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# MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH HELD ON JANUARY 16, 2017 AT 50 WATERMILL LANE, GREAT NECK, NEW YORK.

### PRESENT:

Michael C. Kalnick, Chairperson Pedram Bral, Director Jean Celender, Director Carol Frank, Director Susan Lopatkin, Director Village of Kings Point Village of Great Neck Village of Great Neck Plaza Town of North Hempstead Village of Kensington

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Robert Graziano, Deputy Chairperson Gregory Graziano, Superintendent Stephen Moriarty, Assistant Superintendent Suet-Yee Huang, Civil Engineer Judith Flynn, Treasurer Robert McCormack, Supervisor, Water Plant Operations Lisa Schlichting, Secretary Stephen Limmer, Counsel Gary Stuart, Principal Engineer Water Authority of Great Neck North Water Authority of Great Neck North

Water Authority of Great Neck North McLaughlin and Stern, LLP CDM Smith, Consulting Engineers

# **NOT PRESENT:**

Ralph J. Kreitzman, Vice-Chairperson Edward Causin, Director Dan Levy, Director Steven Weinberg, Director Water Authority of Great Neck North Village of Great Neck Estates Village of Saddle Rock Village of Thomaston The Board meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. Five members (Chairperson/Director Kalnick, Directors Bral, Celender, Frank, and Lopatkin) were present, constituting a quorum.

On the motion of Director Lopatkin, seconded by Director Frank, by <u>Resolution</u> #17-01-01, the Minutes of the Board's December 12, 2016, meeting were reviewed by the Directors and were approved. The vote was 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

On the motion of Director Lopatkin, seconded by Director Celender, by <u>Resolution</u> #17-01-02, 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 Lopatkin, seconded by Director Celender, by <u>Resolution</u> #17-01-03, 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.

## **Gary Stuart presented the Engineer's Report:**

- 1. <u>SMLP Project</u> Improvements at several well sites to address flooding issues including the raising of well houses above flood elevations.
  - <u>Well 2A</u> Demolition of existing building and construction of new well house that will be approximately 8 feet higher than existing. Reusing existing well, but replacing the existing pump with new. New chemical feed system. The 60% design was submitted to Authority for review.
  - <u>Well 5</u> Demolition of existing building and construction of new well house. New pump will be installed that is above flood elevation (it is currently in below-grade vault). New screen will be installed in existing well. CDM Smith submitted the cost analysis for replacing the entire building vs. new building for pump only to the Authority. Waiting for Salt Water Intrusion Modeling results before proceeding with design.
  - 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. CDM Smith is finalizing the evaluation and waiting for Salt Water Intrusion Modeling results before proceeding with design.
  - <u>Well 8</u> Demolition of existing building and construction of new well house (existing building is below grade and therefore potentially subject to flooding). New well will be drilled. CDM Smith is currently in discussions with the Department of Environmental Conservation regarding well installation permit and its proposed conditions and is waiting for Salt Water Intrusion Modeling results before proceeding further with design.
- 2. <u>Weybridge Road Tank Catwalk Structural Review</u> Review of design plans submitted by Verizon for new antenna to be installed on tank. CDM Smith received the final design plans from Verizon and they are being reviewed by CDM Smith's Structural Engineer.
- SCADA Upgrade Installation of new control panels, communications equipment, and associated work at all sites so that all SCADA equipment is consistent and up-to-date. Work at some sites is being funded through SMLP program. The final design and bid schedule will be dependent on Salt Water Intrusion Modeling results.
- 4. Salt Water Intrusion Modeling for Wells 5, 6, 7, and 8 Development of a dual-density groundwater flow model to evaluate the potential for salt-water intrusion in the Lloyd Aquifer. Final model runs were completed. Working on scheduling a presentation for the Board of Directors.
- 5. <u>2017 Water Main Improvements</u> Replacement of approximately 13,000 feet of water main including valves, hydrants, and services in Great Neck Estates and Saddle Rock Estates. Surveyor is waiting on aerial mapping.

Robert McCormack advised the Board of Directors that this was his last Board meeting prior to his retirement. He thanked the Board of Directors for the opportunity to serve. He stated that he enjoyed working with the staff in the villages' Departments of Public Works, including Michael Moorehead – Village of Kings Point, Michael Bogart and Earnest Garvey – Village of Great Neck Estates, Louis Massaro – Village of Great Neck, the late Matthew Beyers – Village of Kensington, and Michael Sweeney and Joseph Diaz – Village of Great Neck Plaza. He also thanked the Deputy Chairperson, the Superintendent, and the Management staff of the Authority. He said that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve at the Authority, the best operated water supplier on Long Island. The Directors thanked him for his 32 years of dedicated service and wished him all the best in retirement.

