



Press Release

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County Republicans Disregard MCWA Scandal Taxpayers Out \$1.1 Million

Rochester, New York – October 5, 2006: The Monroe County Legislature's Ways and Means Committee voted along party lines Wednesday to continue their endorsement of the conditions and board members responsible for the structural flaws in Water Authority oversight revealed by the State Comptroller's recent report. Republican Legislators led by Bill Smith (R-Pittsford) disregarded county taxpayers' calls for accountability citing the inconvenience that actual oversight would impose.

County Democrats had proposed the Legislature fulfill their duty to oversee the MCWA by seeking:

- A thorough **investigation** into the actions of the MCWA;
- The **resignations** of MCWA Chairman Anthony J. Quatrone, Vice-chair Clyde O. Benoy, and board member Larry Magguilli;
- The **reorganize** the MCWA board to comply with the intent of the New York State law that calls for the appointment of a bi-partisan board.

Voting against reform:

Tony LaFountain (R-Penfield) Jeff McCann (R-Greece) Dave Malta (R-Webster)
Jeff Adair (R-Mendon) Dan Quatro (R-Penfield) Bill Smith (R-Pittsford)

All three proposals were voted down leaving the MCWA board members responsible for approving former Monroe County Republican Party Chairman John Stanwix's *44 percent pay increases* in charge of determining for themselves if they did anything wrong.

As of today, the MCWA has established neither a timeline nor criteria for reporting anything to anyone.

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