Final: December 10, 2013

# MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WATER AUTHORITY OF GREAT NECK NORTH HELD ON <u>NOVEMBER 18, 2013</u> 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 Susan Lopatkin, Director Steven Weinberg, Director Village of Kings Point
Town of North Hempstead
Village of Great Neck Estates
Village of Great Neck
Village of Great Neck
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 Stephen Limmer, Counsel

Bill Merklin

Water Authority of Great Neck North Water Authority of Great Neck North

Water Authority of Great Neck North Ackerman, Levine, Cullen, Brickman & Limmer, LLP D&B Engineers and Architects, P.C., Consulting Engineer

## **NOT PRESENT:**

Howard Miskin, Vice Chairperson Dr. Dan Levy, Director

Water Authority of Great Neck North Village of Saddle Rock

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Six members, (Chairperson/Director Kalnick, Directors Birnbaum, Causin, Celender, Kreitzman, and Lopatkin) were present, constituting a guorum.

On the motion of Director Causin, seconded by Director Kreitzman, by <u>Resolution</u> #13-11-01, the Board approved the Minutes of the Board's October 21, 2013, meeting. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

On the motion of Director Causin, seconded by Director Lopatkin, by <u>Resolution</u> #13-11-02, the Board acknowledged that the Abstract of Claims was reviewed by the Directors and the Abstract was approved. 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 Lopatkin, seconded by Director Celender, by <u>Resolution</u> #13-11-03, the Board acknowledged that the Treasurer's Monthly Report was reviewed by the Directors and the Report was accepted. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the Report is on file with the Secretary.

## Bill Merklin presented the Engineer's Report:

The bacteriological issue at the Packed Tower Aeration Treatment System at Community Drive has been resolved. The Nassau County Department of Health issued approval to operate Wells 12, 13, and 14. Philip Ross Industries, Inc. is working on the punch list.

Hinck Electrical Contractor, Inc., has begun work on the Electrical Improvements for Well 10A at Ravine Road.

D&B is working on the draft contract documents for the Rehabilitation of Well 11A at Watermill Lane.

Bancker Construction Corp. has substantially completed work on the Water Main Improvements at Cricket Lane and Pond Road. Bancker is working on the punch list. D&B is working on a separate bid document for the Kings Point Road portion of the project, which is scheduled to begin in the spring.

#### Gregory Graziano presented the Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Graziano advised that D&B's proposal for Engineering Services for Improvements to the Water Mains for the proposed property subdivision at 85-93 Steamboat Road is being tabled. The Developer does not want to proceed with the water main extension at this time.

Walden Environmental Engineering, PLLC ("Walden") submitted its proposal for Engineering Services related to the Storm Mitigation Loan Program ("SMLP") Application Preparation. New York State is offering a combined 25% grant and 75% zero-interest loan for projects that protect community water systems located within declared disaster areas. The program was established through the New York State Drinking Water State Revolving Fund ("DWSRF") provisions of the Federal Disaster Relief Appropriations Act enacted following Hurricane Sandy. The DWSRF identifies projects as potentially eligible for SMLP funding that could reduce future storm damage risk and vulnerability to the drinking water system. Superintendent Graziano noted that D&B also submitted a proposal related to the SMLP Application for a fee of \$27,000.00. The Superintendent

recommended that the Board award Engineering Services related to the SMLP Application Preparation to Walden. The estimated cost is \$6,000.00 for the four (4) well head elevation projects and \$3,000.00 for the three (3) generator projects. On the motion of Director Kreitzman, seconded by Director Celender, by Resolution #13-11-04, the Board approved awarding Engineering Services related to the SMLP Application Preparation to Walden Environmental Engineering, PLLC at the lump sum project cost of \$9,000.00. The vote was 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Secretary.

On the motion of Director Celender, seconded by Director Causin, by <u>Resolution</u> #13-11-05, the Board adjourned to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 6:12 p.m.

Director Weinberg entered the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

The Board emerged from Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. Chairperson/Director Kalnick reported to the Board that as a result of a publication that seriously and significantly misstated the facts about the Authority's recent agreement with Lockheed Martin and his concern and that of the Deputy Chairperson, the Superintendent, Senator Martins, and Assemblywoman Schimel, that it was extremely important to provide the facts to the public as soon as possible and prior to any determination being made by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation with regard to Lockheed Martin's proposed remediation Plan, subject to the Board's approval, he had engaged the firm of Ryan & Ryan, Public Relations Inc., for public relations services, a draft of the firm's proposed newsletter was included in the Board material for the meeting. On the motion of Director Kreitzman, seconded by Director Celender, by Resolution #13-11-06, the Board accepted the proposal, by letter dated November 8, 2013, of Ryan & Ryan, Public Relations Inc. for public relations services. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. A copy of the proposal is on file with the Secretary.

Because of the December and January holidays, on the motion of Director Kreitzman, seconded by Director Celender, by <u>Resolution</u> #13-11-07, the meetings usually scheduled for the third Monday of the month were changed for December 2013 and January 2014, to the Mondays of December 9, 2013, and January 13, 2014, respectively, both to start at 6:00 p.m. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

On the motion of Director Kreitzman, seconded by Director Celender, by Resolution #13-11-08, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The vote was 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

The next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.