

REGULAR MEETING
WATER AUTHORITY OF NORTH SHORE
September 28, 2022

Meeting Held at Gold Coast Library Annex, 40 Railroad Avenue,
Glen Head, New York

Present: George Pombar, Member
James Versocki, Esq. Member
Richard Arena, Member
John Vasilakis, Member
Sandeep Kapoor, M.D., MS-HPPL, Member
James Greenberg, Esq., Member

The meeting was also attended by Counsels T. Hopkins and J. Milazzo and by Mr. Szabo, SCWA CEO.

J. Lopes, A. Nadel, L. Nadel, K. Vetter and C. Hole were also in attendance.

Booklets containing detailed information for all Agenda items were distributed to each Member and Counsel to the Authority.

At approximately 7:00 p.m. Mr. Pombar, serving as Chair of the meeting, called the meeting to order and indicated that Mr. Versocki had been delayed due to his assisting victims of a bad vehicle accident he witnessed on the way to the Authority Board meeting.

Mr. Pombar then reviewed with members the various items on the agenda. With respect to the possible appointment of Authority officers, the members discussed possibility of placing an ad in the local newspaper. Alternatively, the Authority could possibly use Suffolk County Water Authority employees to serve in some of the officer roles.

With respect to Authority committees, the members requested that descriptions of the roles and responsibilities of each legally required committee be provided so that they may determine which committee would be appropriate to participate in. With respect to potential

Authority bylaws, the members indicated that they would take them up at the October meeting so that they could have more time to review them.

With respect to an Authority website and email addresses, it was requested that an explanation be provided at the October board meeting as to how the Suffolk County Water Authority would maintain IT security on behalf of the Authority. It was also requested that an acquisition timeline be included on future agendas so that members may measure progress toward the acquisition of the statutorily described water system. Finally, a request was made to have an ethics policy prepared for consideration at the October board meeting.

Mr. Pombar then presented the minutes of the regular meeting of August 31, 2022, on motion made by Mr. Greenberg, duly seconded by Dr. Kapoor, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 31, 2022 were approved.

Mr. Pombar then called for several of the agenda items to be considered by resolution. On motion made by Mr. Versocki, duly seconded by Dr. Kapoor and unanimously carried, it was

(7-09-2022) RESOLVED, To appoint Timothy Hopkins, Esq., John Milazzo, Esq., and Bilal Malik, Esq. to serve as Attorneys for the Authority.

On motion made by Mr. Pombar, duly seconded by Mr. Greenberg and unanimously carried, it was

(8-09-2022) RESOLVED, To have Authority staff take the necessary steps to authorize the use of videoconferencing for Authority board and committee meetings in accordance with Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022.

On motion made by Mr. Versocki, duly seconded by Mr. Greenberg and unanimously carried, it was

(9-09-2022) RESOLVED, To have Authority staff take the necessary steps to obtain the internet domain name "wanorthshore.gov," if the name is available, to serve as the Authority's future website address.

On motion made by Mr. Pombar, duly seconded by Mr. Versocki and unanimously carried, it was

(10-09-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize the use of the Suffolk County Water Authority's internet service provider for the establishment of the Authority website.

On motion made by Mr. Pombar, duly seconded by Mr. Arena and unanimously carried, it was

(11-09-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize the establishment of a bank account and a checking account with the First National Bank of Long Island, Glen Head branch and provide that dual Authority-Suffolk County Water Authority signatures be required to authorize payments from said accounts.

On motion made by Mr. Pombar, duly seconded by Mr. Versocki and unanimously carried, it was

(12-09-2022) RESOLVED, To direct staff to make application to the State of New York for the statutory appropriations that have been authorized for the Authority to be deposited in the new bank account at the First National Bank of Long Island.

On motion made by Mr. Pombar, duly seconded by Dr. Kapoor and unanimously carried, it was

(13-09-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize staff to establish a mailing address P.O. Box at the Glen Head post office to serve as the mailing address of the Authority.

On motion made by Mr. Pombar, duly seconded by Mr. Arena and unanimously carried, it was

(14-09-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize staff to obtain appropriate insurance quotes for the Authority and board members.

On motion made by Mr. Versocki, duly seconded by Mr. Greenberg and unanimously carried, it was

(15-09-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize staff to develop an Authority seal and logo which may include a depiction of the Authority's statutorily described service district.

On motion made by Mr. Pombar, duly seconded by Mr. Greenberg and

unanimously carried, it was

(16-09-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize Authority Attorneys to negotiate a confidentiality and non-disclosure agreement with Liberty Utilities Corporation so the exchange of information process between the Authority and Liberty may commence.

On motion made by Mr. Versocki, duly seconded by Dr. Kapoor and unanimously carried, it was

(17-09-2022) RESOLVED, To authorize staff to obtain a federal Employee Identification Number for the Authority so that a new bank account can be established and other financial transactions can be performed on behalf of the Authority.

The members scheduled their next regular meeting for Tuesday, October 25, 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Gold Coast Library Annex, 40 Railroad Avenue, Glen Head, and they scheduled their November regular meeting for Tuesday, November 29, 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Gold Coast Library Annex, 40 Railroad Avenue, Glen Head.

At this time Mr. Pombar asked if there was any new business or public comment. L. Nadel, K. Vetter, J. Lopes and A. Nadel made comments on a variety of topics including the potential time line for acquisition of the Liberty water system, a new Granular Activated Carbon treatment system for one of the wells in the Liberty water system, the makeup of members on the Authority committees, the possibility that Liberty will continue to expand its water system operations in Nassau County, and the cooperative agreement between the Authority and the Suffolk County Water Authority.

Following public comments, on motion made by Mr. Versocki, duly seconded by Dr. Kapoor and unanimously carried, it was decided to go into Executive Session to discuss the potential acquisition of property and litigation. Subsequently, on motion made by motion made by Mr. Versocki, duly seconded by Mr. Pombar and unanimously carried, it was decided to come out of Executive Session.

On motion made by Mr. Versocki, duly seconded by Mr. Greenberg and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting.

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