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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 Zoom
9 October 18, 2021
6:05 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 Carol Frank, Director, Town of North Hempstead

16 Jay Johneas, Director, Village of Great Neck

17 Dan Levy, Director, Village of Saddle Rock

18 Dana Lustbader, MD, Director, Village of Kensington

19 Gerald Schneiderman, Director, Village of Great Neck Plaza

20 Michael Smiley, Director, Village of Great Neck Estates

21 Steven Weinberg, Director, Village of Thomaston

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24 2022, in substance, permits public corporations to hold meetings and take actions without in-person access to the
meeting provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such meeting and the meeting is transcribed.

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1 ALSO PRESENT:

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

4 Ralph J. Kreitzman, Vice-Chairperson

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6 Greg Graziano, Superintendent

7 Michael Rispoli, Assistant Superintendent

8 Sue Huang, Civil Engineer

9 Judith Flynn, Treasurer

10 Debra Ray, Secretary

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

13 Gary Stuart, Associate, CDM Smith, Consulting Engineer

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15 ALSO PRESENT:

16 Mayor of Kensington, Susan Lopatkin (for plaque
17 presentation)

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19 NOT PRESENT:

20 Robert Graziano, Deputy Chairperson

21 Adam Solow, Supervisor of Water Plant Operations

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1 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Your replacement is
2 excellent, of course.

3 MAYOR LOPATKIN: I knew Dana would be a
4 wonderful replacement. Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: She is. Everybody, we
6 delivered the other day --

7 MAYOR LOPATKIN: Wait, wait. I want to show
8 you what it looks like --

9 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: I would like to read
10 what the plaque says: Presented in 2021 to
11 Susan Lopatkin. For your visionary guidance and
12 insight.

13 With deepest appreciation and gratitude for
14 your distinguished service as a Director of the
15 Water Authority of Great Neck North from 2008 to
16 2021.

17 Your dedicated leadership and unwavering
18 spirit as a Director will forever benefit those
19 we serve and those who follow in your footsteps.

20 Your thoughtfulness, advice and friendship
21 will be missed and never forgotten. And it's
22 signed by all of us.

23 DIRECTOR LEVY: That's very nice.

24 MAYOR LOPATKIN: I have to say, you know, it
25 really was very informative and interesting,

1 you know, I really learned a lot and anyone who
2 talks to me about water, I have all the answers
3 now so I don't have to worry that I am going to
4 be tongue-tied.

5 So do you know what, it was really great.
6 You guys do an amazing job. I tell people all
7 the time, if they ever attended a Water
8 Authority Board Meeting they would be so
9 impressed by the professionalism and the
10 dedication and just plain attention to detail that
11 you guys have. I think it's really a testament --

12 DIRECTOR LEVY: You already got the plaque,
13 you don't need to go on.

14 MAYOR LOPATKIN: It's all community service.
15 We all do it and I think you should all give
16 yourselves a pat on the back for doing what you
17 do.

18 DIRECTOR LEVY: Just teasing you. You're
19 great. I miss you.

20 MAYOR LOPATKIN: You can still call me.

21 (Whereupon there was a discussion held off
22 the record.)

23 MAYOR LOPATKIN: Everyone, thank you again.

24 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: It was our pleasure.
25 Thank you for your service.

1 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: On to business.
2 Approval of the draft minutes of
3 September 20th. [Res. #21-10-01]

4 DIRECTOR LEVY: I so move.
5 I don't remember it having so many pages. I
6 thought it was a lot shorter.

7 MS. RAY: It's verbatim while we have the
8 Zoom meetings.

9 DIRECTOR LEVY: Why are we doing it that way?

10 MS. RAY: It has to be that way because you
11 are on Zoom.

12 MR. LIMMER: When you have a virtual meeting,
13 you have to have a literal transcript of the
14 meeting, Dan.

15 DIRECTOR LEVY: We didn't used to do it this
16 way.

17 MR. LIMMER: No. If you have a Zoom
18 meeting --

19 DIRECTOR LEVY: Oh, the Zoom meeting needs to
20 be.

21 MR. LIMMER: Because it's Zoom.

22 DIRECTOR LEVY: Now I understand.

23 MS. RAY: By the way, where is Greg?

24 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: I am here but my
25 camera went out.

1 (Whereupon there was a discussion held off
2 the record.)

3 DIRECTOR LEVY: We can't see him?

4 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: No. Technical
5 difficulties with some of my equipment.

6 (Whereupon there was a discussion held off
7 the record.)

8 DIRECTOR LEVY: Now we can see you.

9 MS. RAY: That's better.

10 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: All right. Dan moved.
11 Seconded minutes?

12 DIRECTOR SMILEY: Seconded.

13 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: All in favor?

