

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH
HELD ON June 19, 2023,
AT 50 WATERMILL LANE, GREAT NECK, NEW YORK.**

PRESENT:

Michael C. Kalnick, Chairperson	
Carol Frank, Director	Village of Kings Point
Jay Johnas, Director	Village of Great Neck
Dana Lustbader, Director	Village of Kensington
Michael Smiley, Director	Village of Great Neck Estates
Steven Weinberg, Director	Village of Thomaston
[No appointment has been made.]	Town of North Hempstead

ALSO PRESENT:

Ralph J. Kreitzman, Vice-Chairperson	Water Authority of Great Neck North
Robert Graziano, Deputy Chairperson	Water Authority of Great Neck North
Gregory Graziano, Superintendent	Water Authority of Great Neck North
Michael Rispoli, Assistant Superintendent	Water Authority of Great Neck North
Adam Solow, Superintendent of Plant Operations	Water Authority of Great Neck North
Judith Flynn, Treasurer	Water Authority of Great Neck North
Debra Ray, Secretary	Water Authority of Great Neck North
Stephen G. Limmer, Counsel	McLaughlin & Stern, LLP
James Neri, Senior Vice President	H2M Architects + Engineers

NOT PRESENT:

Dan Levy, Director	Village of Saddle Rock
Irving Rosenstein, Director	Village of Great Neck Plaza

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Five members, who together are authorized to cast a majority of the weighted vote (Directors Frank, Johnas, Lustbader, Smiley, and Weinberg) were present, constituting a quorum.

On the motion of Director Weinberg, seconded by Director Lustbader, by Resolution #23-06-01, the Minutes of the Board's May 22, 2023, meeting were reviewed by the Directors and were approved. The vote was 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Minutes is on file with the Secretary.

On the motion of Director Johnas, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #23-06-02, 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 Weinberg, seconded by Director Smiley, by Resolution #23-06-03, 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.

The New York State Insurance Fund Workers' Compensation Policy premium will be increasing by \$340.23, from \$58,141.85.00 in 2022, to \$58,482.08 in 2023. The Treasurer noted that the policy has been reviewed and that the coverage is consistent with last year's policy. The Treasurer recommended that the Board approve the 2023 renewal of the Workers' Compensation Policy. On the motion of Director Weinberg, seconded by Director Lustbader, by Resolution #23-06-04, the Board approved the renewal of the 2023 Workers' Compensation Policy with the New York State Insurance Fund. The vote was 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Policy is on file with the Secretary.

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 includes the AOP Treatment at Watermill Lane, which is 99% complete with closeout documents submitted by RJ Industries for WAGNN review and waiting for an invoice from TIGG for final payment; the 2022 Water Main Improvements project-99% complete with final map printing being done this week; the Wellhead treatment at Community Drive-Pilot is 85% complete with drainage portion of the project progressing and Bancker Construction Corp. working with WAGNN to assess existing drywells for rehabilitation; Well 8 Investigation-AC Schultes completed the well pump and clear well booster pump installation on May 25th and WAGNN performed 2 sets of BAC sampling and both came back positive; A-Plant Flood Mitigation-99% complete, with PM to be assigned and anticipating Admin scope approval for additional scope; Rehabilitation of Wells 9, 12, 13, 14, and 10A-10% complete, with discharge piping work being added for 9 and bid dates to be determined; 2023 Water Main Replacement-survey field work completed and survey drafting in process; for the Valve Replacement Contract, the pre-construction meeting was held on 6/15/23 and mobilization is targeted for next week; and the Hydraulic Model Conversion-90% complete, H2M has calibrated the model with flow test data and operational data obtained from WAGNN, finalizing the conversion and upgrades and conducting individual scenario simulations using the finalized model.

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 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. The valve is ready for shipment to PRI and should arrive in about 2 weeks. PRI will then schedule the installation with WAGNN.

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 new well pump and column pipe have been installed and the booster pump discharge head and column pipe have been reinstalled. Waiting for bacteriological samples to come back negative so facility can be placed on-line.

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 a revised layout has been submitted. Shop drawings of their support system have been approved and we are awaiting them to schedule the work. 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. **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 was cancelled. Waiting on developer regarding their schedule so WAGNN can re-issue for bid.
4. **Old Mill II Water Main Extension** - Installation of approximately 1,110 feet of water main for new development.
 - a. No change since last month. No information yet on the schedule for bidding and construction.
5. **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 on developer regarding their schedule so WAGNN can issue for bid.

