

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH
HELD ON May 22, 2023,
AT 50 WATERMILL LANE, GREAT NECK, NEW YORK.**

PRESENT:

Michael C. Kalnick, Chairperson

Carol Frank, Director

Jay Johnas, Director

Dan Levy, Director

Dana Lustbader, Director

Irving Rosenstein, Director

Michael Smiley, Director

Steven Weinberg, Director

[No appointment has been made.]

Village of Kings Point

Village of Great Neck

Village of Saddle Rock

Village of Kensington

Village of Great Neck Plaza

Village of Great Neck Estates

Village of Thomaston

Town of North Hempstead

ALSO PRESENT:

Ralph J. Kreitzman, Vice-Chairperson

Robert Graziano, Deputy Chairperson

Gregory Graziano, Superintendent

Michael Rispoli, Assistant Superintendent

Adam Solow, Superintendent of Plant Operations

Judith Flynn, Treasurer

Debra Ray, Secretary

Stephen G. Limmer, Counsel

James Neri, Senior Vice President

Water Authority of Great Neck North

McLaughlin & Stern, LLP

H2M Architects + Engineers

The Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Five members (Directors Frank, Johnas, Lustbader, Rosenstein and Weinberg) were present, constituting a quorum.

On the motion of Director Weinberg, seconded by Director Lustbader, by Resolution #23-05-11, the Minutes of the Board's May 1, 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 Weinberg, seconded by Director Frank, by Resolution #23-05-12, 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 Frank, by Resolution #23-05-13, 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.

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 successfully operating and is 99% complete; the 2022 Water Main Improvements project-99% complete with GIS update and map printing in progress; the Wellhead treatment at Community Drive-Pilot-85% complete; Well 8 Investigation-A small hole was found on well pump bowl prior to installation on 5/17/23, a new bowl is to be shipped for replacement; A-Plant Flood Mitigation-90 complete, with cost opinion and backup submitted to FEMA; Rehabilitation of Wells 9, 12, 13, 14 and 10A-10% complete, with draft workshop with Authority scheduled for 5/22/23; 2023 Water Main Replacement-Utility mark-out request submitted by Authority, survey by H2M to follow and survey field work to begin by mid next week; the Valve Replacement Contract-design 100% complete; and the Hydraulic Model Conversion-80% complete, with Field Flow Tests completed and H2M working with calibration data and operational data obtained from the Authority to finalize conversion and upgrades by the end of this week.

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 has been ordered and we are awaiting delivery.

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.

- Eagle has authorized Schultes to install the new well pump and reinstall the booster pump. There is a casting issue with one of the new well pump bowls and the discharge head and column piping for the booster pump were not fully sandblasted. Waiting for Eagle to provide a timeframe to fix issues and install the pumps.

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. Awaiting shop drawings of their support system. 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.

- No change since last month. Construction has been 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.

- No change since last month. Several emails have been exchanged recently between the Authority and the developer's engineer, regarding the Final Subdivision Map and Final Engineering Drawings. 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.
- 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:

The Superintendent presented the Board with the 2022 Annual Water Quality Report and explained that the information provided in the Report is what is mandated by the Nassau County Department of Health.

The Superintendent presented the Board with two letters from H2M Architects + Engineers for the May 11, 2023, bid opening for the Valve Replacement Contract. A total of 3 bids were submitted. On the recommendation of H2M, the Authority decided to split the bid into 2 projects and award one project to Merrick Utility and the other to Bancker Construction resulting in a savings of \$65,000 for the Authority. On the motion of Director Lustbader, seconded by Director Johneas, by Resolution #23-05-14, the Board awarded the bid to Merrick Utility for locations 2, 9, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22 and 23 in the amount of \$352,000.00 and to Bancker Construction for locations 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16 and 21 in the amount of \$511, 520.00 as noted in H2M's letters dated May 12, 2023. The vote was 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the bid is on file with the Secretary.

The Superintendent advised the Board that since the Valve Replacement Contract was being split between two bidders, it would require significant additional work on the part of H2M Architects + Engineers. Because the splitting of the contract was not foreseen by the Authority or H2M, James Neri asked that H2M's fees for its time in supervising the Valve Replacement Contract be increased by a not-to-exceed amount of \$5,000.00. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, on the motion of Director Lustbader, seconded by Director Johneas, by Resolution #23-05-15, the Board agreed to increase H2M's fees for its time in supervising the Valve Replacement Contract by a not-to-exceed amount of \$5,000.00. The vote was 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

H2M Architects + Engineers submitted a proposal to provide engineering and Grant Support to the Authority for a FEMA grant for Hurricane Ida. Superintendent Graziano explained that the services and support include 6 tasks: FEMA Grant Support, Design, Bidding, Construction Administration, Construction Observation, and Contingency/Unforeseen expenses. The proposal total is for a not to exceed amount of \$68,300.00. On the motion of Director Lustbader, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #23-05-16, the Board accepted the proposal in the letter dated May 18, 2023, for the not-to-exceed price of \$68,300. The vote was 5 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Secretary.

On the motion of Director Lustbader, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #23-05-17, the Board went into Executive Session at 5:48 p.m. for advice of counsel regarding the Sprint Lease.

Director Smiley entered the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

The Board emerged from Executive Session at 5:56 p.m. On the motion of Director Johneas, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #23-05-18, the Board authorized the firm of McLaughlin & Stern, LLP, to commence an action against Sprint Spectrum Realty Company, LLC, for its unpaid rent that was due on March 1, 2023. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

Director Dan Levy arrived at 5:57 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Approved by Secretary: 

Date: June 19, 2023