

Suffolk County Water Authority

FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATE: March 27, 2018

LOCATION: Administration Building, Oakdale, New York

ATTENDEES: James Gaughran, Chairman
Jane Devine, Member
Patrick Halpin, Member
Jeffrey W. Szabo, Chief Executive Officer
Timothy J. Hopkins, Counsel
Donna Mancuso, Chief Human Resources Officer
Elizabeth Vassallo, Director of Finance
Maria Trupia, Executive Assistant/Secretary to the Board

The meeting was called to order by James Gaughran at 3:35 p.m. upon the Members of the Committee being present.

Ms. Vassallo distributed the Authority's Budgets for the Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 2019.

Ms. Vassallo stated that this meeting is for the purpose of the Authority's Board to consider a rate change that would increase the customer's average bill by a little less than \$15 annually. This increase, for the average customer, would be 3.75%. The Authority would receive approximately \$4.35 million in additional revenues.

The cause of the rate increase would primarily be due to the rising cost of health care and power costs, as well as post-employment benefits other than pension costs.

The Authority's financial consultants recommended an increase of more than 6%, but the Authority was able to lower that figure due to the sale of a surplus building in Southold and the restructuring of antenna leases with T-Mobile.

Ms. Vassallo also stated that the rate increase would also help the Authority to fund vital projects such as: the implantation of mobile workforce technology, which will lead to more efficient operations; other technological advancements, such as an improved hydraulic model and more customer-friendly website; additional capital funds for 1,4-dioxane removal systems; the proactive replacement of wells to ensure our

water supply remains viable; increased lab testing to ensure our water continues to meet all water regulations; upgrades to our SCADA system; and the construction of additional water storage capacity on the East End to help us better meet peak demand.

At this time, Mr. Gaughran asked for any comments, again stating that no one from the public is present. No comments were made.

On motion made by Mr. Halpin, duly seconded by Ms. Devine, it was unanimously carried to recommend the Operating Budget and Capital Budget to the full Board for adoption.

On motion made by Ms. Devine, duly seconded by Mr. Halpin, it was unanimously carried to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

Maria Trupia

Executive Assistant/Secretary to the Board

Reviewed by:

Elizabeth Vassallo, Director of Finance