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# MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH HELD ON <u>JULY 21, 2014</u>, AT 50 WATERMILL LANE, GREAT NECK, NEW YORK.

## **PRESENT:**

Michael C. Kalnick, Chairperson Edward Causin, Director Jean Celender, Director Carol Frank, Director Dr. Dan Levy, Director Susan Lopatkin, Director Steven Weinberg, Director Village of Kings Point
Village of Great Neck Estates
Village of Great Neck Plaza
Town of North Hempstead
Village of Saddle Rock
Village of Kensington
Village of Thomaston

## **ALSO PRESENT:**

Howard Miskin, Vice Chairperson Robert Graziano, Deputy Chairperson Gregory Graziano, Superintendent Stephen Moriarty, Assistant Superintendent Christine Skrypek, Treasurer Lisa Schlichting, Secretary Stephen Limmer, Counsel

Bill Merklin

Water Authority of Great Neck North
Ackerman, Levine, Cullen, Brickman &
Limmer, LLP
Dvirka & Bartilucci, Consulting Engineer

#### NOT PRESENT:

Ralph J. Kreitzman, Director Robert McCormack, Supervisor, Water Plant Operations Village of Great Neck Water Authority of Great Neck North The Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Seven members, (Chairperson/Director Kalnick, Directors Causin, Celender, Frank, Levy, Lopatkin, and Weinberg) were present, constituting a quorum.

On the motion of Director Causin, seconded by Director Weinberg, by <u>Resolution</u> #14-07-01, the Board acknowledged that the Minutes of the Board's June 16, 2014, meeting were reviewed by the Directors and were approved. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

On the motion of Director Causin, seconded by Director Celender, by <u>Resolution</u> #14-07-02, the Board acknowledged that the Abstract of Claims was reviewed by the Directors and the Abstract was approved. 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 Causin, seconded by Director Celender, by <u>Resolution</u> #14-07-03, the Board acknowledged that the Treasurer's Monthly Report was reviewed by the Directors and the Report was accepted. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Report is on file with the Secretary.

Director Lopatkin moved that the Treasurer's Revenue and Expenses Quarterly Report for the period ended June 30, 2014, be accepted. The motion was seconded by Director Levy. Pursuant to Director Lopatkin's suggestion, "Anticipated Revenue" will be changed to "Annual Budget" in future reports. Director Lopatkin questioned why line item 9530 (Amortization Expense – Bond Costs) was not on budget since it was an amortized expense. The Treasurer responded that she would look into it and report back. Superintendent Graziano advised the Board that he is planning on revising future reports so that the Board could better compare the income and expenses to date with the realistic expectations for that date. The present report just breaks down the income and expenses in twelfths, with one-twelfth allocated to each month. Because of the tremendous increase in the use of water in the late spring, summer, and early fall months, for irrigation and pools, the pumpage and treatment of the water is much greater during those months, and the sale of that water is reflected to a great extent in the months following the months it was pumped. Director Weinberg asked the Superintendent if he had any concerns regarding meeting the budget. Superintendent Graziano advised that there was a possibility that line item 8320.02 (Maintenance-Wells & Pumps) may come in over budget because of higher than expected costs for generator repairs; however, it was too early in the year to know. By Resolution #14-07-04, the Board acknowledged that it had reviewed and accepted the Treasurer's Revenue and Expenses Quarterly Report for the period ended June 30, 2014.

Director Lopatkin moved that the Construction Work in Progress Budget vs. the Actual Report for the period ended June 30, 2014, be accepted. The motion was seconded by Director Levy. Director Weinberg questioned if there were any concerns regarding meeting the construction budget. Superintendent Graziano advised that line item 14031 (Transite Main Replacement) may come in over budget and may necessitate his requesting a budget increase; however he cannot determine that until the bids for the water main work are received. By Resolution #14-07-05, the Board acknowledged that it had reviewed and accepted the Construction Work in Progress Budget vs. the Actual Report for the period ended June 30, 2014. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

On the motion of Director Lopatkin, seconded by Director Weinberg, by <u>Resolution</u> #14-07-06, the Board acknowledged that it had reviewed and accepted the Notification from the Trustee advising that the account balances on hand met the Bond Resolution requirements. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

# Bill Merklin presented the Engineer's Report:

The Electrical Improvements for Well 10A at Ravine Road have been started up and tested. Hinck Electrical Contractor, Inc. installed the generator. The generator cannot be tested until the gas service is installed. National Grid began the gas service installation today. Site restoration will be performed after the gas service installation is completed.

D&B Engineers and Architects, P.C. ("D&B") is preparing the final contract documents for bidding for the Rehabilitation of Well 11A at Watermill Lane. The bids will be received on August 28, 2014.

Design work is underway for Martin Court, Grassfield Road, and Kings Point Road Water Main Improvements. The contract documents will be ready for bidding in the early fall.

The Water Main Improvements for the proposed Nassimi Property Subdivision at 102 Kings Point Road have been completed and have been approved by the Nassau County Department of Health. The asphalt restoration will be scheduled at the developer's convenience.

