

DRAFT: 2/14/23

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH
HELD ON FEBRUARY 13, 2023,
AT 50 WATERMILL LANE, GREAT NECK, NEW YORK.**

PRESENT:

Michael C. Kalnick, Chairperson*

Carol Frank, Director

Jay Johnnes, Director

Dan Levy, Director

Dana Lustbader, Director

Irving Rosenstein, Director

Michael Smiley, Director

[No appointment has been made.]

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

Town of North Hempstead

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

Water Authority of Great Neck North

Water Authority of Great Neck North

Water Authority of Great Neck North

Water Authority of Great Neck North

Water Authority of Great Neck North

Water Authority of Great Neck North

Water Authority of Great Neck North

McLaughlin & Stern, LLP

H2M Architects + Engineers

NOT PRESENT:

Steven Weinberg, Director

Village of Thomaston

* Present by Video conferencing

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

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Smiley, by Resolution #23-02-01, the Minutes of the Board's January 9, 2023, 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 Levy, seconded by Director Johnneas, by Resolution #23-02-02, the Board reviewed and approved the Abstract of Claims for February. 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 Frank, by Resolution #23-02-03, the Board reviewed and approved the Treasurer's Monthly Report for February. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Report is on file with the Secretary.

The Board received the Related Party questionnaires from the auditors Satty, Levine & Ciacco, CPAs, P.C., to fill out, sign, and return to the Secretary so that they could be mailed to the auditors.

Treasurer Flynn presented the Board with an update on Grant Applications and confirmed notification from Nassau County of an award of \$50,000 which is part of the BOOST program for Groundwater Conservation. She also explained that the \$3 million WIIA Grant money is due in the third quarter of this year and that the Authority was reimbursed for the Reception Area glass and trailer bathroom rentals used during COVID in the amount of \$24,890.

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 included the AOP Treatment at Watermill Lane-99% complete, the 2022 Water Main Improvements project-99% complete, the Wellhead treatment at Community Drive, the investigation of Well 8, the 2023 Water Main Improvements Project and the Hydraulic Model Conversion.

Michael Rispoli presented the Assistant Superintendent's Report:

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

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 a 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.

Well 8 (Weybridge Road) – 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 contractor and their subcontractors are evaluating the testing that was performed to determine the cause of the damage to the well pump.

2. **Weybridge Road Tank Cellular Company Antenna Project** – 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. A structural analysis of their improvements is being completed at this time. 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. **SCADA Upgrade** – 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.
 - a. All punch list items have been addressed, and the project is complete. Project will be removed from this report next month.
4. **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. Construction has been cancelled. Waiting on developer regarding their schedule so WAGNN can re-issue for bid.
5. **Old Mill II Water Main Extension** - Installation of approximately 1,110 feet of water main for new development.
 - a. No change since last month. Received DOH approval. Waiting for developer regarding their schedule so WAGNN can issue for bid.
6. **West Shore Road Water Main Improvements** - Installation of approximately 1,950 feet of water main for new development.
 - a. No change since last month. Received DOH approval. Waiting for developer regarding their schedule so WAGNN can issue for bid.

Gregory Graziano presented the Superintendent's Report:

The Water Authority retained Albert Risk Management Consultants to certify compliance with the insurance requirements of the 2019 Bond Resolution. Superintendent Graziano explained that Albert Risk has found the 2023 insurance to be adequate and in accordance with the requirements of the Bond Resolution adopted November 19, 2019. On the motion of Director Lustbader, seconded by Director Smiley, by Resolution #23-02-04, the Board accepted the Annual Insurance Certification for 2023 from Albert Risk Management Consultants. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Certification is on file with the Secretary.

On the motion of Director Lustbader, seconded by Director Smiley, by Resolution #23-02-05, the Board instructed the Treasurer to file the Certification with the Trustee. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

H2M Architects + Engineers submitted a proposal to provide professional engineering services related to the water main replacement and distribution system improvements on several streets in the Village of Great Neck. Superintendent Graziano explained that the project is being divided into two phases for budget and bidding purposes. Phase 1 includes Old Mill Road from Bayview Avenue east to Middle Neck Road. Phase 2 includes work on a group of streets: West End Avenue, Franklin Place, South Street, and Crampton Lane. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Johnneas, by Resolution #23-02-06, the Board accepted the proposal in the letter dated January 25, 2023, for the not-to-exceed price of \$161,500. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Secretary.

H2M Architects + Engineers submitted a proposal to provide professional engineering services for the rehabilitation of Well Nos. 9, 12, 13, 14, and 10A for a not to exceed price of \$145,530 per the proposal letter dated February 6, 2023. Superintendent Graziano explained the details involved in the rehabilitation and answered questions from some of the Directors. On the motion of Director Smiley, seconded by Director Lustbader, by Resolution #23-02-07, the Board accepted the proposal in the letter dated February 6, 2023, for the not-to-exceed price of \$145,530. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Secretary.


Superintendent Graziano explained that on January 31, 2023, the Authority held a bid for Sodium Hypochlorite resulting in 1 bid from Tortorella Autochem LLC for \$2.99 per gallon for the period of March 1, 2023-December 31, 2023. Upon further research, it was determined that Autochem and the Authority's current supplier, Twin County Swimming Pools, both get their Sodium Hypochlorite from the same manufacturer and have the same NSF certification. Since Twin County has agreed to extend its contract through the end of this year at a price of \$2.50 per gallon, and based on the fact that both companies provide the exact same product, Superintendent Graziano recommended to the Board to extend the contract with Twin County through December 31, 2023. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Johnneas, by Resolution #23-02-08, the Board approved the extension of Twin County's current contract for Sodium Hypochlorite at a price of \$2.50 per gallon from March 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Frank, by Resolution #23-02-09, the Board went into Executive Session at 6:49 p.m. for advice of counsel regarding Sprint's Notice of Termination and possible litigation with regard to the damages at Well 8.

Director Rosenstein left the meeting at 7:07 pm.

The Board emerged from Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. and the Chairperson announced that no actions had been taken and no minutes would be produced.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Approved by Secretary: 

Date: March 13, 2023