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

16 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Any abstentions?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Approval of the
19 Abstract of Claims. [Res. #21-10-02]

20 DIRECTOR LEVY: I asked offline before, I
21 noticed that there is a lot of item expenses. I
22 was wondering if we are congregating them and I
23 believe I was answered that it is so whatever
24 has gotten reimbursed from the insurance, the
25 rest of it will be, I guess sent to FEMA.

1 Because I notice every other line there is an
2 item expense.

3 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Yes. We are
4 accumulating now --

5 MS. FLYNN: That's correct.

6 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: -- and determining what
7 our claim will be.

8 DIRECTOR LEVY: You don't want to isolate
9 them in a separate spreadsheet as opposed to the
10 general account?

11 TREASURER FLYNN: Right. We had them
12 isolated in the separate account. This is a
13 listing of how the checks are being paid, but we
14 do have them in one general ledger account.

15 DIRECTOR LEVY: Okay.

16 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Very good.
17 Approval for that?

18 DIRECTOR LEVY: I so move.

19 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Seconded?

20 DIRECTOR WEINBERG: Seconded.

21 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: All in favor?
22 (Whereupon all members responded in the
23 affirmative.)

24 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Any abstentions?
25 (No response.)

1 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Judy, Treasurer's
2 Monthly Report.
3 Anything unusual? [Res. #21-10-03]
4 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Anything unusual?
5 TREASURER FLYNN: Nothing unusual to report.
6 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Thank you.
7 Revenue and Expenses Quarterly Report.
8 MS. RAY: Do we have an approval on the
9 Treasurer's Report?
10 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: We generally don't, do
11 we?
12 MR. LIMMER: We should have a motion to
13 accept it.
14 MS. RAY: We have a motion to accept it.
15 DIRECTOR LEVY: I so move.
16 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Seconded?
17 DIRECTOR LUSTBADER: Second.
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: Revenue and Expenses
24 Quarterly Report. Any questions?
25 (No response.)

- 1 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Motion to accept.
2 [Res. #21-10-04]
3 DIRECTOR SMILEY: Motion to accept.
4 DIRECTOR FRANK: 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: Capital Improvement
11 Projects Report.
12 Any questions?
13 (No response.)
14 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Motion to accept?
15 [Res. #21-10-05]
16 DIRECTOR WEINBERG: So moved.
17 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Second.
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: The Engineers
24 Certification of our Final Budget.
25 Greg, do you have any comments on that?

1 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: No. Judy
2 wanted to give a quick synopsis.

3 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Yes.

4 TREASURER FLYNN: So everyone saw the draft
5 budget last month at the meeting. The new
6 finalized budget is very similar. We just
7 primarily removed the property survey expense
8 which was \$100,000. We were able to find
9 another way of getting those surveys done that we
10 needed so we were able to remove that.

11 And then the other large item that was added
12 was just in the capital improvements. Because
13 we see the expenses coming in so high for materials
14 and labor for the office improvements, we increased
15 the structural improvement for the second floor for
16 next year by \$70,000.

17 Other than that, there were just very tiny
18 differences.

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21 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Motion to accept?

22 [Res. #21-10-06]

23 DIRECTOR LEVY: I so move.

24 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Seconded?

25 DIRECTOR WEINBERG: Second.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: All in favor?
2 (Whereupon all members responded in the
3 affirmative.)
- 4 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Any abstentions?
5 (No response.)
- 6 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: The Certificate of the
7 Treasurer Required by the Bonding Resolution.
8 A motion to accept?
9 [Res. #21-10-07]
- 10 MR. LIMMER: There is a resolution in the
11 minutes under item one.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: It's attached.
- 13 DIRECTOR LEVY: Where is it? I don't see it.
- 14 MR. LIMMER: 1.7, there is a proposed
15 resolution to be adopted.
- 16 DIRECTOR LEVY: 1.7?
- 17 TREASURER FLYNN: Yes. That's the
18 Certificate that I need to send to the trustee
19 so we meet the revenue requirements.
20 (Whereupon there was a discussion held off
21 the record.)
- 22 MS. RAY: Do you want me to bring it up?
- 23 DIRECTOR LEVY: I've got it. Okay.
24 You want me to move on it?
- 25 MR. LIMMER: Somebody make the motion and

1 second it.

2 DIRECTOR LEVY: I make a motion.

3 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Seconded?

4 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: 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: Is Gary on?

11 MR. STUART: I'm here.

12 Good evening, everybody.

13 Our engineers report was in the packet,

14 Exhibit 2.1.

15 I would be happy to answer any questions that
16 anybody has.

17 (No response.)

18 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: I have a question:

19 On Well 6 it looks like you're

20 getting all the suppliers to come in and do a

21 start up.

22 When is that going to happen?

23 MR. STUART: Hopefully within

24 the next week or two. We are going through

25 some -- just re-disinfected the well, the

1 contractor did last week so we are taking
2 samples this week starting tomorrow and
3 hopefully those come out all right. Then we'll
4 be able to bring both Trojan and Tigg in to do
5 their pieces of equipment.

