

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH
HELD ON JULY 19, 2021,
At 50 Watermill Lane, GREAT NECK, NEW YORK.**

PRESENT:

Michael C. Kalnick, Chairperson
Carol Frank, Director
Dan Levy, Director
Gerry Schneiderman, Director
Michael Smiley, Director
Steven Weinberg, Director
Jay Johneas, Director

Village of Kings Point
Town of North Hempstead
Village of Saddle Rock
Village of Great Neck Plaza
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
Adam Solow, Supervisor of Water Plant Operations
Judith Flynn, Treasurer
Debra Ray, Secretary
Stephen Limmer, Counsel
Keith Kelly, Partner
Alison K. Auriemmo, Assistant VP, Water Resources

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McLaughlin and Stern, LLP
CDM Smith, Consulting Engineers
H2M Architects + Engineers

NOT PRESENT:

Susan Lopatkin, Director

Village of Kensington

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

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Smiley, by Resolution #21-07-01, the Minutes of the Board's June 21, 2021, 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 Smiley, by Resolution #21-07-02, 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 Levy, seconded by Director Smiley, by Resolution #21-07-03, 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.

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Smiley, by Resolution #21-07-04, the Board reviewed and approved the Revenue and Expenses Quarterly Report. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Report is on file with the Secretary.

Director Weinberg the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Smiley, by Resolution #21-07-05, the Board reviewed and approved the Construction Work in Progress. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Report is on file with the Secretary.

Keith Kelly 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 an extension until June 30, 2022. All costs not invoiced by this date will not be eligible for SMLP financing.**

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. Project will also include 1,4-dioxane treatment system. The Authority has received WIIA grant funding. Construction is underway.

- Well pump has been operated several times for blow off and sampling. All process equipment is installed and painting of piping is nearly complete. Concrete containment pad has been poured. Electrical wiring and terminations are ongoing. Masonry and roofing complete. Trojan has been onsite for initial AOP equipment check. Working on site restoration, preparation for paving, etc.

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 underway.

- Well pump has been operated several times for blow off and sampling. Interior mechanical work is almost complete and electrical terminations work is on-going. Contractor is starting to prep site for final restoration and grading.

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. Catwalk structural improvements have been completed.

- The Authority has proposed an alternative support system known as a corral that would be located on top of the tank which would not require the cellular companies to remove their equipment when the tank needed to be painted. This has been discussed with the cellular companies and a presentation by SUEZ Maintenance is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 to the cellular companies.
 - Superintendent Graziano advised the Board that neither he nor Deputy Chairperson Graziano are related to the person with the last name “Graziano” who works for Suez.
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. The majority of punch list items have been addressed and demonstrated to CDM Smith for Wildwood Booster, Well 7, Well 9, Well 10A, and A-plant. The remaining punch list items are being addressed by contractor.
 - b. The contractor is addressing the punch list items at Community Drive.
 4. **Middle Neck Road Water Main Improvements** – All project work has been completed.
 - a. Contractor is working on punch list items and should be complete by the end of July.
 5. **Pheasant Run (Kings Point) Water Main Extension** - Installation of approximately 1,280 feet of water main for new development.
 - a. DOH approval has been received. Developing bidding and construction schedule.
 6. **Old Mill II Water Main Extension** - Installation of approximately 1,110 feet of water main for new development.
 - a. Responded to final DOH comments and awaiting final approval.
 7. **Bromley Lane (Elizabeth Baker School) Water Main Extension** - Installation of approximately 265 feet of water main from end of Bromley Lane to new school auditorium.
 - Construction is complete and main has been activated. Contractor has a few punch list items including paving.
 8. **West Shore Road Water Main Improvements** - Installation of approximately 1,950 feet of water main for new development.
 - a. Responded to final DOH comments and awaiting final approval.
 9. **Greenway Terrace Water Main** - Installation of approximately 861 feet of water main for new development.
 - Contractor has a few punch-list items, including paving.

Michael Rispoli presented the Assistant Superintendent’s Report:

Assistant Superintendent Rispoli proposed a change to the water meter accuracy ranges in the Authority’s Rules and Regulations. The proposed change would reflect the suggested AWWA accuracy for meter testing at varying flow ranges. Additionally the change would lower the threshold for a water bill adjustment for over-registration of a meter from the 4% to 1.5%. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #21-07-06, the Board approved the change of Article IX, General Rules, Section 7, Testing of Meters, of the Authority’s Rules and Regulations, as set forth in the attachment to Assistant Superintendent Rispoli’s July 19, 2021, memorandum to the Board. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the memorandum is on file with the Secretary.

Robert Graziano presented the Deputy Chairperson's Report:

Deputy Chairperson Robert Graziano stated that he sought advice of counsel for legal issues so his report would be moved to Executive Session.

Gregory Graziano presented the Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Graziano introduced Alison Auriemmo, Assistant VP, Water Resources for H2M Architects + Engineers [H2M], who provided the Board with an update on the Watermill Lane AOP Treatment Project.


Superintendent Graziano informed the Board that H2M reviewed the bids received by the Authority on July 12, 2021, for the Watermill Lane AOP Treatment Project with the low bidder being RJ Industries, Inc. [RJI]. By letter dated July 14, 2021, H2M stated, in part, that RJI has successfully completed water treatment projects of similar scale and found it to be a qualified and responsible bidder and recommended awarding the contract to RJI as the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$10,947,700.00, the total base bid for the 12-month project completion option, excluding item 6. Based upon said letter, Superintendent Graziano joined in that recommendation. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #21-07-07, the Board approved the award of the contract for the Watermill Lane AOP Treatment to RJ Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$10,947,700.00, the total base bid for the 12-month project completion option, excluding item 6. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Copies of the bids and said letter are on file with the Secretary.

Director Johnneas advised the Board that, as some of the Directors know, he is employed by WHB Plumbing, one of the unsuccessful bidders on the Watermill Lane AOP Treatment Project. He advised the Board that he would not have had a direct or indirect pecuniary or material benefit if the contract had been awarded to WHB Plumbing and WHB Plumbing knows that it cannot bid on any contract with the Authority in which he would have a direct or indirect pecuniary or material benefit. Based upon the foregoing Counsel Limmer advised the Board that, with that understanding, WHB Plumbing could bid on Authority contracts.

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Frank, by Resolution #21-07-08, the Board went into Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. for advice of counsel. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. The Board emerged at 6:32 p.m. The Chairperson announced that no action had been taken and no minutes would be produced.

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Frank, by Resolution #21-07-09, the Board found that, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, some of its customers who had not timely paid their water bills may have experienced financial challenges and been reluctant to share their economic difficulties with the Authority. While one red card fee for the failure to pay a water bill will be required, the Authority would forgive any subsequent red card fees while that bill remained unpaid, and credits would be applied to accounts where customers had paid more than the first red card fee. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Approved by Secretary: 

Date: 8/16/21