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2 BOARD MEETING OF THE WATER AUTHORITY
3 OF GREAT NECK NORTH

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5 50 Watermill Lane
6 Great Neck, New York
7 Held via Zoom
8 June 20, 2022
9 6:06 P.M.

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9 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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11 A P P E A R A N C E S:

12 Michael C. Kalnick, Chairperson, Village of Kings Point

13 Carol Frank, Director, Town of North Hempstead

14 Jay Johneas, Director, Village of Great Neck

15 Dan Levy, Director, Village of Saddle Rock (N/P)

16 Dana Lustbader, MD, Director, Village of Kensington

17 Irving Rosenstein, Director, Village of Great Neck Plaza

18 Michael Smiley, Director, Village of Great Neck Estates(N/P)

19 Steven Weinberg, Director, Village of Thomaston

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25 substance, permits public corporations to hold meetings and take actions without in-person access to the
meeting provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such meeting and the meeting is
transcribed.

1 ALSO PRESENT:

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3 From the Water Authority of Great Neck North:

4 Ralph J. Kreitzman, Vice-Chairperson

5 Robert Graziano, Deputy Chairperson

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Greg Graziano, Superintendent

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Adam Solow, Supervisor of Water Plant Operations

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Judith Flynn, Treasurer

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Debra Ray, Secretary

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James Neri, Senior Vice President, H2M

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William Jackson, Lawyer, Hawkins, Delafield &

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Wood, LLP

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Andrew Luskin, Counsel, McLaughlin & Stern, LLP

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1 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Approval of the draft minutes
2 of May 28th.

3 Motion to approve? [Res. #22-06-01]

4 DIRECTOR WEINBERG: Motion to approve.

5 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Seconded?

6 DIRECTOR FRANK: Second.

7 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: All in favor?

8 (Whereupon all members responded in the
9 affirmative.)

10 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Approval of the Abstract of
11 Claims.

12 Motion to approve? [Res. #22-06-02]

13 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Motion.

14 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Seconded?

15 DIRECTOR WEINBERG: Second.

16 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: All in favor?

17 (Whereupon all members responded in the
18 affirmative.)

19 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Treasurer's monthly report.

20 Judy, anything unusual? We've all reviewed
21 it.

22 MS. FLYNN: Nothing unusual to report.

23 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Very good.

24 Motion to accept? [Res. #22-06-03]

25 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Motion.

1 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Seconded?

2 DIRECTOR FRANK: Second.

3 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: All in favor?

4 (Whereupon all members responded in the
5 affirmative.)

6 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Approval to renew the
7 Workman's Comp policy.

8 Motion to approve? [Res. #22-06-04]

9 DIRECTOR WEINBERG: So moved.

10 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Seconded?

11 DIRECTOR FRANK: Second.

12 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: All in favor?

13 (Whereupon all members responded in the
14 affirmative.)

15 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Engineering status report.

16 Greg, who's going to do it?

17 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: By the way,
18 Mike just had a baby this weekend, so --

19 DIRECTOR WEINBERG: Congratulations.

20 MR. KREITZMAN: Congratulations.

21 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: I wasn't sure if he
22 was going to join.

23 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: I don't see him on.

24 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: So the first report
25 is -- actually, the first one is 2.1, that's

1 H2M. James Neri is on. James can talk on that,
2 and then I will do the CDM one.

3 Go ahead, James.

4 MR. NERI: Good evening, everybody. We have
5 been very busy, if you've been by the facility.
6 A lot of the activity is happening inside.
7 Large piping is wrapping up, I'm going to call
8 it 90-95% complete.

9 Supply chain is starting to rear its head on
10 a couple of items. We are working with the
11 contractor to come up with some workarounds to
12 make sure we are keeping the schedule as much as
13 we can. More on that, hopefully by next one we
14 will know if that's biting us or not. The contractor is
15 looking to take delivery of the medium which goes
16 inside the carbon absorbers next week. That's a
17 critical milestone for
18 moving the process along.

19 All of the AOP reactors have been moved in,
20 piped up, and starting to get wired up by the
21 electrical contractor. Last week we took
22 delivery of the second generator for that site.
23 It's the sister generator to the one that was
24 there and was landed. We had a small oopsy.
25 The trucker backed it into a post, but we're

1 working with everybody to get that resolved. It's
2 small cosmetic damage. That's now landed. The
3 contractor is working with National Grid to get the
4 gas connected to that facility, which will allow us to
5 commission that and test that.

