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2 BOARD MEETING OF THE WATER AUTHORITY  
3 OF GREAT NECK NORTH  
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6 50 Watermill Lane  
7 Great Neck, New York  
Held via Microsoft Teams  
November 16, 2020  
8 6:05 P.M.

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10 **TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS**

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12 **A P P E A R A N C E S:**

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14 Michael C. Kalnick, Chairperson and Director, Village of Kings Point  
15 Gerald Schneiderman, Director, Village of Great Neck Plaza  
16 Carol Frank, Director, Town of North Hempstead  
17 Jay Johneas, Director, Village of Great Neck  
18 Susan Lopatkin, Director, Village of Kensington  
19 Michael Smiley, Director, Village of Great Neck Estates  
20 Steven Weinberg, Director, Village of Thomaston

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22 <sup>1</sup> The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Water Authority of Great Neck  
23 North was held on November 16, 2020, at 6:05 P.M. in accordance with Governor Cuomo's March 13,  
24 2020 Executive Order No. 202.1, extended by Executive Order No. 202.72, which permitted public  
25 meetings to be held remotely by conference call. The agenda for the meeting was posted on the  
Authority's website. In accordance with said Order, the public was given the ability to listen  
to such proceeding at the Authority's office and this transcript was made of the public portion  
of the meeting.

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

6     Gregory C. Graziano, Superintendent

7     Michael Rispoli, Assistant Superintendent

8     Sue Huang, Civil Engineer

9     Adam Solow, Supervisor of Water Plant Operations

10    Judith Flynn, Treasurer

11    Debra Ray, Secretary

12    Stephen, Limmer, Counsel, McLaughlin & Stern, LLP

13    Keith Kelly, Senior Vice President/Partner, CDM Smith,

15    GARY STUART, ASSOCIATE, CDM SMITH

16    **NOT PRESENT:**

17    Dan Levy, Director, Village of Saddle Rock

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1 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: Approval of the draft  
2 minutes of October 19th.

3 Moved by? [Res. #20-11-01]

4 DIRECTOR SMILEY: Moved.

5 DIRECTOR FRANK: Seconded.

6 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: All in favor?

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

9 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: No abstentions.

10 Approval of the draft minutes from the public  
11 meeting of October 19th. [Res. 20-11-02]

12 DIRECTOR LOPATKIN: So moved.

13 DIRECTOR SMILEY: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: All in favor?

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

17 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: Approval of the Abstract  
18 of Claims [Res. #20-11-03].

19 Do we have a motion?

20 DIRECTOR SMILEY: Moved.

21 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: Seconded?

22 DIRECTOR LOPATKIN: Susan.

23 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: All in favor?

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

1 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: No abstentions.  
2 Treasurer's Monthly Report.

3 Anything unusual?

4 MS. FLYNN: Nothing unusual.

5 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: Do we have a motion?

6 DIRECTOR FRANK: Moved. [Res. #20-11-04]

7 DIRECTOR LOPATKIN: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: All in favor?

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

11 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: Engineer status report.

12 MR. STUART: Hi, everybody. This is Gary.

13 The report was submitted with the PDF for the  
14 meeting.

15 If there are any questions, I would be happy  
16 to answer them.

17 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: No questions.

18 DIRECTOR LOPATKIN: I have no questions.

19 (Whereupon there was a discussion held off  
20 the record.)

21 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: All right. This is an approval  
22 of the amendment to the AT&T Cingular Cellular  
23 Lease Agreement brought to the Board at the September Board  
Meeting.

24 This is for an increase of \$9,600 a year  
25 which will allow AT&T to add a generator to the site. Still within

1 the bounds of what we had discussed but we are looking for  
2 Board approval for the chairperson to sign this lease agreement.  
3 Pending no major changes to this  
4 agreement.

5 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: Motion? [Res. #20-11-05]

6 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Moved.

7 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: Seconded?

8 DIRECTOR SMILEY: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: All in favor?

10 (Whereupon all members responded in the  
11 affirmative.)

12 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: Any abstentions?

13 (No response.)

14 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Next item is a letter from  
15 Judy and me for which the Authority solicited RFPs for  
16 internal and external audits.

17 External audit would be for the years ending  
18 2020, 2021 and 2022; and the internal audits are  
19 for years ending 2021, 2022 and 2023.

20 You can see on the attachment 2.2(b), Judy created a table of the  
21 internal audit proposals and the external  
22 auditor proposals. Five firms were solicited

1 for both the internal and external, only two  
2 firms submitted for each.

3 For internal, AVZ which is Albrecht, Viggiano  
4 Zurich & Company. For some of the Board members that  
5 have been around for a while, you probably  
6 remember them. They used to do our external  
7 audit for many years. They were the lowest  
8 bidder at \$24,000 for the first year, \$24,000 for  
9 the second, \$24,500 for the third year.  
10 External audit, Satty & Partners were  
11 \$20,000, \$21,000, \$22,000 which matches the  
12 proposal from EFPR Group.

