

REGULAR MEETING
WATER AUTHORITY OF NORTH SHORE

January 31, 2023

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

Present: George Pombar, Member
James Versocki, Esq. Member
John Vasilakis, Member
James Greenberg, Esq., Member

The meeting was also attended by Counsels T. Hopkins and B. Malik

J. Szabo, C. Bell, W. Sheeline, A. Nadel, J. Lopes, C. Hole and K. Mattern were also in attendance.

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

At approximately 7:00 p.m. Mr. Versocki, serving as Chair of the meeting, called the meeting to order.

Mr. Versocki then presented the minutes of the regular meeting of November 29, 2022 for approval. On motion made by Mr. Pombar, duly seconded by Mr. Greenberg and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 29, 2022 were approved.

Mr. Versocki then presented an item regarding appointment of officers and employees which would be taken up in Executive Session so counsel could provide legal advice regarding the same.

Mr. Versocki presented an item regarding Authority website and email addresses and reminded members to submit bios for eventual posting on the website.

Mr. Versocki presented items regarding financial institution and Authority

appropriation. It was noted that a bank account was set up at First National Bank of Long Island's Glen Head branch, but funding was still not available from the State's authorized appropriation. It was not clear when the appropriation would be available. It was suggested that a proposed budget should be established for eventual filing with the Authorities Budget Office.

Mr. Versocki then presented an item regarding Authority insurance.

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

(35-01-2023) RESOLVED, To authorize the purchase of General Liability and Umbrella insurance in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00.

Mr. Versocki then addressed items under public service commission timeline. No action was taken on these items, but it was noted that there is a draft Request For Proposals for Appraisal Services (RFP) in the board packet. It was suggested that the members review the draft RFP so they could take action at the next meeting.

Mr. Versocki then addressed items under Liberty non-disclosure agreement. Members Pombar, Versocki and Greenberg, the members of the Negotiations Committee, all executed the agreement so it could be forwarded to Liberty.

The Members scheduled their next regular meeting for Tuesday, March 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Versocki then asked if there was any new business or public comment, and he mentioned that there were two Liberty rate increases that recently appeared on customers' water bills. He also questioned whether the Authority should file comments with the Public Service Commission regarding such increases. Mr. Hopkins suggested that they take the matter up in executive session so counsel on the issue could be provided.

C. Bell indicated that he was attending the meeting as liaison on behalf of the

Town of Oyster Bay and Supervisor Saladino. He indicated that the Town of Oyster Bay was going to try to assist in expediting the payment of money from the State to the Authority in accordance with the statutory appropriation so the Authority could move forward with its statutory purposes. He indicated that the Town had set up a Zoom meeting February 9.

J. Lopes commented that customers in the Liberty service territory had reduced their consumption of water due to high water rates but noted that reduced usage causes subsequent increases in water rates in accordance with Public Service Commission regulations.

A. Nadal commented that the Authority should utilize its website to disseminate customer information and possibly purchase mailing lists to distribute information about public water supply to customers in the distribution area. She noted that the part 2 section of Liberty water bills indicates the percentage of rate increases. She also noted that state grants for installation of treatment systems only go to public not private water systems. Ms. Nadal indicated that there was a Newsday article about double billing that was occurring for some homes by Jericho Water District in the form of a tax bill and Liberty Utilities in the form of a water bill.

Following public comments, on motion made by Mr. Greenberg, duly seconded by Mr. Pombar and unanimously carried, it was decided to go into Executive Session to discuss the potential acquisition of property, potential comments on Liberty rate increases, and litigation. The Members subsequently returned to public session.

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

, Secretary Pro Tem