

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH
HELD ON NOVEMBER 18, 2024
AT 50 WATERMILL LANE, GREAT NECK, NEW YORK**

PRESENT:

Michael C. Kalnick, Chairperson and Director
Carol Frank, Director
Jay Johnneas, Director
Dan Levy, Director
Irving Rosenstein, Director

Town of North Hempstead
Village of Kings Point
Village of Great Neck
Village of Saddle Rock
Village of Great Neck Plaza

ALSO PRESENT:

Ralph J. Kreitzman, Vice-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

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McLaughlin & Stern, LLP
H2M Architects + Engineers

NOT PRESENT:

Robert Graziano, Deputy Chairperson
Dana Lustbader, Director
Michael Smiley, Director
Steven Weinberg, Director

Water Authority of Great Neck North
Village of Kensington
Village of Great Neck Estates
Village of Thomaston

The Board meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. Five members (Directors Frank, Johnneas, Kalnick, Levy and Rosenstein) were present, constituting a quorum.

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Frank, by Resolution #24-11-01, the Minutes of the Board's October 28, 2024, meeting were reviewed by the Directors and were approved. The vote was 5 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 Frank, by Resolution #24-11-02, the Board reviewed and approved the Abstract of Claims. The vote was 5 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 Rosenstein, by Resolution #24-11-03, the Board reviewed and approved the Treasurer's Monthly Report. The vote was 5 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.

1. Wellhead Treatment at Community Drive –H2M held an internal design process review. The design team is looking to submit a plan set for review with WAGNN on Dec. 16th. Pilot report submitted to NC Dept. of Health. Potential for additional future testing of new resin, to be determined.
2. A-Plant Flood Mitigation – The contractor is continuing with flood mitigation efforts at the well and generator buildings and 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. Contractor scheduling work. Wells 12, 13, and 14 kicked off. Well 13 to have new pump, motor and associated appurtenances installed soon. Wells 12 and 14 need to have preliminary testing performed, to be followed by pump removal and rehabilitation efforts.
4. Engineering Report & Grant Application for Asbestos Water Main Replacement—Resolutions and engineering report were revised. Grant application submitted. Grant awards were announced on Nov. 1, 2024. No grant money was awarded to the Water Authority for this project.
5. BRIC Application – Awaiting correspondence from DHSES. No change.
6. Asbestos Water Main Replacement –100% set of regulatory review plans provided to Authority on Nov. 18th for review. Health Dept. submission to follow. Bidding anticipated early 2025 for Spring 2025 construction.
7. DR4694/4753 Scope Update and Submission—RFI received from DHSES; responses were due June 26th. H2M team worked on responses with Superintendent Graziano. Responses submitted to DHSES on 6/21 via email. DHSES notified the Superintendent that the project has moved on to FEMA review.
8. Community Drive Drainage Tie In—Bancker is submitting final Pay Req. for the Community Drive work. Bore location meeting held Nov. 7th with Bancker and the Water Authority. Contractor's survey to be completed Nov. 15th. Preconstruction meeting to be scheduled after layout and profile of drill path are agreed upon.
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. Bridge Watermain Inspection—Onsite inspection and asbestos testing are scheduled for Friday Nov. 22nd.

Michael Rispoli presented the Assistant Superintendent's Report:

H2M Architects + Engineers submitted a proposal by letter dated November 8, 2024, to provide professional engineering services to assist the Water Authority with bidding and construction services related to the installation of a new water main loop at Old Mill II Development. The project design was previously completed by CDM Smith and the plans and specifications have been approved by the Nassau County Dept. of Health. The proposal consists of 4 tasks plus contingency, however, Superintendent Graziano explained that this project is pending the deposit from the developer. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Frank, by Resolution #24-11-04, the Board accepted the proposal in H2M Architects + Engineers' letter dated November 8, 2024, for the not-to-exceed price of \$28,900,000. The vote was 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the letter is on file with the Secretary.

Gregory Graziano presented the Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Graziano reminded the Directors that each Board Member is to complete the Sexual Harassment Prevention Training each year which can be done through the Authority by contacting Debra Ray, the Secretary, or by providing Ms. Ray with a certificate of completion for such training through other providers.

Superintendent Graziano presented the Board with the dates for the 2025 Monthly Board Meetings. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Frank, by Resolution #24-11-05, the Board reviewed and approved the schedule for the regular monthly meeting in 2025, as follows: January 27, February 24, March 24, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17, and December 8. The vote was 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the schedule will be posted on the Authority's website and will be posted at the Authority's office on Watermill Lane.

Superintendent Graziano presented the Board with three reappointments which are approaching expirations on December 31, 2024. They are for the positions of Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice Chairperson. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Frank, by Resolution #24-11-06, the Board reappointed Judith Flynn as Treasurer for a term of one year, from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. The vote was 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Frank, by Resolution #24-11-07, the Board reappointed Debra Ray as Secretary for a term of one year, from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. The vote was 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Frank, by Resolution #24-11-08, the Board reappointed Ralph Kreitzman as Vice Chairperson for a four-year term, from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2028. The vote was 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Frank, by Resolution #24-11-09, the Board went into Executive Session at 6:11 p.m. for advice of counsel, contract negotiations, and personnel compensation matters. The vote was 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. The Board emerged from its Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.


The Chairperson announced that action with regard to contractual negotiations, which is not subject to the Freedom of Information Law, was taken during the Executive Session and minutes of the meeting will be produced; but will not be subject to the Freedom of Information Law.

The Chairperson presented a proposed 7-year contract with Superintendent Graziano to supersede his existing contract. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Johnas, by Resolution #24-11-10, the Board approved the proposed contract. A copy of the contract is on file with the Secretary.

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Rosenstein, by Resolution #24-11-11, the Board approved the following increases in annual compensation effective January 1, 2025:

- All officers, the Assistant Superintendent, and the Supervisor of Water Plant Operations will receive a 3.5% increase in the rate of their compensation for 2025. The vote was 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.
- The Superintendent will receive the 4% contractual increase in his rate of compensation for 2025.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Approved by Secretary: 

Date: December 17, 2024