

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH
HELD ON MARCH 25, 2024,
AT 50 WATERMILL LANE, GREAT NECK, NEW YORK.**

PRESENT:

Michael C. Kalnick, Chairperson and Director
Carol Frank, Director
Jay Johnas, Director
Dan Levy, Director
Irving Rosenstein, Director
Michael Smiley, Director
Steven Weinberg, Director

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Robert Graziano, Deputy Chairperson
Gregory Graziano, Superintendent
Michael Rispoli, Assistant Superintendent
Adam Solow, Superintendent of Water Plant Oper.
Judith Flynn, Treasurer
Debra Ray, Secretary
Dana Lustbader*
Stephen G. Limmer, Counsel
James Neri, Senior Vice President

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Village of Kensington
McLaughlin & Stern, LLP
H2M Architects + Engineers

NOT PRESENT:

Ralph J. Kreitzman, Vice-Chairperson
[Not present, but communicating by speaker phone.]
Frank Lou, Partner
[Not present, but communicating by speaker phone.]

Water Authority of Great Neck North
Satty & Partners

*Dana Lustbader's appointment expired and is awaiting reappointment.

The Board meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. Six members (Directors Frank, Johnas, Kalnick, Levy, Smiley, and Rosenstein) were present, constituting a quorum.

On the motion of Director Levy seconded by Director Frank, by Resolution #24-03-01, the Minutes of the Board's February 28, 2024, meeting were reviewed by the Directors and were approved. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Minutes is on file with the Secretary.

On the motion of Director Smiley, seconded by Director Frank, by Resolution #24-03-02, the Board reviewed and approved the Abstract of Claims. 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 Levy, seconded by Director Johnas, by Resolution #24-03-03, the Board reviewed and approved the Treasurer's Monthly Report. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Report is on file with the Secretary.

Frank Lou, Partner from the firm of Satty & Partners, attended the meeting by Zoom to provide an overview of the Financial Statements and answer any questions. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Smiley, by Resolution #24-03-04, the Board accepted the Draft Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2023. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Draft Audited Financial Statements is on file with the Treasurer.

Satty & Partners submitted its Independent Accountants' Report on Investment Compliance to confirm that the Authority was in compliance with Part 201.3 of Title Two of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules, and Regulations of the State of New York during the year ending December 31, 2023. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Smiley, by Resolution #24-03-05, the Board accepted the Independent Accountants' Report on Investment Compliance. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the report is on file with the Secretary.

Satty & Partners submitted its Draft SAS #114 Letter to confirm that the Auditor finished the audit and advised that there were no adjustments noted and no weaknesses that needed to be brought to the Authority's attention. The SAS [Statements on Auditing Standards of the AICPA] #114 Letter is to directly communicate to those individuals charged with governance of matters of which they should be aware as part of their oversight responsibility for the financial reporting process. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Frank, by Resolution #24-03-06, the Board accepted Satty & Partners' SAS #114 Letter. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the letter is on file with the Secretary.

James Neri, Senior Vice President, H2M, gave the Board a status update on the projects since the previous meeting. The list of projects includes:

1. Wellhead Treatment at Community Drive - Pilot on hold while Well work is being performed. Will continue once Well is back online. No update.
2. A-Plant Flood Mitigation – Bid prices came in higher than expected and over the FEMA grant amount. Some of the scope items were changed and the project was re-bid on 3/20 with bid opening scheduled for April 3.
3. Rehabilitation of Wells 9, 12, 13, 14, and 10A –AC Schultes working on Wells 9 and 10A. Cleaning completed for both Wells. Necessary pipework is being performed by PRI. Pumps have been ordered. Well 9 pump is set for installation in the coming week.
4. BRIC Application – Working on responses in advance of a request for information from DHSES. FEMA has the application now and expect to hear from them in the fall.
5. 2023 Water Main Replacement – H2M and WAGNN meeting on site March 22 to review status of punch list. Grass restoration is pending completion as weather permits.

6. Asbestos Water Main Replacement – Preliminary design in progress. Hydraulic modeling evaluation completed and delivered to WAGNN. Field survey work in progress; to finish shortly.
7. DR4753 Scope Update and Submission—Architects visited site to develop scope and program of proposed facility. Funding for this is from the State and not Federal.

