

FINAL: August 19, 2019

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH
HELD ON JULY 15, 2019,
AT 50 WATERMILL LANE, GREAT NECK, NEW YORK.**

PRESENT:

Michael C. Kalnick, Chairperson
Jean Celender, Director
Carol Frank, Director
Dan Levy, Director
Susan Lopatkin, Director
Michael Smiley, Director
Steven Weinberg, Director
Jay Johnas, Director

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Ralph J. Kreitzman, Vice-Chairperson
Robert Graziano, Deputy Chairperson
Gregory Graziano, Superintendent
Michael Rispoli, Assistant Superintendent
Sue Huang, Civil Engineer
Judith Flynn, Treasurer
Debra Ray, Secretary
Stephen Limmer, Counsel
Gary Stuart, Principal Engineer

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McLaughlin and Stern, LLP
CDM Smith, Consulting Engineers

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

On the motion of Director Weinberg, seconded by Director Lopatkin, by Resolution #19-07-01, the Minutes of the Board's June 17, 2019, meeting were reviewed by the Directors and were approved. The vote was 7 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 Lopatkin, by Resolution #19-07-02, the Board reviewed and approved the Abstract of Claims. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Abstract is on file with the Secretary.

On the motion of Director Weinberg, seconded by Director Levy, by Resolution #19-07-03, the Board reviewed and approved the Treasurer's Monthly Report. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Report is on file with the Secretary.

On the motion of Director Smiley, seconded by Director Levy, by Resolution #19-07-04, the Board reviewed and approved the Revenue and Expenses Quarterly Report. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Abstract is on file with the Secretary.

On the motion of Director Weinberg, seconded by Director Levy, by Resolution #19-07-05, the Board reviewed and accepted the Construction Work in Progress for Capital Improvement Projects (Budget vs. the Actual) for the period ended June 31, 2019. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

Gary Stuart presented the Engineer's Report:

1. **SMLP Project** – Improvements at several well sites to address flooding issues including the raising of well houses above flood elevations. **<EFC has granted extension until September 2021>**

Well 2A – Demolition of existing building and construction of new well house that will be approximately 8 feet higher than existing. Reusing the existing well but replacing the existing pump with a new one. Includes new chemical feed system and generator in enclosure. Anticipated construction start is September 2019.

- Shop drawings are continuing to be submitted by Contractor and reviewed by CDM Smith.

Well 6 – 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.

- Project on hold due to pending 1,4-dioxane regulations and litigation.

2. **Weybridge Road Tank Catwalk Structural Project** – Funding has been provided by cellular companies for improvements to catwalk for new cellular equipment to be installed on tank.

- A letter was provided from EBI Consulting stating the construction work could resume, however, they also stated a permit may be required to remove the bird nest. This is being investigated. A preconstruction call was held on 7/10/19 and, if the nest issue is resolved, construction is expected to start on 7/22/19.

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 are being funded through SMLP program.

- Well 9 and A-Plant SCADA control panels have been installed and tested in the field. These sites are now in operation, and the contractor is addressing punch list items.

- Fabrication of Well 10A and Wildwood Booster control panels has been completed. These control panels will be installed in the field once authorization for cutover is granted by WAGNN.
4. **Greenway Terrace Water Main** – Installation of approximately 800 feet of water main for new development.
 - No change since last meeting. Developer’s contractor is running behind schedule.
 5. **Well 7 Electrical and Instrumentation Upgrades** – Various upgrades to improve reliability including new electrical service, motor control center, transformer, wiring, and chemical safety panel. This work is being performed as a change order to the SCADA Upgrade project.
 - Construction is 90% complete. Restoration and other miscellaneous items remain. DOH approval has been received and the well has been put back into service.
 6. **East Shore Road Water Main Improvements** – Replacement of approximately 7,200 feet of water main including valves, hydrants, and 59 services along East Shore Road, from approximately Twin Ponds/Foxwood Road to Hick’s Lane. Construction to be completed in 2019.
 - Construction started on 6/18/19. Through 6/28/19, approximately 683 linear feet of new main has been installed.
 7. **Middle Neck Road Water Main Improvements** – Replacement of approximately 6,000 feet of water main including valves, hydrants, and services along Middle Neck Road from approximately Appletree Lane to Great Neck Road, and transfer of services from approximately 4,000 feet of 8-inch to existing 12-inch main with abandonment of the 8-inch. Bidding in fall 2019 is anticipated with construction start slated for April 2020.
 - Submitted preliminary design to the Authority on 6/17/19 and then held a meeting to review Authority comments on 7/2/19. Next step is to schedule meeting with County, Villages, and other utilities impacted by project.
 8. **Pheasant Run Water Main Extension** - Installation of approximately 1,280 feet of water main for new development.
 - No change. Waiting for developer to update storm water drainage plan before finalizing design.
 9. **Old Mill II Water Main Extension** - Installation of approximately 1,110 feet of water main for new development.
 - On hold at this time. Developer not ready.