6 Most of the outside work is starting to wrap
7 up. Final grading for the driveway access to
8 the building is in process, they were laying
9 down curbs and sidewalks around the west side of
10 the building to finish up the site. We're
11 finalizing scope for some paving work that's
12 getting ready to be finished up, and fencing on
13 the outside. So I think that's the biggest
14 pieces that you might observe. We are already
15 talking about details, and I think I mentioned
16 last time about the sampling and testing,
17 continuing to work that protocol and moving that
18 along.

19 So I think things are progressing, we just
20 need some material to show up that we're waiting
21 for, and that should put the rest of the pieces
22 in place. Any questions or updates I can
23 provide, I'm happy to do so.

24 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Greg.

25 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Okay, thanks,

1 James.

2 For all the other projects, the water main
3 extension and water main improvements, they're
4 still on hold, we're waiting for the developers
5 to ask to proceed forward.

6 The SMLP project, that whole \$15 million is
7 coming to an end. We've been scurrying on our
8 end, more Judy than me, trying to get all the
9 invoices in by June 30th. Whatever is not in
10 by June 30th of this year will not be eligible
11 for any of the SMLP financing. So we've warned
12 everybody, either get your invoices in or you're
13 not being paid.

14 Other than that, the only other major item,
15 which is great news, Well 6 is now officially online.
16 That was the 1,4-dioxane treatment project. The
17 Health Department came out last week, had two
18 minor comments, but released it that day, and
19 Adam has been fighting through all the kinks in
20 that system. So we're only running it during
21 the day while we have people up there testing it
22 out and working, like I said, working through
23 the kinks, but we will get there, but it's good
24 to have at least the well available to us with
25 the hot summer coming upon us, and great news,

1 it worked out well.

2 Any questions on the engineer's report?

3 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: No.

4 SUPERINTENDANT GRAZIANO: I will go into my
5 report. Award of contract for hydrants, valves,
6 and fittings. We did a bid, we had two bidders.
7 If you see in the board packet under 2.3a, this
8 contract will be from August 1st of this year to
9 July 31 st of next year. We're recommending
10 breaking the bid out to T. Mina Supply for the
11 items listed on the left side, and to Ferguson
12 Waterworks for the items listed on the right
13 side.

14 Based on previous year purchases, it's
15 estimated to be \$59,879.95 for T. Mina, and
16 \$125,570.10 for Ferguson, but every year is
17 different. This is just based on historic past
18 quantities.

19 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Hey, Greg, you
20 got T. Mina and Ferguson to hold their
21 prices through next year?

22 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: No, this is a new
23 bid.

24 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Okay, when does it start?

25 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: August 1st.

1 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Until when?

2 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: July 31st of next
3 year.

4 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Okay, I can't get
5 companies to hold prices to me for more than
6 30 days, but God bless you.

7 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: I'm sorry, I
8 misunderstood. I thought you meant from this
9 year to next year are they holding it, no, but
10 from August 1st -- yes, but I'm sure they
11 have -- all the numbers went up, as everyone is
12 experiencing, every one of them.

13 So Mike is going to over-purchase our
14 inventory as much as we can that we can store
15 prior to the new contract, to buy at the lower
16 pricing. We did that last year before the current
17 contract that we're in now. We bought a lot of
18 fittings, curb stops, stuff that we know doesn't
19 go bad.

20 Thankfully, they don't have a shelf life.
21 Copper and brass will be good for a long time,
22 so we're going to do the same thing this year.
23 Hydrants have gone up extraordinarily. The
24 cost of hydrants, I forget exactly how much, but
25 for a typical four

1 -and-a-half-foot varied hydrant, last year we
2 paid \$5,200 for a hydrant, this year will be
3 \$7,200, so \$2,000 more for one hydrant.

4 DIRECTOR FRANK: Wow.

5 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: So based on obviously what
6 we're in with the economy and so forth, but
7 these are the lowest prices that we can receive,
8 and we're going to need -- obviously, some of
9 these items I recommended the Board award based
10 upon the letter.

