

MOHAWK VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 16, 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: Ronald Beach, Dennis Bova, Vincent Coyne, Elis DeLia, Dale Dodge, Mark Ford, Richard Karam, Frank Meola and Jef Saunders

Absent: Bruce Brodsky, Deborah Burke, and Eugene Santa-Croce III

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

Approval of the May 19, 2025 Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Ford to approve the Minutes. Seconded by: Mr. Bova
Vote: (9) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (3) Absent Motion Carried.

Resolution: Award of Contract for Kennedy Rd Water Main Relining Project

Mr. Faldzinski stated that an approximate one-mile section of water main located along Kennedy Rd in Marcy needs rehabilitation. MVWA advertised for bids and received 2. The low bidder was FER-PAL Construction LLC in the amount of \$1,199,880.00.

Motion made by Mr. Meola to approve the Resolution. Seconded by: Mr. Coyne
Vote: (9) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (3) Absent Motion Carried

Resolution: Award of Contract for Engineering Services Associated with 2025 Lead Service Line Replacement Projects

Mr. Faldzinski said that the US EPA's Lead and Copper Rule Improvements require water systems, including the Mohawk Valley Water Authority (MVWA), to replace all lead and galvanized steel service lines by year 2037. MVWA applied for and received 2025 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Lead Service Line Replacement (BIL-LSLR) funding through the New York Environmental Facilities Corporation's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, for up to \$8,918,000 in grants and \$3,822,000 in interest free financing. The amount offered in zero-interest loans has not been accepted by the MVWA. Mr. Faldzinski stated that MVWA requires assistance from Engineering Consultants to perform daily construction inspections of the lead service line replacement work associated with two lead service line replacement contracts. Proposals were received from 2 consultants, of which Ramboll Engineers of Utica NY was the lowest responsible bidder able to complete the required inspections, the proposed agreement is not to exceed \$178,944.00.

Motion made by Mr. Coyne to approve the Resolution. Seconded by: Mr. Meola
Vote: (9) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (3) Absent Motion Carried

Resolution: Approval to allow MVWA to Assist W/Easement Acquisitions Related to N. Genesee St Bridge Replacement Project

New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) is implementing a project to replace the Rte. 921C North Genesee Gateway Bridges in Utica New York. This project would begin in the Summer of 2026. MVWA water mains currently go across the Erie Canal and a water main that goes across the Mohawk River by the North Genesee Gateway bridges. The NYSDOT has contacted the MVWA with regards to relocating the MVWA water mains. NYSDOT has agreed to pay for the costs of the labor, materials, testing, construction, oversight, etc. of the design and construction of the relocations such

that the only expense to the MVWA would be for the acquisition of the necessary easements including but not limited to acquisition costs, filing fees and preparation of easement agreements. This project will benefit the MVWA as it will replace the pipes from 1915 with new mains that will also be placed in a more accessible location.

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

Vote: (9) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (3) Absent Motion Carried

Resolution: Approval of Intermunicipal Agreement with NY Mills School District

Mr. Becher stated that the NY Mills School District has hydrants on their property that are deficient and need repairs. They will be purchasing the materials and hydrants from MVWA and we will then replenish our inventory.

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

Vote: (9) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (3) Absent Motion Carried

Committee Reports:

April and May Finance Report

Mr. Korfonta focused on the May report being the most current. He stated that May consumption did well. MVWA started the year at 7% above the prior year, dropped a little to 5%, 2.8% above in April and 3.4% above in May. Water sales are up \$341K compared to the budget, and up \$776K compared to the prior year. Cash flow is doing well. There was a little dip in May. However YTD we are still above, which is good. We have had to pay up front for some projects and then have to wait to be reimbursed by FEMA and EFC.

Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Becher stated that a couple of months ago he sent a letter to Herkimer giving them a deadline to make a decision as to whether they will be a part of the transmission main project heading east. The DOH has asked MVWA to hold off for a little bit so that Herkimer will have a little more time to make a decision. There was another meeting last week. However there has been no decision yet.

Mr. Becher said that he is in the process of updating the strategic plan for MVWA. This will be done prior to the budget in case there are items that need to be included in the 2026 budget. Mr. Becher has asked every employee in the company to attend a session and has invited board members to attend if they would like.

MVWA is planning a WTP (water treatment plant) tour in the next couple of weeks for the board members.

Mr. Becher stated that the Herkimer County IDA's John Pisak has been in touch with MVWA. The Herkimer County IDA has received a \$4 million grant to build a water tank in the Schuyler Business Park. This tank will provide fire protection as well as domestic water service. Mr. Pisak is asking for MVWA to share in the cost of building the tank. Mr. Becher said that after speaking with Mr. Faldzinski, we will be paying for the vault and control valve, services in kind, and inspection services which will all total about \$30,000. Chairman DeLia and Mr. Becher stated that the requested contribution has not been conducted in the past and we have agreed not to contribute financially.

A motion was made by Mr. Meola that there is no cause for financial contributions to the Herkimer IDA for the water tank in the Schuyler Business Park. Seconded by Mr. Bova

Vote: (9) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (3) Absent Motion Carried

Mr. Becher mentioned that Mr. Mack and his team, and our consultants, have been doing a great job of keeping our system impervious to cyber attacks.

Old Business:

New Business:

Executive Session:

Chairman DeLia asked for a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:27PM to discuss personnel matters.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Beach.

Vote: (9) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (3) Absent Motion Carried.

We went into executive session at 5:29pm.

Motion made to come out of Executive Session by Mr. Saunders. Seconded by Mr. Meola.

Vote: (9) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (3) Absent Motion Carried.

Came out of Executive Session at 5:34PM.

Motion made by Mr. Bova to increase the annual salary of the Executive Secretary. Seconded by Mr. Coyne.

Vote: (9) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (3) Absent Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Passacantando, Secretary
Mohawk Valley Water Authority