13 As far as the internal audit is concerned, we  
14 recommend awarding to AVZ for the 2021 year with  
15 the option to renew in 2022 and 2023. There are  
16 quite a bit of references from Long Island water  
17 suppliers that AVZ works for. They have worked  
18 for us for approximately 11 years and we had no  
19 issues. They were actually very good but their  
20 numbers are higher than last year's internal  
21 audit and that's why we are recommending to do  
22 the one year with the option for renewal in '22 and  
23 '23, so we can proceed to go out for rebid for internal.

24 For external, we're recommending to stay with Satty  
25 & Partners, especially during these difficult

1 times. They know us well. They know the Edmonds  
2 system, our new billing system now. They are  
3 very familiar with it and with everything going on  
4 with the pandemic and not knowing where that's  
5 going.

6 Our recommendation is it would be best to  
7 stay with Satty & Partners for the full three  
8 years. That's Judy and my recommendation.

9 DIRECTOR LOPATKIN:

10 I just want to say from the Audit Committee's  
11 standpoint, we very much support where we landed  
12 for this recommendation. The original numbers  
13 from Satty were a little higher, and I'm glad they  
14 came back with numbers that were the same as the  
15 EFPR Group. As far as Albrecht, there is a difference between current  
16 year and what they are proposing. So I think it's  
17 wise to award for the one year and we all agree  
18 that we will bid it out and see what happens for  
20 '22 and '23.

21 I concur on behalf of the Audit Committee,  
22 with the letter that came from Greg and from  
23 Judy and recommend that we adopt and hire as  
24 noted.

25 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: Motion to approve.

1 [Res. 20-11-06]

2 DIRECTOR LOPATKIN: I make a motion we approve  
3 hiring as noted in this memo.

4 (Whereupon there was a discussion held off  
5 the record.)

6 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: All in favor?

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

10 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: Any abstentions?

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: No. Okay.

13 Greg, do you want to just get into 2.4?

14 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Do you want to do this, Michael,  
15 in Executive Session or do you want to do it  
16 now?

17 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: We can do it in Executive  
18 Session, then come out, that's fine.

19 Motion to go into Executive Session, to  
20 handle personnel matters as well.

22 [Res. 20-11-07]

23 DIRECTOR SMILEY: So moved.

24 DIRECTOR WEINBERG: Second.

25 (Whereupon all members responded in the



1 affirmative.)

2 (Whereupon the members went into Executive  
3 Session from 6:15 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.)

4 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: No actions were taken  
5 during Executive Session and no minutes will be  
6 produced.

7 As to Vice-Chairperson, can we have a motion to approve  
8 Ralph Kreitzman to continue as Vice Chairperson -- before he changes  
9 his mind? [Res. #20-11-08]

10 DIRECTOR LOPATKIN: So moved.

11 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: Second?

12 DIRECTOR WEINBERG: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: All in favor?

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

16 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: Any abstentions?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: The appointment of Judy  
19 Flynn to continue as Treasurer. [Res. #20-11-09]

20 DIRECTOR SMILEY: So moved.

21 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: Second?

22 DIRECTOR LOPATKIN: Susan.

23 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: All in favor?

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

1 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: Any abstentions?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: The appointment of  
4 Debra Ray to continue as Secretary [Res. #20-11-10]

5 DIRECTOR WEINBERG: Moved.

6 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: Seconded by?

7 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Jay.

8 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: All in favor?

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

11 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: Any abstentions?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: Steve, do you want to help  
14 with the motion on management salaries?

15 MR. LIMMER: There shall be an increase of 3.5% for  
16 management personnel commencing January 1, 2021,  
17 except for Greg Graziano, there shall be a  
18 4% increase as provided in his contract and as  
19 to Mike Rispoli, there shall be an additional  
20 \$5,000 to his base plus the 3.5%.  
21 [Res. 20-11-11]

22 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: Greg, you have changes from percentages to  
23 numbers if they need to be inserted into the motion?

24 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: I do.

25 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: I think we are set, right,

1 Steve? That's adequate?

2 MR. LIMMER: It's not necessary.

3 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: Okay.

4 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: So it's 3.5% and then the \$5000?

5 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: For Mike Rispoli. For Greg, it's 4%.

6 MR. LIMMER: That's pursuant to your contract,  
7 4%.

8 SUPERINTENDENT GRAZIANO: Correct.

9 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: Moved by?

10 DIRECTOR SMILEY: Moved.

11 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: Seconded?

12 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Seconded, Jay.

13 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: All in favor?

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

16 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: Any abstentions?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: Motion to adjourn. [Res. 20-11-12]

19 MEMBER SMILEY: Moved.

20 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: Seconded?

21 DIRECTOR JOHNEAS: Jay, second.

22 CHAIRMAN KALNICK: ALL IN FAVOR?

23 (Whereupon all members responded in the affirmative.)

24 (Time noted: 6:31 P.M.)

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