

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WATER AUTHORITY OF NORTH SHORE
HELD ON October 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM
AT GOLD COAST LIBRARY ANNEX,
40 RAILROAD AVENUE, GLEN HEAD, NEW YORK**

Final Public – 12/3/2024

PRESENT:

James Greenberg, Esq. Director
George Pombar, Director
John Vasilakis, Director
James W. Versocki, Esq., Director

Absent:

Sandeep Kapoor, M.D., MS _HPPL, Director
Richard Arena, Director

Appointed by:

City of Glen Cove
Town of Oyster Bay (Hamlet of Glen Head)
Village of Old Brookville
Village of Sea Cliff

Village of Roslyn Harbor
Town of Oyster Bay (Hamlet of Glenwood
Landing)

ALSO PRESENT:

Joseph S. Lopes, Secretary
Tony Croce, Treasurer
Stephen Limmer, Attorney (Exec Session only)

Agatha Nadel

Representing:

WANS Board of Directors
WANS Board of Directors
McLaughlin & Stern

Glen Head

Director Versocki, as acting Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Four of the six Directors were present (Directors Arena and Kapoor absent), constituting a quorum. All Directors and attendees joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On the motion of Director Pombar, seconded by Director Greenberg, by **Resolution #24-10-01**, the **Minutes** of the Board's June 24, 2024, July 29, 2024 and September 26, 2024 (Zoom Executive Session only) meetings were unanimously (4-0) approved. A copy of the each of the two public meeting minutes will be posted on the Authority website and are on file.

Finance Committee – Director Vasilakis reported the following invoices to be paid from the Operating account:

1. Director Richard Arena	\$ 1,449.00	reimburse for GoDaddy fees for one year subscription
Director Pombar motion to approve by Resolution #24-10-02 , Director Vasilakis 2 nd , unanimously (4-0) approved		
2. Tony Croce (Treasurer)	\$ 800.00	September Accounting
Director Vasilakis motion to approve by Resolution #24-10-03 , Director Pombar 2 nd , unanimously (4-0) approved		
3. Joseph Lopes (Secretary)	\$ 250.00	Aug 16 – Sept 30, 2024
Director Vasilakis motion to approve by Resolution #24-10-04 , Director Pombar 2 nd , unanimously (4-0) approved		

4. McLaughlin & Stern (Stephen Limmer) \$ 493.22	Legal Fees (Sept 3-26)
Director Vasilakis motion to approve by Resolution #24-10-05 , Director Greenberg 2 nd , unanimously (4-0) approved	
5. Raftelis (Appraisal consultant) \$ 12,900.00	Contract balance of Original \$86,000
Director Vasilakis motion to approve by Resolution #24-10-06 , Director Pombar 2 nd , unanimously (4-0) approved	

Any additional work performed by Raftelis is covered in their proposal and will be charged at their quoted hourly rates.

Treasurer Croce reported completion of building the General Ledger accounts in Quickbooks, pending remaining checkbook entries and CD status info from Director Vasilakis, and will provide monthly status at each meeting.

Director Versocki Motion to approve **Resolution #24-10-07**, Director Vasilakis 2nd, approved unanimously (4-0) to authorize Finance Committee to reinvest upon due date all CDs, with 5-month (rather than 10 month) renewals so as not to have the funds sit idle and to obtain best rates. WANS will continue to use CDs as investments at in-effect market rates.

Governance Committee – Renewal of Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance is proceeding. Suffolk County Water has turned over all responsibility to the broker for WANS to take over. Director Versocki Motion to approve **Resolution #24-10-08**, Director Greenberg 2nd, approved unanimously (4-0) to authorize Secretary Lopes to submit the application and provide the insurance broker with all information to renew the policy, which is due Nov. 1, 2024.

Negotiations Committee – WANS Board will continue to meet with our professionals (litigation and appraisals) contractors to move ahead on preparing proposal to Liberty. WANS Board will meet mid/late next week (w/o 10/21) in Executive Session via Zoom to provide final approval of Raftelis report and finalize an offer to Liberty.

Administrative Report – Secretary Lopes provided a copy of the summary of the status of all required certifications and training to the Board members, noting missing elements.

Public Comment

The meeting was opened for public comment (1 attendee).

- Agatha Nadel – Noted that NY State has awarded grants to Hempstead Village and Dix Hills and others for a variety of water-related expenses such as a treatment plant. Sea Cliff District has not received a penny (not eligible for because we are served by a private water utility). We are now past the ninth year of the fight (over 10 years for the Civics). We all hope that, as Suffolk County Water has said that this will move quickly down the path. Liberty has started collecting on another rate increase and another surcharge. The wait has been frustrating. Noted that Liberty is continuing to

lobby state officials to have taxes, specifically the Franchise Tax, removed from bills and to qualify for grants. But this has no chance of being approved by NY State. Liberty has made these efforts known to the public but it is just a marketing ploy.

- (Director Versocki response) WANS Board is very mindful and monitoring what is going on in other jurisdictions, including lead pipe replacement issues, which Sea Cliff District customers would have to pay for on our own. We are as close as we've ever been in moving forward. Negotiations will be held in Executive Session and we have a strong team in place. Future meetings will likely be held on the 4th Monday, pending OK from absent members Arena and Kapoor.

Adjourn/Next Meeting

The **Meetings of the Board** are planned to be held on the fourth Monday of each month, with the next scheduled for Monday, October 28, 2024 at 7:00 pm, at Gold Coast Library Annex, 40 Railroad Avenue, Glen Head, New York.

At 7:20 p.m., on the motion of Director Versocki, seconded by Director Greenberg, approved unanimously (4-0) by **Resolution #24-10-09**, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph S. Lopes, Administrative Secretary