

Final: July 22, 2015

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH
HELD ON JUNE 22, 2015,
AT 50 WATERMILL LANE, GREAT NECK, NEW YORK.**

PRESENT:

Michael C. Kalnick, Chairperson
Edward Causin, Director
Jean Celender, Director
Carol Frank, Director
Ralph J. Kreitzman, 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 Great Neck
Village of Kensington
Village of Thomaston

ALSO PRESENT:

Howard Miskin, Vice Chairperson
Robert Graziano, Deputy Chairperson
Gregory Graziano, Superintendent
Christine Skrypek, Treasurer
Stephen Moriarty, Assistant Superintendent
Robert McCormack, Supervisor, Water
Plant Operations
Lisa Schlichting, Secretary
Benjamin Kaplan, Counsel
Bill Merklin

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Ackerman, Levine, Cullen, Brickman & Limmer, LLP
D&B Engineers and Architects, P.C., Consulting Engineer

NOT PRESENT:

Dr. Dan Levy, Director

Village of Saddle Rock

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Six members (Chairperson/Director Kalnick, Directors Causin, Celender, Frank, Kreitzman, and Lopatkin) were present, constituting a quorum.

On the motion of Director Causin, seconded by Director Lopatkin, by Resolution #15-06-01, the Board acknowledged that the Minutes of the Board's May 18, 2015, meeting were reviewed by the Directors and were approved. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

On the motion of Director Lopatkin, seconded by Director Causin, by Resolution #15-06-02, the Board acknowledged that the Abstract of Claims was reviewed by the Directors and the Abstract was approved. 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 Lopatkin, seconded by Director Causin, by Resolution #15-06-03, the Board acknowledged that the Treasurer's Monthly Report was reviewed by the Directors and the Report was accepted. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Report is on file with the Secretary.

Bill Merklin presented the Engineer's Report:

The contract documents for the Rehabilitation of Well 11A at Watermill Lane have been approved by the New York State Department of Health, the Nassau County Department of Health, and The New York State Environment Facilities Corporation. Bids were opened on June 4, 2015. The Superintendent will report further on this in his report.

Construction is ongoing for the Water Main Improvements on Kings Point Road, Martin Court, and Grassfield Road.

The contract for construction will be publically bid for construction for Water Main Improvements for the Woodland Place Development. The work is dependent on the developer's schedule and the receipt of required permits.

D&B Engineers and Architects, P.C. ("D&B") climbed the Weybridge Road tank with Verizon to look at alternative cost effective reinforcement methods. D&B is working on a summary report of the findings.

D&B is working to retain contractors to perform Emergency Repairs to the Well 2A Treatment Building in order to return Well 11 to service by the end of the month.

D&B performed various field activities required for the evaluation for Phase I of the Storm Mitigation for Well 5 at 129 Old Mill Road. D&B is working on a summary draft report of the findings. The existing facilities will be demolished and a new well and associated equipment will be constructed into a new single above grade brick and block structure with a flat roof with a finished floor above the flood elevation.

D&B is preparing to perform hydrant tests for the hydraulic modeling and evaluation for the Brickman Estate Subdivision.

Gregory Graziano presented the Superintendent's Report:

Director Frank spoke with Chris Engelhardt from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("DEC") regarding the MTBE spill at the Exxon Mobil gas station at the corner of Steamboat and Middle Neck Road. Mr. Engelhardt advised Director Frank that the DEC did not find any MTBE in the 3 monitoring wells located north of the site. Mr. Engelhardt also advised that the DEC will require Exxon Mobil to perform tests to determine why the MTBE is not showing up. The Superintendent recommended that the DEC put in monitoring wells to the south of the spill, and advised that the spill may have traveled deeper into the water table than anticipated, potentially rendering the monitoring wells unable to pick the MTBE up. Superintendent Graziano further advised that the natural groundwater flow in the upper aquifer is in the north-northwest direction, while the groundwater flow in the lower aquifer typically flows in the south-southwest direction. Director Frank advised that she would ask Mr. Engelhardt to forward all of the test results from the monitoring wells to the Superintendent.

