

Draft Minutes: July 16, 2013

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WATER AUTHORITY OF
GREAT NECK NORTH HELD ON JUNE 17, 2013 AT 50 WATERMILL LANE,
GREAT NECK, NEW YORK**

PRESENT:

Michael C. Kalnick, Chairperson
Ellen Birnbaum, Director
Edward Causin, Director
Jean Celender, Director
Ralph J. Kreitzman, Director
Dr. Dan Levy, Director
Susan Lopatkin, Director
Steven Weinberg, Director

Village of Kings Point
Town of North Hempstead
Village of Great Neck Estates
Village of Great Neck Plaza
Village of Great Neck
Village of Saddle Rock
Village of Kensington
Village of Thomaston

ALSO PRESENT:

Robert Graziano, Deputy Chairperson
Gregory Graziano, Superintendent
Kathleen Friend, Treasurer
Stephen Moriarty, Assistant Superintendent
Robert McCormack, Supervisor, Water
Plant Operations
Lisa Schlichting, Secretary
Christopher Prior, Counsel

Bill Merklin

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Ackerman, Levine, Cullen, Brickman
& Limmer, LLP
Dvirka & Bartilucci, Consulting Engineer

NOT PRESENT:

Howard Miskin, Vice Chairperson

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The Board meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. Eight members, (Chairperson/Director Kalnick, Directors Birnbaum, Causin, Celender, Kreitzman, Levy, Lopatkin, and Weinberg) were present, constituting a quorum.

On the motion of Director Weinberg, seconded by Director Kreitzman, by Resolution #13-06-01, the Board approved the Minutes of the Board's May 20, 2013, but noted that going forward, the name of the Director should be included if they are opposed to a vote. The vote was 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

On the motion of Director Lopatkin, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #13-06-02, the Board acknowledged that the Abstract of Claims was reviewed by the Directors and the Abstract was approved. The vote was 8 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 Celender, by Resolution #13-06-03, the Board acknowledged that the Treasurer's Monthly Report was reviewed by the Directors and the Report was accepted. The vote was 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Report is on file with the Secretary.

Bill Merklin presented the Engineer's Report:

Well 13 at Community Drive is operating through Train A of the new Packed Tower Aeration Treatment System. The Nassau County Department of Health ("NCDH") tested Train B and it failed. Philip Ross Industries, Inc. is disinfecting Train B and will re-test.

D&B Engineers and Architects, P.C. ("D&B") will issue a Notice to Proceed to Hinck Electrical Contractor, Inc., for Electrical Improvements at Well 10A at Ravine Road, as soon as the contract is signed.

D&B is waiting for approvals from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the NCDH for the design report and the permits for the Rehabilitation of Well 11A at Watermill Lane.

D&B is performing the surveying work for the Water Main Improvements at Cricket Lane and Kings Point Road. The mark outs have been completed. Board approval of the bid is targeted for August 19, 2013.

Gregory Graziano presented the Superintendent's Report:

Based upon the Authority's excellent experience rating, the New York State Insurance Fund Workers' Compensation Policy rates will be going down, from \$58,167.05 in 2012 to an estimated amount of \$57,549.86 in 2013. The Superintendent recommended that the Board approve the renewal of the Workers' Compensation Policy. On the motion of Director Lopatkin, seconded by Director Kreitzman, by Resolution #13-06-04, the Board approved the renewal of the 2013 Workers' Compensation Policy with the New York State Insurance Fund. The vote was 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

Superintendent Graziano requested the Board's approval to sell as, surplus, a 1999 Chevrolet Astro Van with approximately 72,923 miles to the highest bidder, in "as is" condition. The Superintendent advised that the vehicle will not be replaced. The cost to the Authority to repair the vehicle exceeds the value of the vehicle to the Authority. The vehicle would be posted for auction online through GovDeals, Inc. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #13-06-05, the Board

approved selling the 1999 Chevrolet Astro Van to the highest bidder in "as is" condition. The vote was 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

Superintendent Graziano advised the Board that the NCDH issued a Monitoring Violation for Well #9 on May 10, 2013. The notice stated that the Authority failed to collect a Heptachlor Epoxide sample from Well #9 during the fourth quarter of 2012, which was in violation of the Organic Chemicals Minimum Monitoring Requirements of the New York State Sanitary Code. The Superintendent advised the Board that he had sent a letter to Don Irwin at the NCDH, dated March 27, 2013, requesting a waiver for the violation. The letter was sent prior to the Monitoring Violation being issued. EcoTest Laboratories was supposed to notify the Authority that additional monitoring of Heptachlor Epoxide was required, but failed to do so. Superintendent Graziano stated that Heptachlor Epoxide fluctuated between non-detect and just barely above the detection limit. At no time did the contaminant exceed the maximum contaminant level ("mcl") of 0.2ug/L. The Superintendent advised the Board that Well #9 was in service for only 4.7 hours on a single day in November and that the water supply was always, and continues to be, completely safe to drink. The Superintendent also noted that this was a monitoring, not a drinking water or sanitary violation. The NCDH is requiring the Authority to make public notification of the violation on or before May 10, 2014. The Superintendent advised that the Authority would utilize the 2013 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report ("ADWQR") to make the public notification, as the ADWQR meets all regulatory requirements for notification.

Superintendent Graziano advised the Board that the Authority only received one bid, from Bancker Construction Corporation, for the Annual Contract for the Installation of Water Mains, Valves, Hydrants, and Water Services; and was therefore recommending that the bid not be awarded. The Superintendent advised that the contract was for small jobs that pop up during the year and that the Authority would obtain estimates as the jobs arose.

The League of Women Voters of Port Washington-Manhasset is holding its 2013 annual meeting on Wednesday, June 19, 2013, titled "Are We Protecting our Water on Long Island? The Answer Should Worry You", at the Port Washington Library. Superintendent Graziano stated that he would attend the meeting and that all Board members are welcome to attend if they are available. Director Causin recommended that the Superintendent advise the League of Women Voters that the Authority is not in support of the establishment of another oversight agency. On the motion of Director Causin, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #13-06-06, the Board authorized the Superintendent to advise the League of Women Voters at the meeting on Wednesday, June 19, 2013, that the Authority is not in support of the establishment of another oversight agency. The vote was 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

The Superintendent advised that the Meter Change Program has been completed, except for approximately 10 residences that are not currently occupied. The meters in these residences will be changed when services are turned on. The Superintendent noted that all of the new meters were installed by Authority personnel, whereas many districts hire outside personnel to install new meters.

On the motion of Director Celender, seconded by Director Lopatkin, by Resolution #13-06-07, the Board adjourned for advice of counsel at 7:28 p.m. The Board emerged from its advice of counsel at 7:45 p.m. The Chairperson stated that no action had been taken. On the motion of Director Weinberg, seconded by Director Kreitzman, by Resolution #13-06-08, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for

Monday, July 15, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.