6 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Just curious to see how
7 this system works and how it functions.

8 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: We had three
9 and a half to four months of on and off bad
10 "bacs" in the well so this should have been
11 online months ago.

12 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: I understand. But I was
13 just wondering if -- I was more concerned in
14 questioning about the final startup with the AOP
15 system.

16 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: So are we --
17 that was a vulnerable well in the wintertime
18 because there is an air stripper there.
19 Typically if it snows, et cetera, we don't run
20 air strippers and it clogs the filters. So
21 we're hoping to get it online so we can actually
22 see how it works before we roll in next spring
23 and summer.

24 So we are hoping that -- there is going to be
25 sampling again tomorrow. Then we are looking

1 for three or four good ones in a row.
2 Hopefully that will happen this time so we can
3 then move to the next.

4 We typically wind up getting two good ones or
5 three good ones and a bad one. It's been really
6 helter-skelter with the sampling of this well.

7 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: I just wanted to see it
8 running.

9 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: When we get to it,
10 definitely. I'll have you come by if you want to
11 come by whenever we get it up and running.

12 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Yes, please. Thank you.

13 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: And Dana too.

14 DIRECTOR LUSTBADER: I would love to have that
15 tour. I think the hurricane set us back a
16 little bit.

17 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Finally
18 construction started at the administration
19 office today.

20 DIRECTOR LEVY: That's good news.

21 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Hopefully by
22 December we will be up and running.

23 DIRECTOR LEVY: Quick question: The Old
24 Mill 2 water main extension.

25 What project is it serving?

1 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: The one off of
2 Clover Drive.

3 DIRECTOR FRANK: The Lalezarian Project.

4 DIRECTOR LEVY: On Old Mill Road?

5 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: It's called Old
6 Mill 2 but the access-way will be off of Clover
7 Drive through Great Neck Estates.

8 DIRECTOR LEVY: Okay.

9 DIRECTOR FRANK: Behind Young Israel. Two
10 houses up from Young Israel.

11 DIRECTOR LEVY: It's not on Old Mill Road,
12 it's really off it. Okay.

13 DIRECTOR FRANK: It's right by Young Israel
14 on Clover.

15 DIRECTOR LEVY: Okay.

16 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Greg, you're on.

17 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: First item I
18 have is renewal of cleaning services.

19 The current office cleaning company, JanPro
20 is looking for a 5% increase for 2021-2022.

21 They haven't asked for an increase for the prior
22 three years.

23 Based on that Debra went out and got some
24 additional quotes and pricing. JanPro is
25 actually subcontracting out because we weren't

1 happy with the people who were doing the office
2 cleaning. They are actually subcontracting out
3 to Blessed Cleaning Service.

4 DIRECTOR FRANK: Do they also pray for the
5 building at the end?

6 DIRECTOR LEVY: If they did, they need to do
7 a better job.

8 DIRECTOR SMILEY: I want to know what Magic
9 Touch is willing to do for \$7,500.

10 MS. RAY: I don't know.

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

13 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: So Blessed is
14 willing to keep the actual current rate that we
15 have at \$1,699 and since they are actually the
16 ones technically cleaning the office as a sub to
17 JanPro, I recommend the Board award the cleaning
18 contractor to Blessed Cleaning Services for
19 \$1,699 pending approval of their insurance
20 certificate. Just want to make sure they have
21 the proper insurance certificate.

22 MR. LIMMER: Greg, did you say you weren't
23 happy with what they are doing or you weren't
24 happy with JanPro before they brought in
25 Blessed?

1 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: We were not happy
2 with JanPro before they brought in Blessed.

3 MR. LIMMER: But you are happy with Blessed.

4 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: We are happy --
5 yes. We didn't know we were using Blessed.
6 Our checks right now are going to JanPro.

7 MR. LIMMER: Okay. Thank you.

8 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: But you are happy with
9 Blessed's work?

10 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Yes.

11 DIRECTOR LEVY: I move to accept.

12 [Res. #21-10-08]

13 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: If for some
14 reason Blessed cannot meet our insurance requirements,
15 I ask the Board to let us contract with JanPro so we don't
16 have to come back, because the contract is expiring
17 November 1st to renew with JanPro if we can't work it
18 out with Blessed.

19 DIRECTOR SMILEY: JanPro will probably sub it
20 out to Blessed.

21 DIRECTOR LEVY: We will end up with Blessed
22 regardless.

23 Blessed will get paid less but JanPro will
24 take its fees.

25 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Motion to approve.

1 DIRECTOR LEVY: I did.

2 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Second.

3 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: All in favor?

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

6 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Any abstentions?

7 (No response.)

8 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Next item is
9 Designation of the Water Authority as
10 Lead Agency.

11 There is a grant application potential through
12 EFC for a WIIA Grant and the deadline is November
13 22nd. There are still a lot of questions to be
14 answered by
15 the EFC and New York State Department of Health if
16 we can proceed; however, I am hoping to get those
17 answers tomorrow.