## Superintendent Graziano presented the Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Graziano advised that the Maintenance of Grounds contract expires on December 31, 2014. The Superintendent recommended that the contract be put out for bid. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Lopatkin, by <u>Resolution</u> #14-07-07, the Board approved putting the Maintenance of Grounds contract out for bid. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

D&B submitted its proposal for Engineering Services for Water Main Improvements on the proposed Woodland Place Subdivision. The improvements will include, among other things, approximately 150 feet of 6-inch ductile iron pipe to extend the existing 6-inch water main into Woodland Place. The proposed subdivision will include a total of three new water services and one new hydrant. The water main is presently proposed to be a be a dead-end main; however, a dead-end main is subject to the approval of the Nassau County Department of Health, and that approval has not yet been obtained. The Maximum Fees for Salary Cost are:

Method of Payment	Design & Bidding	Construction	Total
Maximum Fee for Salary Cost	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$28,000
Lump Sum	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$28,000

The Superintendent reported that the Authority has already received a \$28,000.00 check from the developer. On the motion of Director Celender, seconded by Director Lopatkin, by Resolution #14-07-08, the Board approved D&B's Maximum Fee for Salary Cost proposal for Engineering Services for the Woodland Place Subdivision Water Main Improvements. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Secretary.

Superintendent Graziano advised that he was disappointed that the tough topics of geothermal wells and New York City's reactivation of dormant supply wells in Queens were not discussed at the June 25, 2014, meeting of the Long Island Commission for Aquifer Protection ("LICAP"). H2M Architects and Engineers has a seat on the board and has been retained by New York City to activate the wells, which in the Superintendent's opinion is a conflict of interest. Additionally, the Chairperson of LICAP is from Suffolk County, which will not be impacted by the reactivation of the wells while Nassau County, which will be impacted by the reactivation, appears to be under-represented. Director Lopatkin recommended that the

Authority ratchet up publicity to educate the public and to activate opposition, and also asked that the Authority furnish a short statement on those topics to the villages that the villages can share with their residents.

The Superintendent reported on the public meeting that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC") held on Thursday, June 26, 2014, to discuss the proposed remedies for the contamination related to the Unisys Corporation site located at 1111 Marcus Avenue in Lake Success. The NYSDEC encouraged the public to comment on the amendment to the 1997 Record of Decision at the meeting and during the 30-day comment period. Superintendent Graziano advised that the public questioned why the NYSDEC didn't remedy the plume and why it didn't mandate Lockheed Martin to remedy the plume, prior to it impacting the water supply. The NYSDEC responded that it was not possible for Lockheed Martin to secure property on which to locate its wells, which could have mitigated the plume's impact on the Authority's water supply. The public also voiced concerns about the air quality emanating from the plume. Director Frank, who was also at the public meeting, noted that the public questioned why the lesser versus the most expensive remedy was not chosen. Superintendent Graziano stated that while there was opposition to the plan, his impression was that there was an equal amount of support.

D&B submitted its proposal for Engineering Services for Structural Review for the Sprint Antenna and Equipment Upgrade on the Weybridge Road Water Tank. The tank is a 500,000 gallon, eight-legged elevated water tank, which was erected in 1999. Currently, there are cables and antennas for four telecommunication carriers (Sprint, AT&T, T-Mobile, and Verizon Wireless) installed on the handrail and catwalk, and one carrier (Metro PCS) on the leg. Sprint submitted plans for additional equipment to be installed on the handrail system at each of the existing Sprint installation locations. A structural analysis has to be performed before the upgrade by Sprint begins, to determine the structural stability of the catwalk system under current and proposed antenna, cabinet, and cable loads. D&B has recently observed significant movement of the tank handrail and catwalk system. The Maximum Fees for Salary Cost are:

Method of Payment	Structural Review	Total
Maximum Fee for Salary Cost	\$7,100	\$7,100
Lump Sum	\$7,100	\$7,100

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Lopatkin, by Resolution #14-07-09, the Board approved D&B's Maximum Fee for Salary Cost proposal for Engineering Services for the Structural Review for the Sprint Antenna and Equipment Upgrade on the Weybridge Road Water Tank, providing that the Authority receives payment of the \$7,100.00-fee from Sprint prior to D&B's work commencing. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Secretary.

Superintendent Graziano distributed the letter that he received from Richard Schaffer, President of Greentree Foundation, thanking the Authority for the tour of the Authority's Community Drive facilities that the Assistant Superintendent and the Supervisor of Water Plant Operations conducted on July 9, 2014, for the Foundation's Teachers' Ecology Workshop. Mr. Schaeffer commended Stephen Moriarty and Robert McCormack for providing a clear and detailed presentation.

On the motion of Director Causin, seconded by Director Celender, by <u>Resolution</u> #14-07-10, the Board went into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. The Board emerged from Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

Director Levy excused himself from the meeting to attend another meeting.

On the motion of Director Lopatkin, seconded by Director Celender, by <u>Resolution</u> #14-07-11, the Board gratefully acknowledged the work performed by the Secretary and increased the rate upon which she was compensated as Secretary of the Authority from the rate of \$58,024.72 per year, to the rate of \$65,000.00 per year, effective immediately. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

On the motion of Director Celender, seconded by Director Causin, by <u>Resolution</u> #14-07-12, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.