

Regular Meeting

Water Authority of North Shore

October 24, 2023 at 7:00PM

Meeting held at Suffolk County Water Authority's Education Center – 260 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge, New York

Present: George Pombar, Member
 James Versocki, Member
 John Vasilakis, Member
 Sandeep Kapoor, Member
 James Greenberg, Member
 Richard Arena, Member

The meeting was also attended by John Milazzo, Bilal Malik, Joe Pokorny, Dan Dubois, Jacquelyn Pfeuffer, Christopher Byrnes and Joe Lopes. There was one person participating via Zoom.

Packets containing detailed information for all Agenda items were distributed to each Board Member.

At approximately 7:00PM, Mr. Versocki called the meeting to order.

Mr. Versocki then opened the meeting for public comment. No public comment was received.

(19-10-2023) Mr. Versocki then, on motion made by him, duly seconded by Mr. Pombar, went into Executive Session to discuss the responses to the appraisal RFP. The Board Members subsequently returned to public session.

Mr. Versocki then presented the minutes of the regular meeting of September 26, 2023 for approval.

(20-10-2023) On motion made by Mr. Versocki, duly seconded by Mr. Pombar and carried by Mr. Vasilakis, Mr. Kapoor, and Mr. Greenberg, with Mr. Arena abstaining, the minutes of the regular meeting held on September 26, 2023 were approved.

Mr. Versocki thanked the four companies that responded to the RFP for appraisal services and the Board interviewed two during Executive Session. On motion made by Mr. Versocki, seconded by Mr. Vasilakis and unanimously carried, it was:

(21-10-2023) RESOLVED, the Board Members authorizes the retention of Raftelis to provide appraisal services to WANS subject to approval by Counsel of the agreement retaining Raftelis.

Mr. Pombar thanked both companies for attending the meeting.

Mr. Milazzo then discussed RFP #1618 for Legal Counsel where WANS was seeking proposals from attorneys and law firms interested in serving as the counsel to the WANS for a one-year term with the mutual option to extend for two years. The deadline to respond to the RFP is November 17, 2023 at 11:00AM.

(22-10-2023) On motion made by Mr. Versocki, duly seconded by Mr. Greenberg, the RFP #1618 was to be issued.

(23-10-2023) On a motion made by Mr. Pombar, duly seconded by Mr. Vasilakis and unanimously carried, RFP #1618 was to be amended to remove the amount of money WANS received from the State and to have the term of the Legal Counsel for a one-year term with two, one-year renewals.

Mr. Milazzo then discussed RFP #1617 for Auditor Services where WANS was seeking to request proposals from independent certified public accountants or accounting firms to perform an audit of the statement of revenue and expenditures of WANS for the three-year period ending December 31, 2026. The deadline to respond to the RFP is December 1, 2023 at 11:00AM.

(24-10-2023) On motion made by Mr. Versocki, duly seconded by Mr. Greenberg, the RFP #1617 was to be issued.

(25-10-2023) On a motion made by Mr. Versocki, duly seconded by Mr. Vasilakis and unanimously carried, RFP #1617 was to be amended to remove the amount of money WANS received from the State and to have the term of the Appraisal Services for a one-year term with two, one-year renewals.

Mr. Milazzo then discussed the WANS' website where the hosting by Go Daddy is up for renewal including the WANS' emails. On a motion made by Mr. Versocki, duly seconded by Mr. Prombar and unanimously carried, it was:

(26-10-2023) RESOLVED, the WANS authorizes the payment of the Go Daddy invoice of \$3,240.87 to be made by the SCWA.

Mr. Milazzo then discussed the renewal of the D&O insurance for the Board Members. The premium went up by \$20.00 compared to last year. It was also discussed the signing of any insurance documents would go to Mr. Vasilakis of the Finance Committee. On a motion made by Mr. Versocki, duly seconded by Mr. Greenberg and unanimously carried, it was:

(27-10-2023) RESOVLED, the Authority authorizes SCWA to renew the policy with AIG and to execute any documents necessary to affect the coverage.

For the Finance Committee update, Mr. Vasilakis discussed that WANS' funds are still in the First National Bank and he is actively searching CDs where they can invest the money.

For the Governance Committee, there was no update as there was no meeting held since the last board meeting.

Mr. Malik discussed that the Board Members' biographies were reviewed and approved by the individual Board Members and will be going on the website.

Mr. Dubois then discussed public relations for WANS including having a mission statement. It was also discussed to put the progress report for WANS on the website. Mr. Dubois will also create a press release for the approval of the appraisal services. Dr. Kapoor also discussed the website, requesting subpages for the website and to create it more accessible via mobile.

Mr. Versocki then suggested a Website Committee where Dr. Kapoor, Mr. Malik and Mr. Dubois will participate in revamping the website.

Mr. Vasilakis then discussed the Cooperative Agreement expenses with SCWA and Mr. Vasilakis made a motion, duly seconded by Mr. Arena and unanimously carried, it was:

(28-10-2023) RESOLVED, the WANS authorizes the payment of the SCWA invoice of \$81,880.42 from periods September 2022 to June 2023.

Mr. Milazzo then discussed the job posting for the CEO/Administrator job and that it was posted on the website.

The Members scheduled their next regular meeting for Monday, November 27, 2023 at 7:00PM at SCWA's Education Center.

Mr. Versocki then opened the meeting for public comment. One public comment was received. During public comment, Mr. Lopes discussed that Liberty Utilities does not have historical water quality reports that may affect the appraisal.

(29-10-2023) Prior to going into Executive Session, it was decided, on motion made by Mr. Versocki, duly seconded by Mr. Greenberg and unanimously carried, the Board would conclude the meeting after the end of Executive Session without taking any further action.

(30-10-2023) On motion made by Mr. Versocki, duly seconded by Mr. Greenberg and unanimously carried, it was decided to go into Executive Session to seek legal advice in contemplation of litigation.

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