11 Motion to approve? Jay, was that an
12 approval?

13 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: I didn't say it, but yes,
14 okay, motion to approve. [Res. #22-06-05]

15 DIRECTOR LUSTBADER: Second.

16 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: All in favor?
17 (Whereupon all members responded in the
18 affirmative.)

19 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Next item is a
20 proposal from H2M to research and investigate
21 and come up with a recommendation to the
22 Authority for perfluorinated treatment at
23 Community Drive. We will get into this
24 conversation a little bit more in Executive
25 Session about some of the stuff we've been

1 sending out regarding the EPA.

2 We do have four carbon vessels up at
3 Community Drive, but they're half the size of what's
4 normally installed for perfluorinated treatment, so
5 James and his firm are going to
6 look at the current GAC vessels and treatment we
7 have up there, look at what expansion
8 potentially would be needed, and make the
9 recommendation to the Authority.

10 So for that work, it's a not-to-exceed-number
11 of \$67,000, and I recommend the Board award to
12 H2M Architects for not to exceed \$67,000 to
13 perform that work at Community Drive.

14 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Motion to
15 approve? [Res.#22-06-06]

16 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Motion.

17 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Seconded?

18 DIRECTOR WEINBERG: Second.

19 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: All in favor?

20 (Whereupon all members responded in the
21 affirmative.)

22 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Next item is
23 another proposal from H2M to perform the
24 chemicals bulk storage annual audit and spill
25 prevention report update. They are going to go

1 through each one of our sites. The DEC is
 2 becoming more and more difficult and looking at
 3 everything with a finer-tooth comb than in the
 4 past, so James is going to utilize his staff to
 5 go through every one of our sites, all of our tanks,
 6 make sure we're in compliance with every one of
 7 the items that we all know that DEC is looking for,
 8 and update our spill prevention report and
 9 rewrite it if necessary to make sure we're in
 10 compliance. That's for a not-to-exceed fee of
 11 \$27,000.

12 James expects this work, but he can't
 13 guarantee it at this point, you know, this work will
 14 be cheaper next year moving forward, assuming
 15 there's no big surprises from the New York State
 16 DEC. But for this year, it's not to exceed of
 17 \$27,000, I recommend the Board award.

18 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Moved by? [Res.#22-06-07]

19 DIRECTOR WEINBERG: Move.

20 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Seconded?

21 DIRECTOR FRANK: Second.

22 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: All in favor?

23 (Whereupon all members responded in the
 24 affirmative.)

25 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Now we just spent

1 all the money, we need to find a place to put it
2 in the budget.

3 Next item is requesting a budget increase on
4 the engineering line to \$100,000, that will
5 cover both of these proposals. I want to
6 increase the budget line by \$100,000 for
7 professional engineering services for this year,
8 and that will cover both the proposals the Board
9 just approved.

10 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Motion to
11 approve?[Res.#22-06-08]

12 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Aye.

13 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Seconded?

14 DIRECTOR WEINBERG: Second.

15 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: All in favor?

16 (Whereupon all members responded in the
17 affirmative.)

18 MR. KREITZMAN: Where are you moving the
19 \$100,000 from?

20 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Nowhere, it's just
21 a straight increase, but we have -- assuming the
22 year keeps progressing as it is, we should have
23 no problems meeting the net revenue requirement.

24 MR. KREITZMAN: Very good.

25 DIRECTOR LUSTBADER: And there's still a

1 surplus, we approved \$84,000, right? 67 and 27.

2 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: No, I'm asking
3 for -- I forget how much the budget line was
4 for, I think it was 15,000, but I'm asking to
5 increase it by 100,000 to 115,000 just in case
6 something else comes up and I won't have to come
7 back for another budget increase for the rest of
8 the year.

9 Next item, Bill. Thank you, Bill, for
10 joining us. I will just start it off, and then
11 Bill, you can explain. We anticipated at the
12 end of this month, as I alluded to before with
13 the projects, the SMLP funding having to be all
14 invoiced, et cetera, to EFC by the end of this
15 month, we expected to go to long-term bonds on
16 this. EFC threw us, I will be as politically
17 correct as possible, but they threw us a curve
18 ball at the end and want to go to short term
19 first and then sometime in the future go to long
20 term.

