




ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

October 12, 2023

To: Jerome D. Schad, Chair
Peggy A. LaGree, Vice Chair
Michele M. Iannello, Treasurer

From: Joyce Tomaka, Chief Financial Officer 

Subject: 2024 Budget Package

Please review the attached budget package for 2024 – Operating & Maintenance and Capital Spending for consideration to adopt at the October 19, 2023 Board meeting.

As a result of our September budget work session, I submitted the five-year spending plan to Raftelis Financial Consultants and requested they update their rate projection that was previously delivered at our August Board meeting. Given that Raftelis will be presenting their findings concurrently at the October Board meeting, the attached budget package has been revised from a 4.5% rate increase originally proposed in August to the newly recommended 9% rate increase for 2024.

Outside of the updated rate increase noted above, the following changes have been incorporated into the attached package since our work session on September 27, 2023:

➤ Under the Capital Spending Budget:

- Page 8 – Unit 1090 added item 101757 – V-Plow attachment in the amount of \$5,000
- Page 17 – Unit 3070 increased \$2,800,000 related to the comprehensive facilities plan
- Page 19 – Unit 8525 added item 101682 – Power System Modernization project (which will not be completed in 2023) in the amount of \$100,000

➤ Under Operating & Maintenance Budget – Page 4:

- Chemicals Purchased increased \$891,120 to reflect the increase in Caustic Soda prices from the recent bid received
- Corporate and Fiscal have been added in the amount of \$89,000
- Insurance and Damages decreased \$305,755 as this amount had been included twice in the preliminary package, in error

Public Authorities Law §2801(2) requires that a budget for the upcoming fiscal year be adopted by the Board and submitted to the Chairperson of the Erie County Legislature and the Authorities Budget Office (ABO) by November 1st of each year.

Upon adoption of the 2024 budget, a certified copy of the resolution along with a copy of the adopted Budget will be sent to the Chairperson of the Erie County Legislature. In addition, the 2024 Budget & Financial Plan will be submitted to the ABO by uploading the document to the Public Authorities Reporting Information System (PARIS) website.

If you have any questions or require additional information before the October Board meeting, please call or email me.

cc J. Brown
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