Superintendent Graziano submitted his draft of the Annual Performance Review for Calendar Year 2016 to the Board and stated that the Authority is in compliance with the Authority's Performance Measurements. On the motion of Director Celender, seconded by Director Lopatkin, by Resolution #17-01-04, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board reviewed and approved the Annual Performance Review for 2016 and authorized its filing with the Authority Budget Office and its posting on the Authority's website. The vote was 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

The model for the Lloyd Wells on the Peninsula is complete. Based on the results of the initial draft modeling, the Superintendent recommended that further modeling be performed at Community Drive. The additional modeling will include a chloride impact study, the quantity of water that can safely be pumped from this well field, and the viability of adding an additional well to the site. The Superintendent advised the Board that the maximum cost for CDM Smith to perform the additional modeling is \$82,000.00. Once the scope of work is defined, CDM Smith will submit a proposal to the Superintendent that will be included in the February Board Packet. On the motion of Director Celender, seconded by Director Lopatkin, by Resolution #17-01-05, the Board authorized CDM Smith to perform the additional modeling at Community Drive, for a maximum cost of \$82,000.00, and authorized the Treasurer to create an additional line item (Well Modeling) to the Budget for \$82,000.00. The vote was 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

The Superintendent discussed the letter from the Western Nassau County Aquifer Committee, dated December 13, 2016, to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYS DEC") regarding the New York City Department of Environmental Protection's goal to reactivate the New York City Jamaica wells in emergency situations. The letter requested that the NYS DEC delay any action on the permit renewal of the NYC wells until the results of the United States Geological Survey study are made publically available, and that the NYS DEC notify the Western Nassau County Aquifer Committee if a well permit renewal for the New York City Jamaica wells is requested.

Satty, Levine & Ciacco, CPAs, P.C. ("SL&C"), submitted its engagement letter, dated January 11, 2017, for executing the Authority's External Audit for the year ending December 31, 2016. Pursuant to the Authority's 2014 Agreement with SL&C, the cost for the 2016 Audit is \$13,500.00. Additionally, there will be a \$6,000.00 fee for the Single Audit, which is a requirement of the Storm Mitigation Loan Program, and a \$1,500.00 fee for the examination of the Investment Report and its compliance with Part 201.3 of Title Two of the New York Code of Rule and Regulations. On the motion of Director Lopatkin, seconded by Director Celender, by Resolution #17-01-06, the Board authorized Satty, Levine & Ciacco, CPA's, to execute the Authority's External Audit for the year ending December 31, 2016. The vote was 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the memo is on file with the Secretary.

On the motion of Director Celender, seconded by Director Frank, by <u>Resolution</u> #17-01-07, the Board went into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. to discuss a Personnel matter. The Board emerged from Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

On the motion of Director Lopatkin, seconded by Director Frank, by <u>Resolution</u> #17-01-08, the Board authorized the following modifications to Category 2 (Management Positions) of the Health Insurance Plan:

Article 6, Retirement, subdivision a(ii)(1) is changed to read: "had at least ten years of service with the Authority"; and Article 7, Cost, subdivision (b), Category 2, is changed to read:

# b Category 2:

- For all eligible employees in Category 2 who desire and qualify and continue to qualify to receive health benefits pursuant to the Plan, the Authority shall pay ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) of the cost of the individual or family coverage, at the employee's option, of such insurance while the person continues to be employed by the Authority.
- ii Upon retirement, for all eligible employees in Category 2 who desire and qualify and continue to qualify to receive health benefits pursuant to the Plan upon their retirement, the Authority shall pay:
- (1) For all employees with 10 or more, but less than 20 years of service with the authority: FIFTY (50%) of the cost of the individual or family coverage, at the employee's

option, and, upon eligibility, ONE-HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) of the cost of Supplementary Medical Insurance

- (2) For all employees with 20 or more years of service with the authority: SEVENTY-FIVE (75%) of the cost of the individual or family coverage, at the employee's option, and, upon eligibility, ONE-HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) of the cost of Supplementary Medical Insurance
- (3) For all employees with 25 or more years of service with the authority, upon attaining the age of 65, ONE HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) of the cost of the individual or family coverage, at the employee's option, including, upon eligibility, ONE-HUNDRED PERCENT (100%) of the cost of Supplementary Medical Insurance

The vote was 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the revised Health Insurance Plan is on file with the Secretary.

Based on the Newsday Article: "Possible carcinogen detected at low levels in LI drinking water", dated January 9, 2017, the Board authorized additional sampling for chlorate and 1,4-dioxane at all of the Authority's wells and in the distribution system to determine if these unregulated contaminants are detected. On the motion of Director Lopatkin, seconded by Director Frank, by Resolution #17-01-09, the Board authorized sampling for chlorate and 1,4-dioxane. The vote was 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Approved by Secretary: Ash School Date: 3/15/

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