18 In the meantime, we are on the clock to start
19 doing the SEQUA, et cetera, all the other stuff
20 we have to do as lead agency because there is 30
21 day time lines but we need to get this out as
22 soon as possible.

23 So I am asking the Board, you can see from
24 Sue's letter, to designate the Authority as
25 lead agency. We have done this in the past for

1 all other funding we have applied for; we have
2 been the lead agency.

3 DIRECTOR LEVY: Moved. [Res.# 21-10-09]

4 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Second?

5 DIRECTOR LUSTBADER: 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 DIRECTOR FRANK: I just have one question.

12 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Sure.

13 DIRECTOR FRANK: With this mitigation, is
14 that going to mean that in the future we will
15 end up with some redundant systems so that we
16 will automatically have computer backup if there
17 is some sort of outage?

18 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: So it's very
19 complicated. If the money is available this
20 year -- Steve, stop me at any point if this
21 should be in Executive Session -- there is
22 talk that the \$14 million project that's going
23 on across the street for the emerging
24 contaminants, from my conversation with the EFC,
25 it's not considered an emerging contaminant

1 project unless you are exceeding the MCL. So unless
2 you have gone past the MCL, you either ask for a
3 waiver to give that water to the
4 public, you're not considered an emerging
5 contaminant project. Although the name of our
6 project is Wells 2-A, 9 and 11-A Emerging
7 Contaminants Project, it doesn't matter to them,
8 it doesn't matter that Well 11-A has hit the
9 MCL, it's just that it hasn't exceeded it.

10 So the way they work the WIIA grant money
11 if you have exceeded, you are considered an
12 emerging contaminant project; it's 60% of project
13 costs with no cap. If you haven't exceeded the
14 MCL, which we haven't, it's 60% of eligible project
15 costs with a \$3 million cap.

16 So we are going to put in for that definitely
17 by the November 22nd deadline. However, what
18 happened across the street, Carol, to answer
19 your question, is we are working on many
20 different angles, whether it be EFC funding,
21 FEMA funding, et cetera, to look at either
22 putting a flood wall around that property or
23 raise up at a minimum Well 9 and the A plant and
24 the air stripper and get that out of the flood
25 zones.

1 We do have redundancy as far as data. There
2 is one server for SCADA at Watermill Lane,
3 but there is also one kept up at Kings Point
4 Village Hall; for the secondary SCADA we have one
5 office server which is kept at Watermill Lane.
6 We can look at putting one in Kings Point.
7 That's all backed up to the cloud anyway so we
8 do have ability to get up and running fairly
9 quick should the one server fail.

10 But the goal is to get Watermill Lane, like
11 we did on the opposite side with 2-A and 11-A
12 and the booster station, we want to storm harden
13 it because we feel this is only going to become more
14 and more possible in the future.

15 Yes, the goal is to -- as long as we are not
16 capped, back to EFC is thinking we would be
17 capped at \$3 million a year total, so if that's
18 the case we are just going to put in for
19 Watermill Lane treatment across the street this
20 year and hope there is more money available next
21 year and if there is, then the other side, the
22 administration side, Well 9 and the A plant we
23 would submit next year.

24 But we have to keep moving forward as if the
25 funding is available until we are told it's not.

1 DIRECTOR FRANK: Thank you.

2 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: You're welcome.

3 MR. LIMMER: You need the motion. Was this
4 adopted? I don't recall.

5 DIRECTOR FRANK: It was.

6 DIRECTOR LEVY: It was already.

7 DIRECTOR FRANK: I asked a question
8 afterwards. It wasn't a question about whether
9 to vote for it or not.

10 MR. LIMMER: On the next item we should go
11 into Executive Session to discuss it first then
12 you can vote on it when we come out.

13 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Should we table
14 that until we do everything?

15 MR. LIMMER: Table it until after Executive
16 Session.

17 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: So follow-up to
18 what we just went over is a proposal from H2M to
19 provide engineering services for Hurricane Ida
20 storm support.

21 They broke their proposal down into three
22 phases: A, B and C. Task A, damage
23 assessment/return to service which was on the
24 second page, \$13,000, has already been spent.
25 They came out under emergency and performed, you

1 know, a lot of work. It's on the first page
2 under "damage assessment return to service" and
3 all the bulleted items. They cleaned our clear well,
4 power-washed our clear well, took photos.
5 Logging time, perform condition assessment to
6 electrical damage, et cetera. So that's already
7 been spent and gone.

8 The rest of the proposal, Task B is cost
9 recovery support. This is all to do with FEMA
10 but it also plays into the services available.
11 One report will be written for both but Sue is
12 working on this primarily, feeding things to me
13 to review, then H2M will be also make sure we
14 cover all of the potential cost recovery for the
15 damage that we have seen now. So that's not to
16 exceed a fee of \$15,000.

