

MOHAWK VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2025

Chairman DeLia called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.
Chairman DeLia presided, and Amy Passacantando took the minutes.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Dennis Bova, and Eugene Santa-Croce III

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

Approval of the October 27, 2025 Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Ford to approve the Minutes. Seconded by: Ms. Burke

Vote: (9) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (2) Absent Motion Carried.

Resolution: Authorization to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Utica

Mr. Faldzinski explained that starting in 2026, the City of Utica is planning to undertake combined sewer main separations involving the installation of new sanitary and storm sewer mains and complete road reconstruction within select locations of the city and the MVWA owns approximately 20,000 feet of water main within the CSO Project A5, A6, A8.2 and A10.2 limits. The majority of this existing water main was originally installed between 1860 and 1910 and is in need of replacement due to its age; and the MVWA desires to replace their water mains in the CSO project areas, via an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Utica. The Intermunicipal Agreement calls for the MVWA to reimburse the City's engineering consultant and contractor for the water main replacement design and construction work and to pay for the cost, materials and labor associated solely with the water main replacement; and the City of Utica's engineering consultant for the CSO projects is Ramboll Engineers and their fee to complete the desired water main replacement design, and to administer and oversee construction is \$100,900; and the MVWA has utilized Ramboll Engineers in the past and has found their work to be satisfactory, and the cost to replace existing water mains in the City of Utica CSO project limits is currently estimated at \$5,000,000, said costs which have already been calculated to be covered by the 2025 Bond Funds; and reimbursement of consultant and contractor costs to the City of Utica will occur in accordance with the intermunicipal agreement terms and conditions and is anticipated to occur on a monthly basis during the construction season. The MVWA is authorized to enter into the Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Utica to replace desired water mains, the cost to be paid for from the 2025 Bond Funds. Mr. Faldzinski also handed out a main replacement cost summary via IMA and also a cost avoidance summary via IMA and went over these with the board.

Mr. Becher added that MVWA typically will replace 1 mile or less of pipe each year, which would put MVWA on a 700 year replacement cycle. By replacing 4 miles, if we could keep that up it would move the system to about a 180 year replacement cycle. Which is closer to the life span of the pipe.

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

Vote: (9) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (2) Absent Motion Carried

Resolution: Award of Contract for Generator Docking Stations Project

Mr. Faldzinski said that the Mohawk Valley Water Authority (MVWA) desires to install new generator docking stations at 16 existing pump stations throughout the water distribution system, that will accommodate quick connection of a portable generator during emergencies and the MVWA requires assistance from an electrical contractor to complete the generator docking station installations and associated electrical work. The advertising 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, Patricia Electric Inc, of Syracuse, New York in the amount of \$196,500.00 that is within the project budget. MVWA has utilized Patricia Electric Inc. in the past and has found their work to be satisfactory.

Motion made by Mr. Meola to approve the Resolution. Seconded by: Mr. Saunders
Vote: (9) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (2) Absent Motion Carried

Resolution: Approval to Appoint Philip Tangorra, Executive Director, Effective January 1, 2026 with Check Signing Authority

Chairman DeLia stated that this resolution authorizes Mr. Tangorra the authority to sign checks on behalf of the Mohawk Valley Water Authority effective January 1, 2026.

Motion made by Mr. Brodsky to approve the Resolution. Seconded by: Mr. Meola
Vote: (9) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (2) Absent Motion Carried

Annual Security Update:

Mr. Mack updated the Board with a successful annual security review.
Mr. Brodsky praised MVWA for doing a great job protecting the water system.

Reaffirmation of Workplace Violence Prevention Policy

Mrs. Dare stated that this policy has no changes at this time. However, in 2026 she will update it with the safety officer as well as the union representatives.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders to reaffirm the HR policy. Seconded by: Mr. Karam
Vote: (9) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (2) Absent Motion Carried

Committee Reports:

October and November Finance Reports

Mr. Korfonta said that the water sales are about \$1.6 million above the prior year and up \$582K compared to budget. Consumption is up about 1% for the year and cash flow YTD is \$170K to the good. November is up approximately \$333K. In December we paid the retirement payment of more than \$900K and the worker's comp payment is coming up in the beginning of the year. Our cash will take a dip and then will be built back up in the coming months.

Mr. Delia stated that the first meeting of 2026 is to be determined since January and February meetings fall on holidays.

Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Becher introduced Mr. Andrello who was attending the meeting. Mr. Andrello has been with MVWA for 32 years.

Mr. Becher said the Hinckley Reservoir was up to 1212ft and is now at 1203ft and dropping about half a foot every day. This will continue to be a problem until Phase II of the raw water main project

is completed next year. Mr. Becher stated that he is preparing an email to be sent to NYPA with some thoughts and recommendations for the situation.

Mr. Becher thanked everyone for their support over the years as he will be retiring at the end of December 2025.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Executive Session: Personnel Matter

Chairman DeLia excused himself from the meeting.

Vice-Chairman Coyne asked for a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:21PM to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion made by Mr. Brodsky to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Ford.

Vote: (8) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (2) Absent Motion Carried.

We went into executive session at 5:22pm.

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

Vote: (8) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (2) Absent Motion Carried.

Came out of Executive Session at 5:25PM.

Motion made by Mr. Brodsky to increase the annual salary of the Executive Secretary. Seconded by Mr. Karam.

Vote: (8) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (2) Absent Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Passacantando, Secretary
Mohawk Valley Water Authority