Director Weinberg entered the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Superintendent Graziano advised that Well 14 at Community Drive was shut down on Sunday, June 21, 2015, because of a burned out motor. Based upon the unforeseen emergency affecting the public buildings, public property, and the life, health, and safety of the inhabitants of the Authority District, without competitive bidding, a new motor has been ordered and is expected by the end of the week, and, since the cause of the motor failure has not been determined, the Superintendent may immediately purchase a spare motor for back-up to assure that the Authority has a sufficient supply of water during the high demands of the summer months. D&B and Eagle Control Corporation will investigate the cause of the motor failure and report back to the Superintendent.

In 2015 the Authority awarded the annual contract for Poly Orthophosphate to Shannon Chemical Corporation with an option to renew in 2016, with no increase in the cost per gallon. In 2015 the Authority also awarded the annual contracts for Sodium Hydroxide and Sodium Hypochlorite to H. Krevit & Company, Inc., with options to renew in 2016, with no increase in the costs per gallon. Both Shannon Chemical Corporation and H. Krevit & Company, Inc. have agreed to renew the 2016 contracts without a price increase.

• Shannon Chemical Corporation	Poly Orthophosphate	\$12.77 per gallon
• H. Krevit & Company, Inc.	Sodium Hydroxide	\$ 1.29 per gallon
• H. Krevit & Company, Inc.	Sodium Hypochlorite	\$ 1.90 per gallon

The Authority has enjoyed very good relationships with both Shannon Chemical Corporation and H. Krevit & Company, Inc. and Superintendent Graziano believes the prices to be fair and competitive and does not believe there is good reason to rebid the contracts to attempt to obtain a lower price. Superintendent Graziano recommended that the Authority renew the 2016 contracts for the supply of Poly Orthophosphate with Shannon Chemical Corporation, and with H. Krevit & Company, Inc. for the supply of Sodium Hydroxide and Sodium Hypochlorite. On the motion of Director Kreitzman, seconded by Director Lopatkin, by Resolution #15-06-04, the Board approved the renewal of the 2016 contract for the supply of Poly Orthophosphate with Shannon Chemical Corporation at \$12.77 per gallon. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. On the motion of Director Kreitzman, seconded by Director Lopatkin, by Resolution #15-06-05, the Board approved the renewal of the 2016 contract with H. Krevit & Company for the supply of Sodium Hydroxide at \$1.29 per gallon and Sodium Hypochlorite at \$1.90 per gallon. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

The annual contract for Paving and Restoration was awarded in 2014 to DeRosa Paving, Inc., with an option to renew in 2016, without a price increase. DeRosa Paving, Inc. agreed to renew its 2016 contract for Paving and Restoration without a price increase. Superintendent Graziano stated that the company has been extremely reliable, has a good working relationship with the Authority, and the proposed price is fair and competitive and does not believe there is good reason to rebid the contract to attempt to obtain a lower price, and recommended approval of the renewal. On the motion of Director Kreitzman, seconded by Director Lopatkin, by Resolution #15-06-06, the Board approved renewing the 2016 contract for Paving and Restoration with DeRosa Paving, Inc., at the estimated price of \$16,556.25. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

The New York State Insurance Fund Workers' Compensation Policy rates will be going up, from \$90,302.43 in 2014, to an estimated amount of \$95,035.69 in 2015. The increase is due to the experience rating credit going down from 15% to 1% because of increased claims. That reduction in credit was off-set to some extent by an increase in the Authority's construction class credit from 4% to 11%. The Superintendent recommended that the Board approve the renewal of the Workers' Compensation Policy. On the motion of Director Lopatkin, seconded by Director Celender, by Resolution #15-06-07, the Board approved the renewal of the 2015 Workers' Compensation Policy with the New York State Insurance Fund. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

