

MOHAWK VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2026

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Bruce Brodsky, Dale Dodge, Mark Ford, Ryan Gilroy, Richard Karam, Anthony Lucenti, Jef Saunders and John Wallace

Absent: Dennis Bova, Elis DeLia, and Eugene Santa-Croce III

Also Present in Boardroom: Phil Tangorra, Jim Korfonta, Dan Faldzinski, Sandra Dare, Geralynn Powers, Ken Bobrow Esq. Nicole Chubbuck, CPA and Andrew Mucica, CPA

Approval of the March 16, 2026 Minutes:

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

Vote: (8) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (3) Absent Motion Carried.

Presentation and Approval of the 2025 Audit:

Nicole Chubbuck and Andrew Mucica from D’Arcangelo & Co. were in attendance of the meeting to give a presentation of the 2025 audit. The board members were given a bound copy of the issued audited financial statements. Ms. Chubbuck stated that there were 4 different reports issued as part of the audit. The results were unmodified “clean” opinion and no deficiencies which is a good audit.

Motion made by Mr. Brodsky to approve the Audit. Seconded by: Mr. Ford

Vote: (8) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (3) Absent Motion Carried.

Resolution: Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution:

Mrs. Dare presented this resolution “Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials” for Mr. Tangorra and Mr. Korfonta. They do not participate in the timekeeping system and need to submit a record of activities for 3 months that establishes a 7 hour workday for each of them and will be submitted to the NY State Retirement System to do so.

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

Vote: (8) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (3) Absent Motion Carried

Resolution: Award of Contract for N. Genesee St. Large Valve Insertion Project

Mr. Faldzinski stated that the Mohawk Valley Water Authority (MVWA) requires the installation of a 20-inch insertion valve and 30-inch gate valve to aid in the shut-down of large water mains along North Genesee Street near the Thruway on-ramp and to reduce the number of service interruptions during shut-downs. 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 2 contractors, of which Mohawk Valley Materials, Inc. was the low bidder in the amount of \$643,219.54. Mohawk Valley Materials, Inc. has previously worked for the MVWA and performed well and references were contacted that provided good recommendations. A contract for the North Genesee Large Valve Insertion Project, in the amount of \$643,219.54 shall be awarded to Mohawk Valley Materials, Inc.

Motion made by Mr. Dodge to approve the Resolution. Seconded by: Mr. Brodsky
Vote: (8) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (3) Absent Motion Carried

Approval: Award of Banking Services

Mr. Korfonta stated that MVWA went out to bid for banking services. 4 proposals were received and were interviewed internally. The finance committee had a meeting last week to discuss the proposals and a decision was made to select the Bank of Utica.

Motion made by Mr. Brodsky to approve the Banking Services. Seconded by: Mr. Ford
Vote: (7) Ayes (0) Nays (1) Abstain-Ryan Gilroy (3) Absent Motion Carried

Committee Reports: March Finance Report

Mr. Korfonta presented the March Finance report. He stated that consumption is down 6% for the year. Water sales are down \$83K for the year compared to budget and down \$84K compared to the prior year. Cash flow is up about \$600K YTD. Mr. Korfonta said as we build that up we will use it for larger bills, and towards the end of the year we will use it for our retirement and insurance payments. Mr. Brodsky discussed some key financial indicators from 2020-2025. He stated that cash has been pretty stable, end of year 2020 we were at \$14.8 million and EOY 2025 was \$15.9 million which is pretty consistent. State and Federal grants over the last 6 years, in 2020 MVWA received \$172K in grants, 2022 \$211K and in 2025 was more than \$1 million in state and federal grants.

Mr. Tangorra added that there has been an influx of federal dollars that came out with the bipartisan infrastructure law, more dollars available over the last number of years and also the staff has more aggressively pursued those dollars as well. If those dollars still remain out there to be had we will work to try and get those.

Mr. Brodsky stated that MVWA has been very successful in getting third party funding for necessary projects.

Approval: 1st Quarter Investment Statement:

Mr. Korfonta stated that the Public Authorities Law requires that MVWA provide you (The Board) with a quarterly investment statement of our investments, any earnings and any expenses related to those investments. These funds are primarily from bonding.

Motion made by Mr. Karam to approve the Investment Statement. Seconded by: Mr. Brodsky
Vote: (8) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (3) Absent Motion Carried

Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Tangorra updated the board of directors of the progress with the new online payment system. To date there are over 800 customers that have signed up for online payments.

Mr. Tangorra, Mr. Dodge, Mr. Lucenti and Mr. Saunders were at Herkimer College for a meeting regarding the Eastern Mohawk Valley Transmission Main Project. The communities will try to regroup and see if they are able to move forward with the project.

Mr. Tangorra said MVWA will be implementing a PILOT program for the summer May 26-Sept 4th. The office hours of MVWA will be 8:30-4 instead of 4:30 Monday through Friday with a half hour lunch. Mr. Tangorra will be getting information out to the public to make them aware of the change in the hours.

Drinking Water Week is May 3-9 and Mr. Tangorra will be implementing a public awareness campaign. This will be educational for our customers, consisting of information on our new payment

system, everbridge (signing up for alerts), summer hours, water quality report, and addition of phosphate chemical later this year as MVWA works towards compliance with the lead and copper rule. A major factor towards compliance will be the addition of phosphate. MVWA is working with the Paige Group to push this campaign out to the public via social media, website etc.

Hinckley Reservoir is at the brim, on April 1 it was spilling over the dam. Mr. Tangorra was on Talk of the Town recently to talk about the impact of the dam on downstream communities and the drinking water.

Mr. Tangorra would like to take a little time several times throughout the year at board meetings to educate the board members in more detail regarding concerns that MVWA will be facing in the next 2-10+ years with the cost of infrastructure, regulatory updates, lead and copper rule improvements, and the capital improvement plan. Other topics may be added as well.

MVWA had staff attending a NY Water Conference in Saratoga for technical educational training.

Mr. Tangorra was recently in DC asking Senators and Congressional Reps for money and letting them know the financial burden water systems face in the future.

Much of the topics covered is tied to the MVWA strategic plan. Mr. Tangorra will make sure this gets emailed to all board members.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Executive Session: Collective Bargaining Agreement

Vice-Chairman Saunders asked for a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:38 PM to discuss the Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

Vote: (8) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (3) Absent Motion Carried.

Went into Executive Session at 5:40 PM.

Motion made to come out of Executive Session by Mr. Brodsky. Seconded by Mr. Karam.

Vote: (8) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (3) Absent Motion Carried.

Came out of Executive Session at 5:47 PM

The Board approved Ratifying and Funding Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement through December 31, 2028.

Motion made by Mr. Ford to approve the agreement. Seconded by Mr. Dodge.

Vote: (8) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (3) Absent Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Passacantando, Secretary
Mohawk Valley Water Authority