Director Weinberg entered the meeting at 6:25 p.m. As Chairperson of the Audit Committee, Director Weinberg confirmed that he and the Committee had no additional questions regarding the Financial Statements.

Michael Rispoli presented the Assistant Superintendent's Report:

The following is a summary of the status of the current projects:

1. Pheasant Run (Kings Point) Water Main Extension - Installation of approximately 1,280 feet of water main for new development.
 - No change since last month. Waiting on developer regarding its schedule so WAGNN can re-issue for bid.
2. Old Mill II Water Main Extension - Installation of approximately 1,110 feet of water main for new development.
 - No change since last month. Waiting on developer regarding its schedule so WAGNN can issue for bid.
3. West Shore Road Water Main Improvements - Installation of approximately 1,950 feet of water main for new development.
 - Assistant Superintendent Rispoli contacted the developer and was told by the developer that he will not be proceeding before the paving in Kings Point takes place. Otherwise, no other changes. Still waiting on developer regarding its schedule so WAGNN can issue for bid.

Adam Solow presented the Supervisor of Water Plant Operations' Report:

Supervisor of Water Plant Operations Adam Solow presented the proposal from Pace Analytical for professional services for Laboratory Testing as outlined in the proposal dated February 21, 2024. The Authority had split its testing between Eurofins and Pace. Eurofins has not been timely processing the samples it has received and without notifying the Authority had disposed of samples without being tested because the samples were no longer viable due to the delay in having them tested. The result being that the test results were not timely reported to the Health Department at no fault of the Authority. Accordingly, the Superintendent recommended having all of its testing performed by Pace Analytical. Adam noted that splitting the contract between Pace and Eurofins has been complicated and having Pace perform all of the testing would substantially simplify things for the Authority. As a result, the Superintendent recommends that the Authority use Pace Analytical for all water testing.

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Frank, by Resolution #24-03-07, the Board accepted the proposal from Pace Analytical for testing as outlined in its letter dated February 21, 2024. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the letter and pricing is on file with the Secretary.

Gregory Graziano presented the Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Graziano presented to the Board the outline for Spring/Summer 2024 Newsletter which he explained includes a page one article that discusses the Authority's stance pertaining to Geothermal Wells. That is a topic that comes up every few years and the Authority feels strongly that it is time to address this again. The newsletter will also include an article that warns customers to be aware of possible water testing scams as well as an article about bottled water versus tap water. The Directors asked that the Authority send them the wording pertaining to water testing scams so they can share it with their residents. The Secretary will provide the Directors with that information.


H2M Architects + Engineers submitted a proposal to provide professional engineering services related to the installation of new water main under [Udalls] Mill Pond via directional drilling. The project serves as a replacement for the existing 12-inch main currently hung under the easterly side of the Bayview Avenue/West Shore Road bridge and is showing signs of moderate corrosion and deterioration. Nassau County Department of Public Works has planned work on the bridge and replacement of the water main is being considered at this time as part of or prior to the bridge rehabilitation work; (full scope not yet determined by NCDPW). A new water main drilled under Mill Pond would eliminate the need for cyclical replacement of the water main under the bridge due to external corrosion. On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #24-03-08, the Board accepted the proposal in the letter dated March 21, 2024, for the not-to-exceed price of \$99,200. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Secretary.

On the motion of Director Levy, seconded by Director Frank, by Resolution #24-03-9, the Board went into Executive Session at 6:59 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations with Hatzalah.

The Board emerged from Executive Session at 8:09 p.m. and the Chairperson announced that no actions had been taken and no minutes would be produced.

Hatzalah attorney, Jeff Moerdler, made a presentation to the Board explaining the structure and operations of Hatzalah, which is a non-profit ambulance service. A discussion took place to address the provisions in the contract that had not been agreed upon among the Directors and between the Authority and Hatzalah. Counsel Limmer will circulate a revised draft agreement based upon those discussions for the Directors' comments and, once the changes agreed upon by the Directors were made to the draft, forward a copy of the revised draft to Mr. Moerdler.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Approved by Secretary: 

Date: 4/15/2024