

**MOHAWK VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 13, 2025**

Chairman DeLia called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.  
Chairman DeLia presided, and Amy Passacantando took the minutes.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

**Board Members Present:** Bruce Brodsky, Vincent Coyne, Elis DeLia, Dale Dodge, Mark Ford, Richard Karam, Frank Meola, and Jef Saunders

**Absent:** Dennis Bova, George Haskell, Eugene Santa-Croce III and Bette Szesny

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

Chairman DeLia welcomed our newest board members, Jef Saunders and Dale Dodge.

**Approval of the December 16, 2024 Minutes:**

Motion made by Mr. Karam to approve the Minutes. Seconded by: Mr. Brodsky

Vote: (8) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (4) Absent Motion Carried.

**Approval: Election of officers:**

Mr. Meola moved to make a slate of nominations as presented: Elis DeLia for re-election to the Chairman position, Vincent Coyne to the Vice-Chairman position, Bruce Brodsky to the Treasurer position and Amy Passacantando to the Board Secretary position. Seconded by Mr. Karam

Vote: (8) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (4) Absent Motion Carried

**Resolution: Award of Contract to M/E Engineering**

Mr. Faldzinski stated that this is an award of contract for engineering services to complete design engineering for the replacement of 5 existing generators at the Christenson Rd pump station, Hanger Rd pump station, Southern Reservoir pump station, Mallory pump station and the Route 12 pump station. Two proposals were received, and the contract was awarded to M/E Engineering of Syracuse in the amount of \$72,500.

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

Vote: (8) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (4) Absent Motion Carried

**Resolution and MOU for the Teamsters Timekeeping:**

Mrs. Dare stated that the MVWA and the Local Union 294 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters ("Teamsters") would like to amend Article V Workday, Workweek and Overtime to include employee participation in their own timekeeping, Article IV Compensation to increase base salaries effective the first full pay period after 1/1/25 by 3.5%, and appendix "A" to reflect the new salary schedule.

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

Vote: (8) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (4) Absent Motion Carried

**Resolution and MOU for Teamsters Water Utility Person I Pay:**

Mrs. Dare presented this resolution stating that the MVWA has a need to recruit a qualified candidate in the title of Water Utility Person I with specific experience and the current pay rate for the position is not commensurate with the experience required. Because the MVWA has a need to fill this position and there are qualified Teamsters candidates who would be interested in the position of Water Utility Person I if the pay were commensurate with the experience required. The MVWA and Teamsters have agreed to increase the (100%)

hourly rate of pay for the title of Water Utility Person I to \$24.50 per hour effective the first full pay period following 01/01/2025.

Motion made by Mr. Meola to approve the Resolution. Seconded by: Mr. Coyne  
Vote: (8) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (4) Absent Motion Carried

**Resolution and MOU for the MEA Clothing Allowance:**

Mrs. Dare stated that Article XV Miscellaneous Compensation section 4 defines those eligible for a clothing allowance. The Geographic Information Systems Technician II was not in the bargaining unit at time of current contract ratification and the position title of Bio Chemist II was erroneously omitted from the clothing allowance. The Management Employees Association ("MEA") would like individuals in the position title of Geographic Information Systems Technician II to be eligible for the same clothing allowance as individuals in the titles of Junior Engineer, Assistant Engineer, Senior Engineer and /or Water Maintenance Manager and individuals in the position title of Bio Chemist II to be eligible for the same reimbursement for the purchase of work boots as individuals in the titles of Network Administrator I and/or Computer Programmer.

Motion made by Mr. Coyne to approve the Resolution. Seconded by: Mr. Brodsky  
Vote: (8) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (4) Absent Motion Carried

**Approval of Adoption of Updated Material Specifications:**

Mr. Faldzinski stated that MVWA would like to adopt updates to material standards for water mains and services. The first being the water service lines that are 2" and smaller. The brass we wanted to identify the American Water Works Association standard C800-21 specifically requires brass to be a certain type for direct burial so there will not be much corrosion. The second update is the hydrants we allow in our system. MVWA would like to standardize hydrants, about 40% are Kennedy Hydrants and the remaining hydrants are various brands. This would ease the maintenance, and better our inventory with less parts on hand. We will also be able to get pricing from multiple vendors.

Motion made by Mr. Meola to approve the Updated Material Specifications. Seconded by: Mr. Karam. Vote: (8) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (4) Absent Motion Carried

**Executive Director's Report:**

Mr. Becher said that on January 30<sup>th</sup> there will be a virtual seminar with the AMWA (Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies) on regulatory environment. They will be talking about any changes that they know of, changes that have already happened or speculative changes. Some topics will be the LIHWAP program and the Lead & Copper rule. The senior staff will attend this seminar.

Mr. Becher stated that MVWA is progressing with the bond issue. The closing should take place in early February.

Mr. Becher said that the water level at the Hinckley Reservoir is good right now, it is about 2' above average.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Executive Session:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amy Passacantando, Secretary  
Mohawk Valley Water Authority