17 Depending on how that moves forward, we get
18 into Task C which is a not to exceed a fee of
19 \$50,000 and that's outlined on page two what
20 they would do for mitigation support. They
21 would also sub out to a firm called ICF which is
22 very familiar with flood issues, flood
23 hardening, storm hardening, et cetera.

24 If FEMA seems receptive, now there is a cost
25 analysis FEMA does says all right, well, it will

1 cost you \$3-\$400,000 to rebuild now but you're
2 asking us for \$10 million to storm harden
3 everything. They could take the position of,
4 well, we'll continue to pay you a fix every time
5 you get flooded to repair and restore because
6 the cost analysis may not be in the favor.
7 However, H2M is not guaranteeing anything but
8 they feel it could be a good case made based on
9 what's been in the media lately that they are
10 saying 25% of United States infrastructure is
11 now subject to flooding. Everyone knows these
12 storms will be coming more and more prevalent;
13 more frequently. These 500 year storms and
14 flood events that we're talking about seem to be
15 happening every five years and nobody knows if
16 they are going to accelerate.

17 So the goal would be to try to convince FEMA
18 that it's in the Authority, FEMA and the community's
19 best interests to, at least even if
20 they don't address the administration building,
21 at least address Well 9 and the A Plant to
22 protect the water supply from flooding again in
23 the future like what just happened. That's the
24 hope, but we may not get to there during the
25 cost recovery support if we are getting a

1 feeling from FEMA that they are not even
2 interested, we are not even going to move on to
3 AOC. AOC would only be if we feel FEMA is
4 interested in looking at mitigation for the
5 future.

6 DIRECTOR LEVY: How long from now would we be
7 facing that?

8 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: How long from now
9 would be facing what, Task C?

10 DIRECTOR LEVY: Yeah.

11 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Could be in the
12 next couple months, hopefully. As of right now,
13 Sue can correct me if I am wrong, we don't even
14 have a New York State designated person to
15 handle the FEMA claims.

16 Correct, Sue?

17 MS. HUANG: Correct.

18 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Because
19 Nassau was one of the last counties to be
20 declared an emergency so we have the -- Sue
21 put in a couple initial documents to FEMA, put
22 them on notice that we do have damage, but
23 we are still waiting for our New York
24 designated person from FEMA to reach out
25 to us. So hoping the mitigation support is -- back

1 to what Carol asked before about the EFC -- is
2 about redundancy storm hardening, raising things
3 up, that's how the \$50,000 will be spent, in
4 studying all that. But it could have a
5 crossover effect if the EFC doesn't cap us at
6 \$3 million this year; the same
7 report would be submitted to both EFC and FEMA.
8 If we are capped this year, then we would --
9 hopefully EFC has money next year, then we would
10 submit to EFC next year if we are capped this
11 year. So it's a process, A, B and C, but to
12 keep everything moving and keep everything
13 going, I recommend that the Board award all
14 three tasks and use as needed.

15 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Are they all recoverable
16 through FEMA? The mitigation costs, Greg, the
17 H2M costs?

18 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: I don't know that
19 answer.

20 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: A, the damage assessment
21 cost recovery and then eventually the mitigation
22 support that totals to about \$78,000 if it's all
23 used. That part of reimbursement from FEMA?

24 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: I don't know.
25 We'll ask that question. We will put in for it

1 if it is reimbursable, but I don't know.

2 Sue, do you know that answer?

3 MS. HUANG: Part A, I think definitely is
4 eligible for reimbursement. Cost B and C, I am
5 not sure because I never encountered it. We can
6 find out.

7 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Never encountered B and C?

8 MS. HUANG: No, I have never encountered cost
9 recovering support through FEMA. I have not
10 been -- I've only been at the Authority since
11 2015.

12 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Okay.

13 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Most of the costs
14 in FEMA in the past, Jay, for cost recovery, we
15 did it ourselves. There was not this magnitude.
16 This time it's a little bit more than we have
17 ever been before so with Sue saying she hasn't
18 seen it is because we haven't had to use an
19 engineering firm.

20 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: I don't think we have a
21 choice. I was just asking the question to see
22 if that's part of the bill.

23 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Right. H2M will
24 let us know if it's recoverable but I don't have
25 the answer for you tonight, unfortunately.

1 DIRECTOR LEVY: None of this is recoverable
2 through insurance?

3 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Oh, yes. FEMA
4 requires everything be put through insurance so
5 the \$13,000 will definitely be put through
6 insurance.

7 DIRECTOR LEVY: Insurance will never pay you
8 for mitigation. I already worked with the same
9 people. They are not going to pay for
10 mitigation, they are going to pay for recovery.

11 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Right. Damage
12 assessment, return to serve when they pay the
13 \$15,000.

14 DIRECTOR LEVY: That's why I asked before how
15 long do we have to consider mitigation before we
16 get there. Why go there now?

17 We definitely have to -- we spent the 13. We
18 have to spend the 15 because for the 50; we should
19 wait until we get to that crossroads.

