

**SUFFOLK COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

DATE: March 25, 2021

LOCATION: Administration Building, Oakdale, New York

MEMBERS: Patrick Halpin, Chairman  
Tim Bishop, Member  
Jane Devine, Secretary

ALSO ATTENDED Jacqueline Gordon, Member  
Elizabeth Mercado, Member

Jeffrey W. Szabo, Chief Executive Officer

This meeting was also attended by Counsel T. Hopkins and Counsel J. Milazzo, and by Messrs. Bova, Brady, Brand, Cecchetto, Durk, Finello, Fuller, Galante, Given, Kilcommons, Kleinman, Kuzman, Litka, Milazzo, Motz, O'Connell, Pokorny, Reinfrank, Reynolds, Wahl, Wallach, Warner and by Mmes. Cameron, Cetta, Hannan, Hohenberger, Lowe, Mancuso, Palillo, Tinsley, Vassallo, Yatauro.

This meeting was also attended by members of the public including Messrs. Biondo, Goldstein and Mmes. Volpe.

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The meeting was called to order by Jeffrey Szabo at 2:00 p.m. upon all Members of the Committee being present.

The Members reviewed the minutes of the last Finance Committee meeting, held on January 30, 2020.

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Devine, it was unanimously carried to:

**Approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on January 30, 2020.**

Mr. Cecchetto, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, began his presentation on Rates. Mr. Cecchetto reviewed the rate recommendations made by the rate consultant, Raftelis. Mr. Cecchetto discussed refining the capital budget, as well as modifications to the rate structure. Mr. Cecchetto then reviewed the current rate structure and consumption thresholds, as well as the proposed rates for these, respectively. Mr. Cecchetto stated the recommended rate increase to be roughly \$1.56 per month per customer. Mr. Cecchetto also reviewed the current average annual bills of SCWA versus four other local water providers, with SCWA remaining the most cost-effective provider.

Mr. Halpin and Ms. Devine requested a detailed plan on the outreach efforts as well as the language used to convey this information to the customers.

All of the Board Members then thanked Mr. Cecchetto and Ms. Vassallo for their hard work in creating a very clear and concise rate presentation.

On motion made by Mr. Bishop, duly seconded by Ms. Devine and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, That the rate proposal as presented is recommended for adoption during the Board Meeting at 3 p.m.

Mr. Cecchetto then began his presentation on the Budget proposed for fiscal year ending May 31, 2021. Mr. Cecchetto outlined the budgets for Capital Budget (\$72.74M) and Emerging Contaminants (\$26M), and Operating and Maintenance (\$140M). A discussion was had between the Board Members concerning budget versus actual spending. Mr. Cecchetto then reviewed several organizational initiatives for each department. Mr. Cecchetto reviewed debt service, as well as projected water revenues.

The Board Members did not have any questions at this time.

On motion made by Ms. Devine, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, That the Budget for Fiscal Year Ending May 31,2022 as presented is recommended for adoption during the Board Meeting at 3 p.m.

At this time, no members from the public had comment.

As there was no further business to discuss and on motion made by Ms. Devine, duly seconded by Mr. Bishop, and unanimously carried the Finance Committee Meeting was adjourned at 2:55PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Brittany Palillo  
Executive Assistant/Secretary to the Board

**The members of the committee must vote to ratify the motions. Members of the board not on this committee made motions. They must ratify the motions to be by committee members only.**