

MOHAWK VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2026

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, Elis DeLia, Dale Dodge, Mark Ford, Eugene Santa-Croce III, Jef Saunders and John Wallace

Absent: Dennis Bova, and Richard Karam

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

Approval of the December 15, 2025 Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Santa-Croce III to approve the Minutes. Seconded by: Mr. Brodsky

Vote: (7) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (2) Absent Motion Carried.

Approval: Election of officers:

Mr. Santa-Croce III moved to make a slate of nominations as presented: Elis DeLia for re-election to the Chairman position, Jef Saunders to the Vice-Chairman position, Bruce Brodsky to the Treasurer position and Amy Passacantando to the Board Secretary position. Seconded by Mr. Dodge

Vote: (7) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (2) Absent Motion Carried

Resolution: Contract Award for Phosphate Feed System Improvements to Blue Heron

Mr. Faldzinski explained that New York State Department of Health has designated orthophosphate as the optimum corrosion control treatment for the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) located in Prospect NY. MVWA currently does not have the capability to feed orthophosphate at the WTP and will need to undertake improvements involving the installation of new chemical storage tanks, pumps, piping and electrical controls to feed orthophosphate into the finished water supply. MVWA desires to hire a contractor to complete the required orthophosphate feed system improvements. MVWA advertised for bids, bidding and evaluation for this contract has been conducted in accordance with MVWA's procurement policy for Capital Projects. Bids were received from 3 contractors, of which Blue Heron Construction of Jordan, New York was the low bidder in the amount of 287,611 dollars.

Mr. DeLia asked if this is an unfunded mandate project and Mr. Tangorra said yes, it is. Mr. Tangorra said adding the phosphate will lower lead levels below what we expect the new trigger level of 10ppb.

Mr. Brodsky asked if there were any other pending regulations that will affect MVWA in the near future. Mr. Tangorra stated that a revised disinfectant by-product rule that is coming out in 2027. Compliance for that is likely to be in 2031. We have done a lot of operational and capital improvements to meet those regulations when they were changed in 2012. There will be more work to do for the new ones that will come out in 2031, but that will be proposed in 2027.

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

Vote: (7) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (2) Absent Motion Carried

Resolution and MOU: Add the position title of Network Systems Engineer to the MEA

Mrs. Dare stated that the Management Employees' Association ("MEA") would like to add the position title of Network Systems Engineer to the bargaining unit and provide the Network Systems Engineer with the same clothing allowance as the positions of Network Administrator I, Bio Chemist II and/or Computer Programmer. The Board has reviewed the terms of said Memorandum of Understanding, and that this Board hereby ratifies the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding and authorizes the MVWA's Executive Director to execute the Agreement on behalf of the MVWA.

Motion made by Mr. Santa-Croce III to approve the Resolution. Seconded by: Mr. Saunders
Vote: (7) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (2) Absent Motion Carried

Resolution and MOU: Add the position title of Computer Programmer Analyst to the MEA

Mrs. Dare said that the Management Employees' Association ("MEA") would like to add the position title of Computer Programmer Analyst to the bargaining unit and provide the Computer Programmer Analyst with the same clothing allowance as the positions of Network Administrator I, Bio Chemist II, Network Systems Engineer and/or Computer Programmer. The Board has reviewed the terms of said Memorandum of Understanding, and this Board hereby ratifies the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding and authorizes the MVWA's Executive Director to execute the Agreement on behalf of the MVWA.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders to approve the Resolution. Seconded by: Mr. Santa-Croce III
Vote: (7) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (2) Absent Motion Carried

Committee Reports:

Mr. Korfonta said that the audit for 2025 is almost complete. The auditors are reviewing all of the work that we prepared for them. This will need to be submitted to the ABO by March 31st.

Mr. Korfonta said on the December 2025 finance report there is approximately \$9 million on the balance sheet for grant revenue from different projects like LSLI (lead service line inventory), LSLR (lead service line replacement), and the Phase 2 project. For the year, consumption was above the previous year by almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of a percent, which is good. Water sales were above our budget by \$566K, the prior year MVWA was up about \$1.6 million. Cash flow went down a little bit, there were some capital projects that needed to be paid. MVWA ended the year up about \$700K.

Mr. Korfonta talked about the January/February finance reports as well. He stated that consumption was down a little over 5% for the year. Billings and consumption are down as well as collections YTD. After March MVWA will have a better idea of the trend so far YTD.

Approval: 4th Quarter Investment Statement:

Mr. Korfonta stated that the Public Authorities Law requires that MVWA provide you (The Board) with periodic balances of our investments, any earnings and any expenses related to that. This statement is for the full year. Mr. Korfonta said that MVWA budgeted about \$840K for interest income and MVWA made approximately \$1.3 million. There are also some funds set aside for arbitrage.

Motion made by Mr. Ford to approve the Investment Statement. Seconded by: Mr. Santa-Croce III
Vote: (7) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (2) Absent Motion Carried

Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Tangorra gave the Board Members Veolia's annual report in their binders. Veolia is the contracted operations group that has run the water treatment plant since 2017 for MVWA.

Also included in their binders is a letter that was sent to the stakeholders of the communities to the east that were looking for the connection to the eastern transmission main project. This is essentially a letter stating that we need them to take some affirmative action to move the process forward.

After the letter went out Mr. Faldzinski and Mr. Tangorra met with the Town of Schuyler in case they would like to proceed on their own without the other communities. They are putting together a plan of what they would be looking for going forward.

Mr. Tangorra said since the letter has gone out a meeting has been scheduled for March 31st at Herkimer College for all of the stakeholders to attend.

MVWA has received the WQIP award which is up to \$2.5 million for rehabilitation work on the southern reservoir site. Mr. Tangorra stated that there have been talks with the City of Utica about how we can move forward. We are hoping to bring this to a capital committee meeting or to the full board in the near future.

Mr. Tangorra praised the maintenance yard workers. In the month of February, they repaired 66 water main breaks which is a record number. It has been a hard winter, they were out there in the cold and dark with an aging system. He is very proud of them and the work done.

Mr. Tangorra said that the annual water quality report is now online and has been sent out to the local municipalities.

MVWA is participating in a bench marking survey to see how we compare to other utilities across the US. MVWA is compiling data now and when we get those results, we will share them with the board. This is to set some standards as to where we are and where we want to go and how to get there.

Mr. Tangorra said that Hinckley Reservoir is in good shape. It was at an elevation of 1195' about 10 days ago and is currently at 1217'. It should be close to spilling over by Thursday. The reservoir rebounded, functioning as it is supposed to. It's gaining 30 feet of elevation and should be in a good position from power production to recreational use but most importantly for drinking water going forward.

Mr. Brodsky asked if there were any differences in the Veolia report compared to others in the past that were of concern. Mr. Tangorra said no, however he tweaked the information that they had been providing us from previous years.

Mr. Brodsky added commentary regarding AI. He would like to have a discussion in the near future on policies and procedures at MVWA

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Passacantando, Secretary
Mohawk Valley Water Authority