21 So Bill had to rewrite the resolutions last
22 minute and change it over to short term, and I
23 will let you pick up from here, Bill, because
24 you will say it a lot better than I can when it comes
25 to this stuff.

1 MR. JACKSON: Thank you to the Board for
2 having me here tonight. As Greg did mention, we
3 have been in several conferences with EFC
4 regarding the ongoing projects. There was a
5 push to have all of the invoices out and paid by
6 June 30th, which is the deadline for the federal
7 program. We were all working towards that
8 deadline and a bond closing. EFC, about a week
9 or so ago, almost nonchalantly in an e-mail
10 mentioned that we would go short term first and
11 then convert the short-term loan to a long- term
12 bond sometime in the third quarter of this year.

13 I spoke to the attorney at EFC to inquire as
14 to why we could not move to long-term financing
15 now, keeping in mind that both the short term
16 and the long term are 0% interest rates, so
17 despite the volatility and the increases in
18 rates over the last several weeks, that is not
19 going to be a harmful factor, obviously, to the
20 Authority.

21 So the long-term financing that we will
22 eventually roll into will be long-term
23 financing. The reason that I was provided by
24 the EFC attorney is they have a Board meeting
25 scheduled that didn't allow them to approve the

1 long-term financing. There's also an additional
2 PACB approval that's required. That Board does
3 not meet in the months of July and August, and
4 therefore, the earliest we can close on the
5 long-term financing is sometime in September or
6 October, more likely October at this point.

7 So we did initially draft two resolutions for
8 long-term financing; one is an authorizing
9 resolution and the second is a series
10 resolution, which are required under your
11 general bond resolution from 2016. Those
12 resolutions were converted into note
13 resolutions, and those are the two resolutions
14 that you have before you tonight for
15 consideration.

16 The first is, again, the authorizing
17 resolution to authorize them moving forward with
18 the short-term financing and delegating certain
19 powers to the chairperson and to Greg and others
20 to effectuate that closing, and then a series
21 resolution, which again is required under the
22 general bond resolution.

23 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Okay, any questions?

24 MR. KREITZMAN: I have two simple questions.

25 One is, given the amount of money involved, do

1 they really write checks? Paragraph 2-e talks
2 in terms of checks, not transfers. You know,
3 it's not important, but I just noticed it.

4 MR. JACKSON: I mean, this is with respect to
5 the Trustee. I think you're right, they
6 probably use wire transfers more than anything
7 now, but we can certainly set that up.

8 MR. KREITZMAN: It says by check or draft.
9 The other question was, do we have to fund the
10 bond fund in connection with these?

11 MR. JACKSON: No, so we were able to, again,
12 have EFC agree to only have the Authority fund a
13 bond reserve in the event of a downgrade.

14 MR. KREITZMAN: Terrific. Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Okay, motion to approve both
16 resolutions. Moved by? [Res.#22-06-09]

17 DIRECTOR WEINBERG: Moved.

18 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Seconded?

19 DIRECTOR FRANK: Second.

20 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: All in favor?

21 (Whereupon all members responded in the
22 affirmative.)

23 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Thank
24 you, Bill. Greg.

25 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Actually, Michael,

1 when we go into Executive Session, nobody is on
2 that we should be concerned with -- did someone
3 just drop off?

4 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Was it Bill?

5 MS. FLYNN: Bill just dropped off.

6 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: I would like James
7 to stay on for the first part of it when we talk
8 about PFOS before we get into East End, if you
9 don't mind?

10 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Okay, we don't have any third
11 parties on?

12 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: No, no third
13 parties on. We just need to vote.

14 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Motion to go into Executive
15 Session? [Res.#22-06-10]

16 DIRECTOR FRANK: So moved.

17 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: Seconded?

18 DIRECTOR LUSTBADER: Second.

19 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: All in favor?

20 (Whereupon all members responded in the
21 affirmative.)

22 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: We're in Executive Session.

23 (Whereupon, a portion of the Executive Session
24 was held off the record for advise of counsel .)

25 CHAIRPERSON KALNICK: All right, I think we had a

1 motion to adjourn and it's approved unanimously. So
2 everybody, thank you for joining.

3 DIRECTOR LUSTBADER: Have a good evening.

4 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Thank you,
5 everyone.

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7 (Time Noted: 7:21 P.M.)

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