T-Mobile has submitted plans for additional equipment to be installed on the catwalk handrail system on the Weybridge Road water tank. It appears that the catwalk requires reinforcement to upgrade its stability before any additional antennas can be added onto its handrail. Superintendent Gregory Graziano recommended that a study be performed as to the most feasible manner for the Authority to provide the reinforcement. D&B has submitted its proposal for Engineering Services related to T-Mobile's request and the required reinforcement of the catwalk. The maximum fee for salary cost is \$18,000.00. After the catwalk is reinforced, T-Mobile will pay D&B to review its proposed

antenna upgrades. In addition, T-Mobile will pay D&B to supervise all the work during the installation of the antenna upgrades. The Superintendent recommended that the Board approve D&B's proposal to review the T-Mobile Antenna and Equipment Upgrade on the Weybridge Road Water Tank. On the motion of Director Kreitzman, seconded by Director Lopatkin, by Resolution #15-06-08, the Board approved D&B's proposal to review the T-Mobile Antenna and Equipment Upgrade on the Weybridge Road Water Tank, at the maximum fee for salary cost of \$18,000.00, on the condition that the fee be paid by T-Mobile. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Proposal is on file with the Secretary.

D&B opened the bids at the Authority's offices on June 4, 2015, for the Well Construction of Well 11A at Watermill Lane. Two bids were received: 1) A.C. Schultes, Inc. for \$569,800.00, and 2) Layne Christensen Company for \$980,800.00. D&B recommended, and the Superintendent agreed, that the contract be awarded to A.C. Schultes, Inc., as the lowest responsible bidder. On the motion of Director Causin, seconded by Director Celender, by Resolution #15-06-09, the Board awarded the contract for the Well Construction of Well 11A to A.C. Schultes, at its bid price of \$569,800.00. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Copies of the bids are on file with the Secretary.

D&B opened the bids at the Authority's offices on June 4, 2015, for the General Construction of Well 11A at Watermill Lane. Three bids were received: 1) Philip Ross Industries, Inc. for \$1,587,000.00, 2) Bancker Construction Corp. for \$1,590,000.50, and 3) Bensin Contracting, Inc. for \$1,719,000.00. D&B recommended, and the Superintendent agreed, that the contract be awarded to Philip Ross Industries, Inc., as the lowest responsible bidder. On the motion of Director Celender, seconded by Director Lopatkin, by Resolution #15-06-10, the Board awarded the contract for the General Construction of Well 11A to Philip Ross Industries, Inc. at its bid price of \$1,587,000.00. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Copies of the bids are on file with the Secretary.

The Authority solicited proposals to provide engineering services for a Mobile Emergency Generator as part of the funding for the Storm Mitigation Loan Program. The new Mobile Emergency Generator will be a trailer mounted mobile diesel generator to replace the existing generator and will be able to provide emergency backup power to the following sites: 1) A-Plant at 50 Watermill Lane, 2) Well 6 A at 4 Juniper Drive, 3) Wildwood Booster at 108 Wildwood Road, and 4) Well 8 at 13 Weybridge Road. Three firms were contacted: 1) Walden Associates, 2) D&B Engineers and Architects, P.C., and 3) CDM Smith, but only one proposal, from Walden Associates, was received. The proposal was opened at the Authority's offices on Monday, June 1, 2015. Walden Associates submitted its proposal, by letter dated May 28, 2015, to provide Engineering Services for a Mobile Emergency Generator capable of providing emergency backup power for a not to exceed fee of \$45,000.00. The Superintendent recommended that the Board accept the proposal from Walden Associates for the Mobile Emergency Generator. On the motion of Director Kreitzman, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #15-06-11, the Board accepted the proposal from Walden Associates for the Mobile Emergency Generator, for the not to exceed fee of \$45,000.00. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Secretary.

Director Causin submitted a flyer that he received: "Public Notice – Great Neck resident: Are you happy with your tap water?" from LI Clean Water Service, offering to test residents water for free. Director Causin suggested that the Authority put something in the local papers as a response to the notice. The Superintendent will look into this.

The Board of Directors confirmed that the Authority should continue to accept cash from residents.

On the motion of Director Celender, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #15-06-12, the Board went into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss Personnel Matters. The Board emerged from Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. Chairman Kalnick announced that no action had been taken at the Executive Session and no minutes would be produced.

On the motion of Director Celender, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #15-06-13, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Approved by Secretary:


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