

MOHAWK VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY
Board Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2024

Chairman DeLia called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.
Chairman DeLia presided, and Amy Passacantando prepared the minutes.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Carl Annese, Bruce Brodsky, Vincent Coyne, Elis DeLia, Mark Ford, Richard Karam, and Bette Szesny

Absent: Dennis Bova, George Haskell, Frank Meola, and Eugene Santa-Croce III, and Board Secretary Amy Passacantando

Also Present in Boardroom: Patrick Becher, Jim Korfonta, Dan Faldzinski, Phil Tangorra, Sandra Dare, and Ken Bobrow Esq.

Approval of the September 23, 2024 Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Annese to approve the Minutes. Seconded by: Mr. Ford
Vote: (7) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (4) Absent Motion Carried.

Resolution: Approval of MVWA Water Rates for Fiscal Year 2025

MVWA is required to have a public rate hearing which was held October 17, 2024. Along with the resolution is a letter from our rate consultant certifying that our proposed rate structure works. The rate increase will be 5.5%.

Motion made by Mr. Coyne to approve the Resolution. Seconded by: Ms. Szesny
Vote: (7) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (4) Absent Motion Carried

Resolution: Approval of MVWA Budget for 2025

Chairman DeLia stated that there were 2 budget workshops held with the Board Members prior to the public rate hearing.

Motion made by Mr. Karam to approve the Resolution. Seconded by: Mr. Annese
Vote: (7) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (4) Absent Motion Carried

Committee Reports:

September Finance Report

Mr. Korfonta stated that consumption is down about .71%. Cash flow had a significant recovery this past month which eliminated the YTD deficit. This needs to be built up a little bit, we have a retirement payment and insurance payments coming due at the end of 2024 and beginning of 2025.

Approval of 3rd Quarter Investment Statement:

Mr. Korfonta stated that Public Authorities Law requires MVWA to provide the Board with a quarterly statement showing the balance of our investments with any earnings YTD on those investments and any fees paid YTD. MVWA has earned over \$800K YTD and we budgeted \$850K for the year. We will exceed what was budgeted, which has helped to balance the budget this year.

Motion made by Mr. Karam to approve the Investment Statement. Seconded by: Mr. Ford

Vote: (7) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (4) Absent Motion Carried

Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Becher stated that the Lead Service Line Inventory that was due by October 16, 2024 was sent in by B&L Engineering on October 14th to the Department of Health. We will wait to see what the DOH says, but we believe it is acceptable.

The bonding process kick-off will be October 29, 2024 with the Finance Authority. The closing should be around early January.

Old Business: NA

New Business:

Resolution: Approval for a differential for a Teamster position "Tapper"

Mrs. Dare stated that the position title of Water Maintenance Person (Tapper) will be made obsolete and a Water Maintenance Person who is designated as a tapper will receive differential pay of sixty-five (65) cents per hour.

Motion made by Mr. Annese to approve the Resolution. Seconded by: Mr. Ford

Vote: (7) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (4) Absent Motion Carried

Resolution: Approval of the Teamsters 30-day vacation rule

Mrs. Dare stated that Article VII Section A is waived through December 31, 2025m Article VII Section E is waived indefinitely, and Article VII Section D shall remain in effect.

Motion made by Mr. Coyne to approve the Resolution. Seconded by: Mr. Karam

Vote: (7) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (4) Absent Motion Carried

Resolution: Approval of the MEA 30-day vacation rule

Mrs. Dare stated that Article VII Section 1 (A) is waived through December 31, 2025 and Article VII Section 1 (C) shall remain in effect.

Motion made by Mr. Brodsky to approve the Resolution. Seconded by: Ms. Szesny

Vote: (7) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (4) Absent Motion Carried

Resolution: Approval to add title "Geographic Information Systems Technician II" to the MEA Bargaining Unit.

Mrs. Dare stated that the position title of Geographic Information Systems Technician II with step 1, step 2 and step 3 salaries respectively for calendar year 2024 will be added to the bargaining unit upon full execution of the memorandum of understanding.

Motion made by Mr. Coyne to approve the Resolution. Seconded by: Mr. Brodsky

Vote: (7) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (4) Absent Motion Carried

Executive Session: NA

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Passacantando, Secretary
Mohawk Valley Water Authority