20 MR. LIMMER: I think the issue, Dan, is
21 whether you think you're going to need it, not
22 to have to wait for subsequent meetings if they
23 want to proceed rapidly. So it's up to the
24 discretion of Greg if he is going to utilize any
25 of this or at least he has the authority rather

1 than waiting for a meeting to move things along.

2 DIRECTOR LEVY: I am reluctant to spend
3 \$50,000 before I know what they can do and if
4 it's reimbursable, so I think we have to get
5 answers to that before we go and commit another
6 \$50,000.

7 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: They will
8 never say in writing, you can see what they put
9 in their mitigation support, estimated cost of
10 \$250,000, several million.

11 Even if we proceed with the mitigation
12 support, there is still no guarantee we will get
13 anything.

14 DIRECTOR LEVY: Okay.

15 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Ever.

16 DIRECTOR LEVY: But we have to have a concept
17 of what we are trying to mitigate, how much
18 would the mitigation cost, then we can see.
19 Right now we are pledging \$50,000, what are we
20 fixing?

21 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: So it all depends
22 on what we feel FEMA would be willing to accept.
23 It could be a flood wall, like I said earlier,
24 around the A Plant, Well 9 and the
25 administration building. That has a lot of the

1 logistical issues with it.

2 It could be raising everything up which would
3 be the administration building, Well 9, the A
4 Plant and the air stripper and all the associated
5 equipment which would be the generator,
6 et cetera, raising all that up out of the flood
7 level or just raising up Well 9, the air
8 stripper and the aeration plant and generator above
9 the flood level, doing something with flood doors, et
10 cetera, for the administration building. But we have
11 to move through each of those tasks to get to where
12 we feel FEMA is receptive to do it. That's why I said
13 the
14 mitigation support, we would not proceed to that
15 unless I felt there was at least a reasonable
16 chance of recovering something, but there is no
17 guarantee.

18 DIRECTOR LEVY: To spend 50 to recover 75
19 doesn't make sense. To spend 50 to recovery a
20 million is a whole different story.

21 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Yes.

22 DIRECTOR LEVY: That's why I asked you what
23 are we doing and how much do you think it's
24 going to cost before we go in that direction?

25 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Well if we raise

1 everything up, we are looking at \$10 million.

2 DIRECTOR LEVY: Okay. Well you know they are
3 not giving you that so --

4 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Yeah, not based
5 on what we know tonight. But if it's
6 \$10 million do they give us \$5 million? We
7 don't know that if we don't ask that question.

8 MR. LIMMER: Greg, what's the downside on
9 waiting on C to the next meeting when you know
10 more?

11 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: I guess the Board
12 could approve A and B.

13 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Hold on to C until we see
14 what happens with the first round.

15 DIRECTOR LEVY: Hold on to C until we see.
16 Good. I like that.

17 DIRECTOR WEINBERG: What's the timeframe for
18 FEMA to respond or for you to get feedback,
19 Greg?

20 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: We don't even have
21 a New York State representative yet.

22 DIRECTOR FRANK: They didn't have anybody for
23 you to deal with --

24 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: It could go very
25 slow or quick. Past history with FEMA, I would

1 say it goes very slow.

2 DIRECTOR WEINBERG: Is it helpful for you to
3 do it on behalf of yourself with H2M and/or is
4 it beneficial to have a representative from
5 Suozzi's office or Chuck Schumer's office?

6 DIRECTOR LEVY: I'm glad you brought it up
7 because --

8 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: So --

9 DIRECTOR WEINBERG: Could they be helpful?

10 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: I guess they
11 could be helpful if somebody knows how to reach
12 out to them. It's just getting them
13 to be receptive to being helpful. I mean we
14 have some other issues as well that we can't
15 seem to get people on board with -- which I
16 don't want to mention during regular --

17 DIRECTOR LEVY: I am going to give you an
18 example. After Sandy, I didn't wait for FEMA.
19 I called Steve Israel at the time. Within less
20 than a week I had four people from FEMA here and
21 this was October 28th. By November 30th I had
22 checks from FEMA to the Village of Saddle Rock.
23 Everybody else in Nassau County waited until
24 June the following year. So it does help to
25 call the congressmen.

1 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Suozzi and Curran and
2 somebody from FEMA were out on Labor Day walking
3 through the Village when a couple of streets
4 down there got flooded. So if we contact them,
5 maybe they will want to come out and help.

6 DIRECTOR LEVY: Suozzi is the person -- what
7 you saw was a photo op, I am not sure they were
8 there to give money out.

9 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: I don't think he brought a
10 checkbook.

11 DIRECTOR LEVY: Lot of singing and dancing.
12 You need to call the office and get them
13 involved and they will send FEMA here.

14 Just telling you what I did.

15 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Try it. We ought to try
16 it.

