MOHAWK VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 21, 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: Dennis Bova, Bruce Brodsky, Elis DeLia, Dale Dodge, Ryan Gilroy, Anthony Lucenti, Eugene Santa-Croce III (arrived at 5:01), Jef Saunders and John Wallace
Absent: Mark Ford and Richard Karam
Also Present in Boardroom: Phil Tangorra, Jim Korfonta, Dan Faldzinski, Eric Best, Anne Milograno, Jim Mack, Sandra Dare and Ken Bobrow Esq.

Approval of the August 17, 2026 Minutes:
Motion made by Mr. Bova to approve the Minutes. Seconded by: Mr. Saunders
Vote: (8) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain-Mr. DeLia, (3) Absent Motion Carried.

Resolution and MOU: Revisions to the Teamsters CBA Article V Section 5
The Mohawk Valley Water Authority ("MVWA") and Local Union 294 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters ("Teamsters") are parties to a collective bargaining agreement that is effective from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028 and Article V Workday, Workweek, and Overtime Section 5 contains language regarding rest time; and the MVWA and Teamsters wish to make certain revisions to Article V Section 5 for purposes of clarity, uniformity of application, and safety; and the Teamsters and MVWA desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding outlining the above.

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

Resolution: Request to Initiate a Sale of Water Revenue Bonds
Mr. Tangorra stated that at the September 10th capital improvements committee meeting the staff approached the committee with a capital plan moving forward and this resolution is in support of that.

Mr. Faldzinski continued that the Board of the Upper Mohawk Valley Regional Water Board, doing business as the Mohawk Valley Water Authority (MVWA), operates and manages the Water Supply System and infrastructure; and the Upper Mohawk Valley Regional Water Finance Authority is authorized, by statute, to obtain financing to effectuate the purposes of the Upper Mohawk Regional Water Authority through, inter alia, the borrowing of money and issuance of bonds; and the Upper Mohawk Regional Water Board (MVWA) has determined that the capital projects' requirements for water system repair, renewal, and improvements for the next phase of its Capital Improvement Program (CIP) will be in the amount of $9,000,000. The board of the Upper Mohawk Regional Water Board is formally initiating the request process requesting that the Regional Water Finance Authority commence the procedure for the sale of Water Revenue Bonds to finance the Capital Projects.

Chairman DeLia added that the finance projects committees recommend approval of this resolution to the board.

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

Discussion of the Rules & Regulations:

Mr. Tangorra said at the September 10th Capital Improvements Committee Meeting the staff approached the board committee with a capital plan moving forward and this resolution is in support of that. He continued that MVWA has had Ad-hoc committees and one led by Mrs. Milograno was to update the Rules & Regulations Booklet. Mrs. Milograno held a series of meetings with staff to go through and make changes. A couple of items that were presented to the Capital and Finance Committees were

- MVWA to take over responsibility for the curb box (currently and in the past, it was the customers responsibility, however MVWA always paid for the repair).
- MVWA will give customers additional time to repair service line leaks.

Mrs. Milograno added that some of the language in the Rules & Regs Booklet was cleaned up.
The updated Rules & Regs Booklets will be emailed to the Board Members and be presented for approval at the October Board Meeting.
Mr. Wallace asked why the length of time is now 90 days, which seems like a long time. Mr. Tangorra said this gives the customer an ample amount of time to repair however if it is a substantial leak MVWA has the right to turn the water off at the premise.

Discussion of the Rates & Fees:

Mr. Tangorra said there were 3 items brought to the Finance and Capital Committees Meeting September 10th for approval to move to the full board in October.

- Increase the processing fee from 2.50% to 2.75% on credit card payments.
- Charge customers to receive paper statements in the mail, $0.50 for monthly statements and $1.50 for quarterly statements. MVWA would like to encourage customers to utilize e-billing and these charges would not apply.
- Backflow charge on non-compliant accounts will be increased to $1,000. These are proposed changes and the entire Rates & Fees Booklet will be sent to the Board to be approved at the October Meeting. The booklet will also include the proposed rate changes as well.

Motion made by Mr. Brodsky to review and approve the Rates & Fees at the October Meeting.
Seconded by: Mr. Dodge
Vote: (9) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (2) Absent Motion Carried

Approval: Update and Approval of the Procurement Policy:

Mr. Korfonta said at the Finance Committee Meeting they discussed the procurement policy. He stated that there was an internal committee that met several times to update and make changes to the policy. The changes being presented are as follows.

- MVWA added language for when federal funds are being received.
- Added language dealing with preferred sources, M/WBE, small and veteran owned businesses.
- Language was tightened up throughout the policy
- Changed the dollar amount threshold for purchasing goods and services.

Motion made by Mr. Wallace to approve the Procurement Policy. Seconded by: Mr. Lucenti
Vote: (9) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (2) Absent Motion Carried

Committee Reports: August Finance Report

Mr. Korfonta stated that consumption was below budget by 1.3% year to date but is trending positive compared to previous month. Water sales are up $200K compared to budget and up $200K compared to last year's actuals. Cash flow was up $300K for August.

Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Tangorra introduced and welcomed Eric Best to the Board Members. Eric is the new Water Quality Director at MVWA.

Mr. Tangorra continued that the phosphate project is nearing completion. MVWA is working on sending notifications and postcards to all customers. There will be phone calls to the largest users and health care facilities along with a handout. These will go out in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Tangorra says that they are still looking for competitive pricing which will be included with next year's chemical costs and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Hinckley Reservoir update – they have returned to following the operating diagram now that the recreational season is over. The reservoir is currently 2 ½ ft below average. MVWA has no concerns.

Mr. Tangorra said that in the news it was mentioned that MVWA is the recipient of the LIFT Grant which was received last year as well. This is related to the latest round of funding announced in June, of which $3.3 million was a zero-interest loan that the Governor is converting to a grant. MVWA will still need to go to the finance authority and through the closing process even though it is grant money. MVWA has received about twenty-five million dollars in grant awards for the lead service line replacement initiative that the state and federal government requires to be completed by 2037.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amy Passacantando, Secretary
Mohawk Valley Water Authority