

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2023
AT 50 WATERMILL LANE, GREAT NECK, NEW YORK**

PRESENT:

Michael C. Kalnick, Chairperson
Carol Frank, Director
Jay Johnas, Director
Michael C. Kalnick, Director
Dan Levy, Director
Dana Lustbader, Director
Irving Rosenstein, Director
Michael Smiley, Director
Steven Weinberg, Director

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

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
Michelle Prior, Partner
James Neri, Senior Vice President

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H2M Architects + Engineers

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

On the motion of Director Frank, seconded by Director Lustbader, by Resolution #23-09-01, the Minutes of the Board's August 21, 2023, meeting were reviewed by the Directors and were approved. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

On the motion of Director Johnneas, seconded by Director Frank, by Resolution #23-09-02, 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 Frank, seconded by Director Rosenstein, by Resolution #23-09-03, 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 Levy entered the meeting at 6:02 pm.

Treasurer Judith Flynn presented the 2024 Draft Budget to the Board noting that the total operating plan in the Final Budget shows an increase of 3.9% and \$443,000 over the 2023 Budget. The primary drivers for the increase include an increase in Computer costs associated with Cybersecurity prevention, an increase of NYS Retirement costs, an estimated increase in Insurance Costs, increases in the cost of Chemicals used for water treatment and an increase in Health Insurance costs. Ms. Flynn reported that the 2024 Draft Budget exceeds the revenue requirement contained in the Authority's Revenue Bonds. A copy of the Draft Budget 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. The list of projects includes:

1. **2022 Water Main Improvements project** –100% complete with H2M requesting closeout documentation.
2. **Wellhead treatment at Community Drive** - H2M is reviewing and developing the design scope, pilot testing is underway, vessels and media are being delivered, and test vessels are being assembled.
3. **A-Plant Flood Mitigation** - 99% complete with contract documentation for the scope of work under Project F continuing to progress and bidding of Project is on hold until further funding can be received from DRF.
4. **Rehabilitation of Wells 9, 12, 13, 14, and 10A** - bids were received 8/10/23 with AC Schultes as low bid and H2M has prepared a letter recommending the award of the bid to AC Schultes, waiting on Department of Health review.
5. **2023 Water Main Replacement** - H2M and the Authority held a preconstruction meeting on 9/7/23, approximate start date for construction is 9/26/23, H2M is preparing responses to Nassau County Department of Health comments.
6. **Valve Replacement Contract** - construction is completed and H2M is preparing all drawings and valve sketches, preparing payment requests, and working to close out the project.

Michael Rispoli presented the Assistant Superintendent's Report:

The following is a summary of the status of the current projects by CDM Smith:

1. **SMLP Project** – 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.

Well 6 (Juniper Drive – “Lighthouse”) – 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. The valve and orifice plate have been delivered to WAGNN and WAGNN and PRI have scheduled its installation for September 21, 2023.

2. Weybridge Road Tank Cellular Company Antenna Project – Project involves antenna replacement work by the four cellular companies.

- AT&T completed its onsite work. Sprint is presently scheduled to start work for removal of its equipment on Tuesday September 19, 2023, and a preconstruction meeting is presently being scheduled before the start of that work.
Working with T-Mobile to schedule their work and collect the 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. Pheasant Run (Kings Point) Water Main Extension - Installation of approximately 1,280 feet of water main for new development.

- No change since last month. Waiting on developer regarding its schedule so WAGNN can issue a new notice for bids.

4. Old Mill II Water Main Extension - Installation of approximately 1,110 feet of water main for new development.

- No change since last month. Waiting on developer regarding their schedule so WAGNN can issue a new notice for bids.

5. West Shore Road Water Main Improvements - Installation of approximately 1,950 feet of water main for new development.

- No change since last month. Waiting on developer regarding their schedule so WAGNN can issue a new notice for bids.

Gregory Graziano presented the Superintendent’s Report:

Superintendent Graziano presented to the Board the outline for Fall/Winter Newsletter. He said that the page one lead article will again be about the Lead & Copper Inventory since the inventory must be completed by October 2024. The newsletter will also include an update on several other projects being done by the Authority. Vice Chairperson Kreitzman requested that the Lead and Copper inventory article also include a mention of the grant that is available from the Town of North Hempstead and Director Frank suggested that the page 4 article on Water Quality questions take a focus on contaminants in the water; specifically PFAS.

Superintendent Graziano presented the Draft Five Year Capital Plan for years 2024 – 2028. In discussions about the Five-Year Capital Plan, Superintendent Graziano advised the Board that Five Year Capital Plan will be finalized with the budget and submitted to the Board for approval next month.

Director Weinberg entered the meeting at 6:30 pm.

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Lustbader, by Resolution #23-09-04, the Board went into Executive Session at 6:38 p.m. for an update on the proposed PFAS Settlement from counsel.

Director Rosenstein left the meeting at 6:45 pm.

The Board emerged from Executive Session at 6:50 pm and the Chairperson announced that no actions had been taken and no minutes would be produced.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Approved by Secretary: 

Date: October 16, 2023