17 MR. LIMMER: Greg, with regard to C.

18 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: C has almost
19 two parts to it, to answer your question, Steve.
20 It's whatever is going to be written to FEMA, if
21 the EFC money is available, the same thing is
22 going to be written to EFC so it's almost like
23 two parts there. So if tomorrow I hear there is
24 additional money available for EFC and we are
25 not capped at \$3 million, we are going to miss

1 the November 22nd deadline.

2 MR. LIMMER: For C, if you are concerned
3 about meeting their deadline, is there a lesser
4 amount that would get what you need just to meet
5 the November deadline without going to the
6 \$50,000?

7 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Well it's a not to
8 exceed so it would all be based on --

9 MR. LIMMER: No, but I mean could you use a
10 lower not to exceed between now and the next
11 meeting so that if you had to get something out
12 to meet the November deadline, you would have
13 money there to do it but not \$50,000 which is
14 the concern of some of the board members.

15 DIRECTOR SMILEY: Greg, we are not looking to
16 write a check for \$78,000 to these people if
17 this is approved right away, right? This is
18 just approving the right for them to do the
19 project for a price not to exceed 50 grand.

20 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Correct. And it
21 would be up to me as the Superintendent to say
22 are we going to move on to the next phase.

23 DIRECTOR SMILEY: I don't really see what the
24 downside is to approving this as is because we
25 are not writing a check.

1 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: No, we are giving Greg the
2 authority to use it if he can and if he needs
3 to.

4 DIRECTOR SMILEY: I think that's what Greg is
5 hired to do and we should give him the authority
6 to do it.

7 DIRECTOR FRANK: I agree with you.

8 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Somebody make a motion?

9 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Dan, your comments.

10 DIRECTOR LEVY: No, I disagree with you. I

11 mean Greg is hired to do -- and we trust him,
12 but we are saddled with the fiscal
13 responsibility of managing the monies for the
14 Authority. Now \$50,000 is a drop in the bucket
15 of the budget of the Authority, but still, it's
16 \$50,000 and I'm not sure what it's being spent
17 on until I'm presented with a program; what is
18 it we are applying for, why are we applying for
19 it, what's the chance of getting what it is,
20 then I think it's time to talk about it. We
21 didn't even have an idea yet of what they are
22 going to do or how they are going to do or who
23 we were talking to but we are pledging to
24 possibly spend \$50,000 for something, we don't
25 know what, we didn't know when and we don't know

1 if we are going to get back to anything. So I
2 think until we get more information there is no
3 rush to go to this. I understand there are
4 deadlines. Deadlines for what? They didn't
5 have anybody to talk to either.

6 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Greg, can you explain
7 again how it's tied with EFC so we can
8 understand how they are mingled?

9 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Sure. So if I find
10 out tomorrow that we are not capped at the
11 \$3 million a year -- let me change that -- if we
12 find out tomorrow that we are capped at
13 \$3 million a year, we are only going to put in
14 and apply for the treatment project across the
15 street, Wells 2-A, 9 and 11-A, the emerging
16 contaminant, that's the only thing we are going
17 to apply for.

18 If we are not capped at \$3 million and
19 they'll look at this as a separate project and
20 separately, potentially give us grant money for
21 it, that is still a November 22nd deadline and I
22 would like to move forward in putting in for
23 that as well.

24 Now whatever we put into FEMA or EFC, it has
25 to be consistent to both agencies. We wouldn't

1 want to put in a mitigation or a future storm
2 hardening report to FEMA that writes up
3 differently than what we are going to put in to
4 EFC. We want to make sure both of them are
5 written very clearly and what we want to do for
6 mitigation in the future.

7 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Sounds like, Greg,
8 regardless of whether you get FEMA on board or
9 you find a FEMA agent that shows up before the
10 next meeting, you may need to tap into this to
11 go for the EFC funding.

12 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Correct. Which
13 I won't know until tomorrow.

14 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: And it will definitely be
15 before the next board meeting.

16 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Correct.

17 DIRECTOR LEVY: That's a different story.
18 You are looking for the EFC, it's no longer
19 FEMA.

20 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: It's both. It could be
21 both. Could be both.

22 DIRECTOR LEVY: EFC is coming from New York
23 State, correct?

24 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Yes, EFC is
25 Environmental Facilities Corporation. Just

1 announced a couple weeks ago, \$4 million worth
2 of money.

3 DIRECTOR LEVY: Okay.

4 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: So this may be a
5 very interesting project to them, especially the
6 SMLP money we got which is from EFC, that was
7 funneled from the EPA to the EFC to us and now
8 is at \$15 million that we are winding down on.
9 The storm hardening, all of our well sites. So
10 they already have some skin in the game with us,
11 25% grant, the rest of it, 0% loan knowing that this
12 site is subject to flooding. They have already
13 approved 2-A to be raised above the flood level,
14 they have already paid for 11-A to be raised
15 above the flood level. So this could be of
16 interest to the EFC to say, let's do the other
17 side, let's give them some funding.

