

Final: December 26, 2017

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH
HELD ON NOVEMBER 20, 2017
AT 50 WATERMILL LANE, GREAT NECK, NEW YORK.**

PRESENT:

Michael C. Kalnick, Chairperson
Pedram Bral, Director
Jean Celender, Director
Carol Frank, Director
Dan Levy, Director
Susan Lopatkin, Director
Michael Smiley, Director
Steven Weinberg, Director

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Ralph J. Kreitzman, Vice-Chairperson
Robert Graziano, Deputy Chairperson
Gregory Graziano, Superintendent
Michael Rispoli, Assistant Superintendent
Sue Huang, Civil Engineer
Judith Flynn, Treasurer
Lisa Schlichting, Secretary
Stephen G. Limmer, Counsel
Gary Stuart, Engineer

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McLaughlin and Stern, LLP
CDM Smith, Consulting Engineers

ALSO PRESENT:

Bahar Simani, Attorney for Rozita Pnini

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Five members (Chairperson/Director Kalnick, Directors Celender, Frank, Smiley, and Weinberg) were present, constituting a quorum.

On the motion of Director Celender, seconded by Director Smiley, by Resolution #17-11-01, the Minutes of the Board's October 16, 2017, 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 Smiley, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #17-11-02, 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 Smiley, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #17-11-03, 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.

Director Levy entered the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Director Lopatkin entered the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Gary Stuart presented the Engineer's Report:

1. SMLP Project – Improvements at several well sites to address flooding issues including the raising of well houses above flood elevations. The EFC granted an extension until September 2021.
Well 2A – Demolition of existing building and construction of new well house that will be approximately 8 feet higher than existing. Reusing existing well, but replacing the existing pump with new. New chemical feed system. Incorporating Authority comments into the 100% design.
Well 5 – Due to salt water modeling results only SCADA work will be completed under EFC SMLP financing.
Well 6 – 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. CDM Smith conducted the site visit and is working on the design.
Well 8 – Demolition of existing building and construction of new well house (existing building is below grade). CDM Smith submitted a proposal to perform an isolation test on the well to determine if the well casing is leaking as well as a cement bond log to evaluate the integrity of the cement seal within the annulus between the well casing and the surrounding formation. Waiting for the DEC's response to the Superintendent's letter to determine whether a new well will be drilled or the existing well will be rehabilitated.
2. Weybridge Road Tank Catwalk Structural Review – Review of design plans submitted by Verizon for new antenna to be installed on tank. Funding was received from all of the carriers. The design is being initiated.
3. SCADA Upgrade – Installation of new control panels, communications equipment, and associated work at all sites so that all SCADA equipment is consistent and up-to-date. Work at some sites is being funded through SMLP program. Eagle Control Corporation is preparing submittals.
4. Salt Water Intrusion Modeling for Wells 5, 6, 7, and 8 – Development of a dual-density groundwater flow model to evaluate the potential for salt-water intrusion in both the Lloyd and Magothy Aquifers. The modeling is complete. Waiting for Dec's response to the Superintendent's letter.
5. 2017 Water Main Improvements – Replacement of approximately 13,000 feet of water main including valves, hydrants, and services in Great Neck Estates & Saddle Rock Estates. CDM Smith is working on the final design.
6. Greenway Terrace Water Main – Installation of approximately 800 feet of water main for new development. Notice of award of contract issued to Bancker Construction. The Developer's contractor is behind schedule.
7. Well 7 Electrical and Instrumentation Upgrades – Various upgrades to improve reliability including new electrical service, motor control center, transformer, wiring, and chemical safety panel. CDM Smith submitted the draft design drawings and specifications to the Authority for review. Comments were received and incorporated. The only outstanding item is the new electrical transformer on the electrical service. CDM Smith is working with PSEG to set up a site visit.

Gregory Graziano presented the Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent presented a draft outline to the Board for the next Newsletter:

- Page 1: Adopted 2018 Budget - No Rate Increase - 10th Year in a Row.
Smart Meter Availability
- Page 2: Snow Removal around Hydrants
Bottled Water vs Tap Water
Perchlorate Detection
Residents to contact the Authority if anything suspicious is seen near wells or hydrants.
- Page 3: Infrastructure Project Update
Water Main Projects
- Page 4: Emergency Water Supply Hook Ups
Credit Card Acceptance Program Implemented

CDM Smith submitted its proposal, by letter dated November 7, 2017, for Engineering Services for a Well Isolation Test at Well 8. CDM Smith will engage Subsurface Technologies, Inc. to perform the test to determine if contaminants are entering Well 8 from the Aquifer and to ultimately determine if a new Well should be drilled. The cost for the work is \$64,177.00. On the motion of Director Smiley, seconded by Director Weinberg, by Resolution #17-11-04, the Board approved CDM Smith's proposal for Engineering Services to perform a Well Isolation Test at Well 8, for a fee of \$64,177.00. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Secretary.

CDM Smith submitted its proposal, by letter dated November 20, 2017, for Engineering Services for an 8-inch Water Main Offset near the Kennilworth Homeowners Association Gate House. On the motion of Director Lopatkin, seconded by Director Frank, by Resolution #17-11-05, the Board approved CDM Smith's proposal for Engineering Services for an 8-inch Water Main Offset near the Kennilworth HOA Gate House, for a not to exceed fee of \$20,355.00, with the survey, or \$18,900.00 without the survey, upon the condition that the Homeowners Association pays the fee. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Secretary.

Director Bral entered the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Attorney Bahar Simani spoke to the Board on behalf of her client, Rozita Pnini, who resides at 14 Twin Ponds Street in Kings Point. Ms. Simani explained that Ms. Pnini received a \$17,696.00 bill as a result of a broken pipe that was leaking into a pond on the back end of her property. Ms. Simani also explained that Ms. Pnini is going through a lengthy divorce and does not have the means to pay the bill. The Board advised Ms. Simani that the Authority, by law, must charge for the usage shown on the meter in full. The Board also advised that it would be willing to accept a confession of judgment to effect a lien against the property, would not seek to execute upon the confession of judgment for at least one year, and would agree to give Ms. Simani at least 30-days' notice before seeking to execute upon the confession of judgment. Ms. Simani will speak with her client and will get back to Counsel Limmer as to whether her client would accept that resolution of the problem. Ms. Simani thanked the Board for taking the time to listen to her.

Director Levy complimented the Authority's Civil Engineer for facilitating and expediting the installation of a new meter at 40 Stevenson Drive and the Assistant Superintendent for facilitating and expediting the installation of a service line for the construction of a new home at 80 Candy Lane. Director Levy also noted how professional the crews were on both jobs and advised that the Authority's responsiveness was most appreciated.

On the motion of Director Weinberg, seconded by Director Celender, by Resolution #17-11-06, the Board went into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue. The Board emerged at 7:20 p.m. Chairperson Kalnick announced that no action had been taken and no minutes would be produced.

On the motion of Director Weinberg, seconded by Director Lopatkin, by Resolution #17-11-07, the Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement between the Water Authority of Great Neck North and the Utility Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO, Local 447, for the period of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2021. The vote was 8 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Agreement is on file with the Secretary.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Approved by Secretary: 

Date: December 26, 2017