

MOHAWK VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2026

Treasurer Bruce Brodsky called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM.
Treasurer Bruce Brodsky presided, and Amy Passacantando took the minutes.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Dennis Bova, Bruce Brodsky, Mark Ford, Ryan Gilroy, Richard Karam, Anthony Lucenti, Eugene Santa-Croce III

Absent: Elis DeLia, Dale Dodge, Jef Saunders and John Wallace

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

Approval of the April 20, 2026 Minutes:

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

Vote: (7) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (4) Absent Motion Carried.

Resolution and MOA: Adding New Position Title “Groundworker” to the Teamsters Bargaining Unit

Mrs. Dare said that MVWA currently has 2 positions that mow, however neither has a pesticide license. It would be in the best interest of MVWA to have one of these positions be licensed. The duties were sent to Oneida County and Oneida County Civil Service created a new position title, Groundworker (Water Authority) on April 24, 2026. The Local Union 294 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (“Teamsters”) would like to add position title of Groundworker (Water Authority) to the bargaining unit. The Teamsters and MVWA desire to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement outlining the above.

Motion made by Mr. Karam to approve the Resolution. Seconded by: Mr. Santa-Croce

Vote: (7) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (4) Absent Motion Carried

Resolution: Authorizing the Municipal Official to Enter into Agreement with the NYSDOT

Mr. Faldzinski stated this resolution authorizes Philip Tangorra, to execute any and all agreements with the New York State Department of Transportation regarding the State's construction project PIN 2047.07 North Genesee Street Gateway Bridge and Multi-Modal Connector Project. This project will be replacing a 30” and a 20” transmission main of ours.

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

Vote: (7) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (4) Absent Motion Carried

Resolution: Granting the State of NY Authority to Perform Adjustment for the Owner & Agreeing to Maintain Facilities Adj. Via State-Let Contract

Mr. Faldzinski continued that the New York State Department of Transportation proposes the reconstruction, of North Genesee Street Gateway Bridge and Multi-Modal Connector Project, PIN 2047.07 and the State will include as part of the construction, reconstruction, or improvement of the above mentioned project the relocation and adjustment to water mains and appurtenances, pursuant to Section 10, Subdivision 24, of the State Highway Law, as shown on the contract plans relating to the project and meeting the requirements of the owner. The service life of the relocated

and or replaced utilities has not been extended, and The State will provide for the reconstruction of the above mentioned work, as shown on the contract plans relating to the above-mentioned project. The Mohawk Valley Water Authority approves of the relocation of and adjustment to their water mains and appurtenances and the above mentioned work performed on the project and shown on the contract plans relating to the project and that the Mohawk Valley Water Authority will maintain or cause to be maintained the adjusted facilities performed as above stated and as shown on the contract plans.

Motion made by Mr. Bova to approve the Resolution. Seconded by: Mr. Gilroy
Vote: (7) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (4) Absent Motion Carried

Resolution: Award of Contract for 2026 Lawn Restoration Project

Mr. Faldzinski stated that the Mohawk Valley Water Association (MVWA) requires assistance in restoring lawn areas disturbed by construction operations throughout MVWA's service area. A bid was received from 3 contractors, of which Earthscapes Outdoors Contracting, Inc. of New York Mills, Earthscapes Outdoors Contracting, Inc. was the low bidder in the amount of \$92,420.00. The contractor has previously worked for the MVWA and performed well.

Motion made by Mr. Gilroy to approve the Resolution. Seconded by: Mr. Ford
Vote: (7) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (4) Absent Motion Carried

Resolution: Award of Contract for Southern Reservoir House Demolition Project

Mr. Faldzinski said that the Mohawk Valley Water Association (MVWA) desires assistance in the demolition of an existing building structure located at the Southern Reservoir property at 724 Pleasant Street, in the Town of New Hartford, New York. A bid was received from 5 contractors, of which United Contractors of Utica, New York was the low bidder in the amount of \$25,500. The contractor has not previously worked for the MVWA however references were contacted and favorable responses were received.

Motion made by Mr. Bova to approve the Resolution. Seconded by: Mr. Ford
Vote: (7) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (4) Absent Motion Carried

Reaffirmation of HR Policies:

The following policies are reaffirmed annually and have no changes.

- Family and Medical Leave Policy
- Rights of Employees to Express Breast Milk
- Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy
- Whistleblower Policy

Motion made by Mr. Mr. Bova to reaffirm the HR policies. Seconded by: Mr. Santa-Croce III
Vote: (7) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (4) Absent Motion Carried

Committee Reports: April Finance Report

Mr. Korfonta stated that MVWA is now one third through the year and in March the consumption was down 6%. MVWA water consumption has recovered a little, for the month of April it is down 3.7%. The water sales compared to budget are pretty much on track now. Mr. Korfonta said that cash flow is positive, YTD MVWA is up a little over \$300K. MVWA is working on building up cash for the year end payments.

Mr. Brodsky asked if there were any board members that did not receive a copy of the audit reports for 2025.

Mr. Santa-Croce III inquired on the large outstanding accounts, Mr. Korfonta said page 6 identifies accounts with balances over \$1,000. and that are overdue 71 days or more and he stated that we are working on getting these paid down.

Mr. Brodsky asked if Mr. Korfonta would identify 5 upstate municipal water authorities and compare rates, penalties, late fees etc. to see how we compare to others.

Mr. Tangorra stated that Mrs. Milograno is in the process of updating our rules and regulations so now would be a good time to look at rates and fees.

Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Tangorra said that MVWA launched a social media and customer awareness campaign to tie into the Drinking Water Week which was May 3-9. There have been social media and website announcements to encourage people to sign up for water alerts, automatic recurring payments (ARP) and reminders for our new summer hours pilot program. These will go on throughout the summer and then we will evaluate at the end of summer.

The Finance Authority met a couple weeks ago to sign documents to close on the lead service line replacement zero percent interest loan. Mr. Tangorra says that this loan will turn into a grant eventually.

Mr. Tangorra says that there have been more than 1500 people that have signed up for the ARP.

Mr. Tangorra stated that Hinckley Reservoir is currently 6-7' below average for this time of year. This does trigger weekly calls with NY Power Authority and the Canals.

In 2025 Mr. Tangorra said that MVWA received a five-million-dollar WIIA Grant in support of the eastern transmission main project. The award has been rescinded due to a lack of progress from the communities to the east of us. MVWA is still interested in providing water to them, but it will be up to them to come up with an actionable plan. Perhaps those dollars can be restored at some point.

The drinking water presentation will be postponed until a future meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Motion made by Mr. Santa-Croce to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Karam
Vote: (7) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (4) Absent Motion Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Passacantando, Secretary
Mohawk Valley Water Authority