Director Celender entered the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Gregory Graziano presented the Superintendent’s Report:

There were two bidders for the 2019/2020 contract for Hydrants, Valves and Fittings: Ferguson Waterworks and T. Mina Supply Inc. Of the 25 categories of materials that were bid on for this contract, T. Mina was the lowest bidder for 22 categories and Ferguson was the lowest bidder for three categories. The Authority has done business with these firms in the past and has found them to be reliable and responsible. Therefore, Superintendent Graziano recommends that the 2019/2020 contract for Hydrants, Valves and Fittings be split between T. Mina Supply Inc. and Ferguson. On the motion of Director Johnneas, seconded by Director Levy, by Resolution #19-07-06, the Board awarded Ferguson Waterworks the contract for Composite Meter Pit Lids, Solid Sleeves and Marking Material for a total of \$10,507.82 and T. Mina Supply awarded for all other remaining categories of materials for a total of \$185,188.05. The vote was 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Copies of the bids are on file with the Secretary.

Superintendent Graziano discussed the impact of the pending emerging contaminants standards on the Well 6 EFC Project and explained that the work on Well 6 will be put on hold in order to include in a treatment plant. Project Engineer, CDM Smith, will expand the previous proposal to include the necessary changes.

Walden Environmental Engineering, PLLC submitted a proposal dated June 11, 2019, for engineering services related to the New York State Water Infrastructure Improvement Act Grants program being administered by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and the New York State Department of Health. Under the most recent WIIA drinking water projects funding round (January 2019 deadline) of the NYS Water Grants program, the EFC offered applicants up to \$3 million or 60% of the total project cost (whichever was less) for eligible projects. Walden has contacted the NYSDOH who confirmed that similar funding is anticipated to be made available in the next funding round. Walden estimates that the NYS Water Grant application documents will be completed for a cost not to exceed \$25,000. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Lopatkin, by Resolution #19-07-07, the Board awarded Engineering Services for the NYS Grant for the not-to-exceed fee of \$25,000.00 to Walden Environmental Engineering. The vote was 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Secretary. Additionally, since the Grant Application is due in September and time is of the essence, on the motion of Director Weinberg, seconded by Director Frank, by Resolution #19-07-08, the Board authorized the Chairperson and the Superintendent to execute all documents that may be required regarding the SEQR Environmental Review and the SHPO Environmental Review. The vote was 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

Superintendent Graziano explained that a budget transfer is necessary to fund the Emerging Contaminant Grant Application expensive, which was not anticipated when the 2019 Budget was prepared. As a result, he is requesting a budget transfer in the amount of \$30,000.00 to cover the work. The budget transfer is from the NYS Retirement Fund account #9010 to account #8340.07 Emerging Contaminants Grant Application. On the motion of Director Lopatkin, seconded by Director Levy, by Resolution #19-07-09, the Board reviewed and approved the request for a Budget Transfer for the Grant application. The vote was 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #19-07-10, the Board went into Executive Session at 6:32 p.m. for advice of counsel with regard to employee issues. The Board emerged at 6:55 p.m. The Chairperson announced that no action had been taken and no minutes would be produced.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Approved by Secretary:  Date: 8/21/19