MOHAWK VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 19, 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, Mark Ford, Ryan Gilroy, Richard Karam, Anthony Lucenti, Eugene Santa-Croce III, Jef Saunders and John Wallace
Absent:
Also Present in Boardroom: Phil Tangorra, Jim Korfonta, Geralynn Powers, Eric Best, Anne Milograno, Jim Mack, Sandra Dare and Ken Bobrow Esq.

Approval of the September 21, 2026 Minutes:
Motion made by Mr. Bova to approve the Minutes. Seconded by: Mr. Karam
Vote: (11) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (0) Absent Motion Carried.

Resolution: Approval of Water Rates of Fiscal Year 2027
Mr. Tangorra stated that the updated Rates and Fees Booklets were in the board members binders. The changes made were reviewed and discussed at the September meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Wallace to approve the Resolution for the water rates. Seconded by: Mr. Bova
Vote: (11) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (0) Absent Motion Carried

Resolution: Approval of the Budget for 2027
Mr. Korfonta said that the summary and details of the budget were handed out to each of the board members. The rate increase proposed was 5%.
Chairman DeLia added that there was a budget workshop held in September as well as a discussion at the September board meeting to discuss the changes to the budget.

Motion made by Mr. Wallace to approve the Resolution for the budget. Seconded by: Mr. Ford
Vote: (11) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (0) Absent Motion Carried

Resolution: Approval of 2026 Generator Replacements Project
Mr. Tangorra stated that the Mohawk Valley Water Authority (MVWA) seeks to replace (5) five existing permanent diesel generators due to their age and the limited availability of repair parts. Bids were received from 4 contractors, of which Fisk Electric, LLC of Syracuse, New York was the low bidder in the amount of $834,500.00.

Motion made by Mr. Santa-Croce III to approve the Resolution. Seconded by: Mr. Brodsky
Vote: (11) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (0) Absent Motion Carried

Resolution: Approval of the Champlin Ave Valve Insertion and Hinckley Line Stops Project
Mr. Tangorra said the Mohawk Valley Water Authority (MVWA) requires the installation of a 20-inch insertion valve along Champlin Avenue in New York Mills and to perform line-stops on the existing 42-inch raw water main at Hinckley Reservoir to assist with meter replacement. Bids were received from 2 contractors, of which Mohawk Valley Materials, Inc. was the low bidder in the amount of $549,420.20.

Motion made by Mr. Karam to approve the Resolution. Seconded by: Mr. Brodsky
Vote: (11) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (0) Absent Motion Carried

Approval of Updated IT Policies:

Mr. Mack told the board that he has received the certificate of compliance for the annual disaster recovery test that was completed in September.
He continued that MVWA also had the annual cyber security audit completed by our insurance com. which was successfully completed.
Mr. Brodsky congratulated Mr. Mack and his team for their excellence on protecting the data and the system. He continued that he is proud of the board and the staff. The board of directors steps up with the resources necessary to protect the rate payers and the users of our system.
Mr. Mack stated that the IT policies (Remote Access Policy, Mobile Device Policy, Network Infrastructure Security Policy and the Information Security Policy) have been updated and if any of the board members have any questions, he will address them.

Motion made by Mr. Brodsky to approve updated policies. Seconded by: Mr. Gilroy
Vote: (11) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (0) Absent Motion Carried

Approval of the Rules & Regulations:

Mr. Tangorra said that the rules and regulations booklet in the binder is the updated version. Mr. Brodsky asked if this was the one that explained that MVWA would now be responsible for the curb box. Mr. Tangorra confirmed that it was.

Motion made by Mr. Ford to approve the updated Rules & Regulations Booklet as presented. Seconded by: Mr. Lucenti
Vote: (11) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (0) Absent Motion Carried

Committee Reports: September Finance Report

Mr. Korfonta explained that along with the 2027 budget resolution is a certification letter from our rate consultant that certifies this rate increase will work for our budget.
Mr. Korfonta continued with the September finance report and said that consumption was about the same, 1.6% below last year's consumption. Water sales for September and accumulative were about $200,000 above budget and $193,000 compared to the prior year which is pretty good. Cash flow was up about $50,000 for September and year to date about $800,000 which we will need to pay some large bills coming up at the end of the year. MVWA had a down month with cash flow and hopefully will recover in the next couple of months so they will be in a better position to fund the reserves at the end of the year.

Approval: 3rd Quarter Investment Statement

Mr. Korfonta stated that the Public Authorities Law requires that MVWA provide the Board with a quarterly statement of our investments, any earnings and any expenses related to those investments. Year to date MVWA has earned about $715,000 in interest and there is $900,000 budgeted for the year. Mr. Korfonta anticipates exceeding that figure. Money has been set aside for arbitrage.
Mr. Brodsky added that MVWA has a limited number of options to invest and does very well investing.

Motion made by Mr. Karam to approve the Investment Statement. Seconded by: Mr. Santa-Croce III
Vote: (11) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (0) Absent Motion Carried

Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Tangorra gave an update on the phosphate feed system, which is close to going online. MVWA has sent letters and made phone calls to top users such as healthcare, manufacturing etc. to let them know we will be adding the phosphates and postcards will be going out to all accounts. Soon after that MVWA will receive product and this should be turned on around the end of October.

Mr. Tangorra said the Hinckley level is at 1203', which is around 6ft below average and rising slowly. The canals are following the operating diagram. There was a call a couple of weeks ago and they were hoping that this current phase, Phase 2 of the raw water main project, would be completed so that they could change their low-level target to 1185' above sea level. Mr. Tangorra says MVWA is not quite there yet. He

also said there will be a need to do line stop work that was just approved along with the tie-ins to complete this phase.

The MVWA staff continues to evaluate options to upgrade and update the AMI metering infrastructure, Mr. Tangorra stated. They are hoping to bring something to the board in the next couple of months.

Mr. Tangorra said that MVWA has received grants and zero interest loans and he shared some additional data since the one-year mark. MVWA has replaced around 700 services in the system at an average cost of $15,300. MVWA has utilized grant money that was received in 2024 with about $11 million left and will be used next year and $10 million in grant money this year that will be utilized. With $21 million left that will replace about 1400 services. Predictive modeling shows that MVWA has about seven thousand lead services which will leave MVWA with about 5600 to be replaced with their own dollars, unless the state or government gives us more dollars. The cost to complete this will be about $83 million, using the $15,300 per service amount.

Mr. Tangorra handed out an annual statement to each board member. He will expand on this in 2026 and will send it to our elected officials.

Old Business: None

New Business: Mr. Bova had a question regarding the line stops and if there is a possibility that MVWA could buy the rest of the tapping system and do the work themselves.
Mr. Tangorra stated that they have talked about this but decided the price was cost prohibited.

Executive Session:
Chairman DeLia asked for a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:25 PM to discuss a possible contract and legal issues.

Motion made by Mr. Brodsky to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Wallace.
Vote: (10) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (1) Absent Motion Carried. (Mr. Saunders excused himself from executive session).
Went into Executive Session at 5:35 PM.

Motion made to come out of Executive Session by Mr. Bova. Seconded by Mr. Karam.
Vote: (11) Ayes (0) Nays (0) Abstain (0) Absent Motion Carried.
Came out of Executive Session at 6:10 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amy Passacantando, Secretary
Mohawk Valley Water Authority