

**MOHAWK VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**July 21, 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, Bruce Brodsky, Deborah Burke, Elis DeLia, Dale Dodge, Mark Ford, Richard Karam, Frank Meola and Jef Saunders

**Absent:** Vincent Coyne, 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 June 16, 2025 Minutes:**

Motion made by Mr. Bova to approve the Minutes. Seconded by: Mr. Meola

Vote: (10) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (2) Absent Motion Carried.

**Resolution: Award of Contract to Upstate Valve and Control for the Purchase of 45 Valve Actuators**

Mr. Faldzinski stated that the Water Treatment Plant has process piping that contains (45) forty-five valves with actuators that are in need of replacement. MVWA would like to replace the actuators with its own forces in lieu of hiring a contractor to complete the work. The solicitation of quotes to supply the actuators was conducted in accordance with MVWA's procurement policy. Quotes were received from 3 vendors, of which Upstate Valve and Control of Rochester, NY was the low bidder in the amount of 407,676.00 dollars which is within the project budget.

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

Vote: (10) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (2) Absent Motion Carried

**Resolution: Authorize use of Federal FY 2025 BIL-LSLR Grant Funding through the NYSEFC**

Mr. Faldzinski said on December 16, 2024 the MVWA received an award letter from the New York State Department of Health indicating that its Lead Service Line Replacement Project is eligible for a BIL-LSLR grant award of up to \$8,918,000. A Drinking Water State Revolving Fund application through the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation is required along with the execution of a funding agreement. MVWA hereby authorizes the use of \$8,918,000 in grant funding for Lead Service Line Replacements, as indicated in the December 16, 2024 Award Letter. The entire conversation can be heard in the video on our website located at [WWW.MVWA.US](http://WWW.MVWA.US).

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

Vote: (10) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (2) Absent Motion Carried

**Resolution: Award of Contract for Kemble St Garage Floor Replacement Project**

Mr. Faldzinski said that the Mohawk Valley Water Authority (MVWA) desires to replace the 20' x 35' concrete garage floor at the Kemble Street maintenance facility, in the City of Utica, New York. MVWA advertised for bids, bidding and evaluation for this contract has been conducted in accordance with MVWA's procurement policy. A bid was received from one contractor, CNY Custom Concrete and Masonry, of Clinton, New York in the amount of \$24,750.00.

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

Vote: (10) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (2) Absent Motion Carried

**Resolution: Award of Contract for Engineering Services to Design and Administer PH 3A Raw Water Main Project Improvements**

Mr. Faldzinski stated that the Mohawk Valley Water Authority (MVWA) requires the installation of a new section of raw water main to provide increased inflow capacity to the Water Treatment Plant in Prospect NY. The Phase 3A Raw Water Main Improvements Project will involve the installation of approximately 3,500 linear feet of 54-inch diameter raw water main with valves and fittings, from the Prospect Dam to the pipe bridges across from the Water Treatment Plant. MVWA requires assistance from engineering consultants to design the transmission main extension, prepare bid documents and administer the construction of the project improvements. The advertising for bids, bidding and evaluation for this contract has been conducted in accordance with MVWA's procurement policy. Bids were received from 3 consultants, of which EDR of Syracuse, New York was the low bidder in the amount of 175,025.00 dollars, which is within the project budget.

Motion made by Mr. Meola to approve the Resolution. Seconded by: Mr. Brodsky  
Vote: (10) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (2) Absent Motion Carried

**Committee Reports:**  
**June Finance Report**

Mr. Korfonta stated that MVWA is halfway through the year, and consumption is 1.7 - 2% more than the prior year, water sales are \$13.7 million to date, \$287 thousand more than budget and \$827 thousand more than the prior year. Cash flow took a little dip last month primarily because we made payments on the PH2 raw water main project.

Mr. Brodsky gave an update regarding Wolfsped, he reported that Wolfsped is a big contributor to water billed. Mr. Brodsky stated that Mr. Korfonta and his team worked on an illustration to show the last 6 months of use. There has been growth even during times that there was talk of bankruptcy or reorganization of the business. Wolfsped has said that the Marcy facility will remain open. Consumption has been increasing, and we will be tracking consumption month to month during the budget process to see how it is going. Based on the numbers that Mr. Korfonta provided Mr. Brodsky does not see Wolfsped impacting our rate increase. It looks like it will be consistent as MVWA is putting together the budget for 2026. Consumption by Wolfsped increased 8% during the current 6 months compared to the previous 6 months. Overall billing for water only went up 20% in the current 6 months compared to the previous 6 months. In the future we will provide an analysis on the new hospital once there is a 6-month consistency.

**Approval: 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Investment Statement:**

Public Authorities Law requires that MVWA provide a statement of investments with earnings YTD and expenses. YTD MVWA has earned 600 thousand dollars in interest and the YTD budget for interest was 400 thousand dollars. MVWA may have to prepare for an arbitrage situation.

Motion made by Mr. Karam to approve the Investment Statement. Seconded by: Mr. Meola  
Vote: (10) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (2) Absent Motion Carried

**Executive Director's Report:**

Mr. Becher spoke about our closing in March on the sale of bonds. Our bond rating was maintained, however S&P put MVWA on a negative outlook. One of their reasons was because of Wolfsped. They said they felt that MVWA was too heavily dependent on Wolfsped's water use. S&P may have suspected an issue (with Wolfsped) however MVWA did not. A positive with Wolfsped's reorganization is they will continue operations in N. Carolina and in Marcy NY, so once word gets out that they are concentrating on the business in Marcy that may benefit MVWA for future business.

Mr. Becher said that the strategic plan will not be brought in front of the board today. He thanked Mr. Bova, Mr. Karam, Mr. Beach, and Mr. Brodsky for each attending a session. There were 10 sessions and all of the employees attended 1 or more sessions. There are goals, objectives, and strategies in

the plan. The action plans have not been covered yet. MVWA will be working on the budget and action plans in tandem so that the actions plan can be included in the 2026 budget.

Mr. Becher stated that one of the contractors has started working on the lead service pipes. They have completed 20 so far. Once the second contractor begins each contractor should complete about 15 per week. They will be working on the lead service pipes between now and into 2026. As they replace them, MVWA will refine the inventory list. MVWA is in the process of applying for more grant money.

Mr. Becher said there is no update on the Eastern Transmission Line Project. We are waiting on the Village of Herkimer to make a decision.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Mr. Bova said that he attended one of the strategic planning sessions and feels that MVWA needs more employees at the maintenance yard to have their class D operators license which is needed to turn valves.

Mr. Tangora stated that he believes 5 applicants have been approved recently.

Ms. Burke thanked Mr. Becher and Mr. Tangorra for the water treatment plant tour. The tour was attended by Ms. Burke, Mr. Dodge, Mr. Saunders and Mr. Karam.

**Executive Session:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amy Passacantando, Secretary  
Mohawk Valley Water Authority