Gregory Graziano presented the Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Graziano presented the Board with a proposal from H2M Architects + Engineers for engineering services for the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) and the Intermunicipal Water Infrastructure Grant (IMG) Application for the Asbestos Cement ("transite") Water Main Replacement project. On the motion of Director Johnneas, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #23-06-05, the Board approved the proposal dated June 16, 2023, for the not-to-exceed amount of \$27,000. The vote was 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Secretary.

Water Authority Counsel, Stephen Limmer, was directed to draft contracts with the Villages of Great Neck and Kings Point for the replacement of the asbestos cement water mains within their respective villages, in the event those contracts are required to qualify for the IMG Grant Application. The contracts are to provide that, for the consideration of the Authority installing the new mains, the villages would not require road opening permit fees. On the motion of Director Frank, seconded by Director Johnneas, by Resolution #23-06-06, the Board authorized Counsel to draft the contracts and the authorization for the Chairperson to sign the contracts. The vote was 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

Superintendent Graziano explained the need to establish a Lead Agency for the submittal of the WIIA/IMG grant application for the Asbestos Cement Water Main Replacement Project and recommended authorizing Michael Kalnick, Chairperson, to act as the Authority's authorized Agent, and authorizing H2M architects + engineers to submit the grant applications on behalf of the Water Authority. On the motion of Director Weinberg, seconded by Director Johnneas, by Resolution #23-06-07, the Board established the Authority as the Lead Agency for environmental review for the WIIA/IMG grant application for the Asbestos Cement Water Main Replacement Project, appointed Michael Kalnick, Chairperson, as the Authority's authorized Agent for the application, and authorized H2M to submit the grant application on behalf of the Authority. The vote was 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Secretary.

H2M architects + engineers, consultant to the Water Authority, has completed a review of the Asbestos Cement Water Main Replacement Project and recommended that the project is a Type II action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Section 617.5(c): "(6) street openings and right-of-way openings for the purpose of repair or maintenance of existing utility facilities. With the classification of the Proposed Action as Type II, SEQRA compliance has been completed and the Proposed Action is not subject to further review under SEQRA. On the motion of Director Weinberg, seconded by Director Johnneas, by Resolution #23-06-08, the Board approved the Board Resolution for SEQRA Determination. The vote was 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

Superintendent Graziano explained to the Board that the Asbestos Cement Water Main Replacement Project will be funded from the Authority's Operating Fund for the not-to-exceed amount of \$9.2 million dollars. H2M architects + engineers, consultant to the Water Authority, suggested a form of resolution to be included with the WIIA/IMG grant application for the Asbestos Cement Water Main Replacement Project. On the motion of Director Weinberg, seconded


by Director Lustbader, by Resolution #23-06-09, the Board approved the suggested resolution, which provides, in substance, that, upon the condition that the Authority receives a grant, it will replace approximately 19,000 linear feet of asbestos cement water main at a not to exceed cost of \$9,200,000. The vote was 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Resolution is attached to these minutes and a Cost Opinion Summary is on file with the Secretary.

Superintendent Graziano lead a discussion regarding the need for a rate increase due to the need to replace the increasing age of the water mains throughout the Authority District and the significantly high rising costs of treatment for contaminants in the water resulting from the new and expected requirements for treatment for contaminants in the water being imposed by the New York State Department of Health. On the motion of Director Weinberg, seconded by Director Lustbader, by Resolution #23-06-10, the Board approved holding a Public Hearing on July 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. on the proposed rate increase to span the next 4 years, starting January 1, 2024. In order to accommodate all those who may wish to attend, the hearing will be at the Village Hall of the Village of Kings Point, 32 Steppingstone Road, Kings Point, NY 11024, and Secretary Debra Ray was directed to give notice of the hearing at least 14 days in advance in both the Great Neck Record and the Great Neck News. The vote was 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

On the motion of Director Weinberg, seconded by Director Lustbader, by Resolution #23-06-11, the Board went into Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. for advice of counsel. The Board emerged from Executive Session at 7:14 p.m.

Because the public hearing was set for 6:00 p.m., on the motion of Director Weinberg, seconded by Director Lustbader, by Resolution #23-06-12, the Board set its next meeting to begin at 5:00 p.m. on July 17, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Approved by Secretary: 

Date: July 17, 2023