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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 8, 2024

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the South Nassau Water Authority (“SNWA” or “Authority”) was held on Monday, July 8, 2024 at the Merrick Library located at 2279 Merrick Avenue, Merrick, New York 11566.

MEETING OPENED:

On motion duly made by Director Reinhardt, seconded by Director Stevens and unanimously carried by all Directors present, it was resolved to open the Regular Meeting at 6:00 pm.

AUTHORITY ATTENDANCE:

Director Reinhardt led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Present: Director Reinhardt
 Director Plumer
 Director Conroy
 Director Stevens

Also Present:	Robert York	Chairman
	Michelle Bocci,	Treasurer
	Joseph M. Heaney III	Engineer
	Thomas T. Nitza, Jr.	Engineer
	William C. DeWitt	Attorney

Director Gizzi was absent with excuse.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

On motion duly made by Director Reinhardt, seconded by Director Plumer and unanimously carried by all Directors present, it was resolved to amend the agenda to move Public Expression from number 8 on the agenda to number 12 on the agenda and then accept the agenda.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

On motion duly made by Director Reinhardt, seconded by Director Plumer and unanimously carried by all Directors present, it was resolved to accept the proposed minutes from the May 20, 2024 meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

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Director Reinhardt informed those in attendance there was none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Reinhardt announced that a copy of the agenda and a brief summary of matters conducted thus far with respect to the Authority was available for review; reported on Liberty's upcoming July 16th hearing with the Public Service Commission regarding its request for a rate increase and how to participate in the hearing; reported that the Authority's webpage includes a tab labeled "Engage" which allows a community member to provide their email address so as to receive announcements from the Authority and at the end of the meeting announced that since Liberty has at least 60 days to respond to the Authority's proposed valuation, the next meeting will not be scheduled until sometime in September, but that he will try and alternate the locations evenly between east and west residents and so the next meeting will likely be at the Merrick Library.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that the Authority received the \$500,000 committed by the Town of Hempstead on April 16, 2024 and prior thereto the Authority did not have any monies. As of June 28, 2024, the remaining balance was \$283,791.46.

On motion duly made by Director Reinhardt, seconded by Director Plumer and unanimously carried by all Directors present, it was resolved to accept the Treasurer's report.

BILL SCHEDULE

Upon recommendation of Chairman York, and on motion duly made by Director Reinhardt, seconded by Director Stevens and unanimously carried by all Directors present, it was resolved to pay the following expenditures:

Bee Ready Law Group

Invoice	Date	Amount
72168	March 2024	5,565.00
72217	April 2024	4,243.75
72689	May 2024	4,733.75

Walden Environmental Engineering, PLLC

Invoice	Date	Amount
29304	May 2024	7,896.50

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19,894.58

On motion duly made by Director Reinhardt, seconded by Director Stevens and unanimously carried by all Directors present, it was resolved to pay the bill schedule.

OLD ITEMS

Director Reinhardt informed those in attendance there was none.

REPORTS

Ted Nitza from Walden Engineering explained the various steps laid out by the Public Service Commission that both the Authority and Liberty are to follow in determining whether the Authority shall move forward with a municipalization of the Liberty water system. Mr. Nitza further advised that due to the terms of a nondisclosure agreement required by Liberty, it was his understanding, supported by counsel to the Authority, that he was not able to discuss the specific valuation figures but was able to and did provide a general discussion on the valuation methods.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

The regular meeting was opened to the public for comments. Director Reinhardt stated the protocol for Public Expression. The Board of Directors then acknowledged comments and responded to questions. Many comments reflected the current lack of water pressure and concerns about water quality to which Director Reinhardt advised that there are mechanisms by which the Community can complain to Liberty and to the Public Service Commission regarding Liberty. Other questions concerned whether the valuation took into account the age of the Liberty system to which both Mr. Nitza and Director Reinhardt advised that it is included in the valuation. Still further issues concerned the next steps in the process to which Director Reinhardt advised that Liberty will now receive the Authority's valuation and have at least 60 days to respond with its own proposed value. Director Reinhardt advised that if the Authority and Liberty are unable to come to an agreement regarding a purchase price, then the Authority would consider whether to move forward with an eminent domain proceeding.

NEW ITEMS

On motion duly made by Director Reinhardt, seconded by Director Stevens and unanimously carried by all Directors present, it was resolved to accept the July 1, 2024 valuation of Liberty prepared by Walden Engineering.

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On motion duly made by Director Reinhardt, seconded by Director Plumer and unanimously carried by all Directors present, it was resolved to direct Chairman York to forward the July 1, 2024 valuation to Liberty in compliance with the Joint Settlement Agreement as prepared by the Public Service Commission.

On motion duly made by Director Reinhardt, seconded by Director Conroy and unanimously carried by all Directors present, it was resolved to adopt a resolution confirming the payment of Invoice 291756 to Walden Engineering on April 18, 2024.

MEETING CLOSED:

On motion duly made by Director Reinhardt, seconded by Director PLumer and unanimously carried by all Directors present, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn the July 8, 2024 Board of Director's REGULAR MEETING at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted

**William C. DeWitt
Temporary Acting Secretary**