18 But they have their rules and it's -- that's
19 why it has to go before an EFC committee to see,
20 are we capped at \$3 million per calendar year or
21 could this be looked at as a separate project
22 where we can get an additional \$3 million.
23 That's what I'm hoping to find out tomorrow.

24 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: So you need the
25 discretion to have this money available for you

1 you if EFC comes back this week or next week and
2 says, yeah, you can go for the additional funds.

3 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Correct.

4 DIRECTOR LEVY: In that case I'll go for it.
5 I didn't know about EFC, I was thinking you were
6 talking about FEMA. That's a different player
7 all together.

8 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: I didn't think anybody --
9 everybody put the two together but they are
10 intermingled, Greg, I see.

11 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Yes.

12 DIRECTOR WEINBERG: May I make a motion to
13 approve this?

14 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Yes, go ahead, Michael.
15 So moved by you?

16 DIRECTOR SMILEY: I move that we approve of
17 this. [Res. # 21-10-10]

18 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Second?

19 DIRECTOR LEVY: I second it.

20 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: All in favor?

21 (Whereupon all members responded in the
22 affirmative.)

23 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Any abstentions?

24 (No response.)

25 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Next item is --

1 MR. LIMMER: You didn't get the opposed. Did
2 everybody there vote aye?

3 DIRECTOR LEVY: Yes.

4 MR. LIMMER: I wasn't sure how Dan voted at
5 the end.

6 DIRECTOR LEVY: I said yes once you broke it
7 down.

8 MR. LIMMER: Okay. I just wanted it clear on
9 the transcript.

10 DIRECTOR LEVY: Yeah. The original
11 presentation had to be, I thought he was talking
12 about FEMA exclusively even though we thought it
13 would be presented to EFC. Now I think the EFC
14 may be the lead agency and not necessarily FEMA.

15 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: The next topic is
16 something near and dear to Steve Limmer's heart.
17 He requested a 2% increase in his retainer.

18 MR. LIMMER: Do you want me to leave and come
19 back?

20 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: We are lucky it's lower
21 than what, it's about 5.7% inflation rate that
22 they are talking about.

23 I don't think he has to come off Zoom for the
24 moment.

25 Is there a motion to approve?

1 [Res. #21-10-11]

2 DIRECTOR SMILEY: So moved.

3 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Seconded?

4 DIRECTOR FRANK: 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 MR. LIMMER: Thank you all very much. I do
11 appreciate it. Don't take it for granted.

12 (Whereupon there was a discussion held off
13 the record.)

14 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Motion to go into
15 Executive Session?

16 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Before we go,
17 do you mind if management team stays on just in
18 case we have some questions for them?

19 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: That's fine.

20 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: All management can
21 stay on.

22 Thank you, Michael.

23 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Motion to go into
24 Executive Session? [Res. #21-10-12]

25 DIRECTOR LEVY: I move.

1 DIRECTOR LUSTBADER: Second.

2 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Seconded, Carol.

3 Sorry, Dana.

4 All in favor?

5 MR. LIMMER: Just for the record, the
6 Executive Session is for contract negotiations,
7 possible litigation and legal advice.

8 (Whereupon the Board went into Executive
9 Session at 6:48 P.M.)

10 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Steve, do you want to
11 propose the resolutions for the open items?
12 Revision of the quarantine policy.

13 MR. LIMMER: I would like to take 2.2(c) first;
14 approving the consulting agreement with Grosser.

15 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Yes.

16 Motion to approve?

17 [Res. #21-10-13]

18 DIRECTOR LUSTBADER: Motion to approve
19 Consulting Agreement.

20 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Seconded?

21 DIRECTOR FRANK: Second.

22 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: All in favor?

23 (Whereupon all members responded in the
24 affirmative.)

25 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Any abstentions?

1 (No response.)

2 MR. LIMMER: Then a motion to approve 2.4(b),
3 the Revised Policy for Payment during the COVID
4 Quarantine Period. [Res. #21-10-14]

5 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Motion to approve?

6 DIRECTOR LUSTBADER: Move to approve.

7 DIRECTOR FRANK: Second.

8 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Thank you, Dana.

9 All in favor?

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

12 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Any abstentions?

13 (No response.)

14 MR. LIMMER: The last is authorizing
15 counsel to send the letter in substance set
16 forth in 2.4(d) to the Nassau County Fire
17 Marshal. [Res. # 21-10-15]

18 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: So moved?

19 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: I so move.

20 DIRECTOR LUSTBADER: Second.

21 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Thank you, Dana.

22 All in favor?

23 (Whereupon all members responded in the
24 affirmative.)

25 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Any abstentions?

1 (No response.)

2 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: One more resolution:

3 Motion to adjourn.

4 DIRECTOR FRANK: Move to adjourn.

5 DIRECTOR LEVY: 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 Meeting adjourned :

12 7:37 P.M.

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