested changes to the Health Plan. The vote was 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Health Plan is on file with the Secretary.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Approved by Secretary: 

Date: July 15, 2024