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Democrats Demand Answers from Water Authority

Rochester, New York – May 1, 2008. Democrats in the Monroe County Legislature today called on the Monroe County Water Authority (MCWA) to provide a full accounting of the circumstances surrounding the disposal of fill soil by the MCWA to the private property of a MCWA official.

In a letter to MCWA Executive Director Edward Marianetti, Legislator Travis Heider (D-Brighton), who serves as the Democratic liaison to the MCWA Board, requested a “comprehensive explanation” of this situation and copies of all relevant MCWA policies, information regarding previous situations of a similar nature and information on who determined these goods were no longer needed.

“The report we saw on WHEC this evening raise more questions about the conduct of Water Authority officials. Sadly, with the case against former MCWA Executive Director John Stanwix about to go to trial, these revelations show, at best, a clear pattern of questionable behavior and poor management practices. This matter warrants a comprehensive investigation. It is my hope that Mr. Marianetti will be forthright and candid in his response to my questions so that the Legislature has sufficient information to determine an appropriate course of action going forward,” Heider said.

Democratic Minority Leader Harry Bronson (D-Rochester, Henrietta, Brighton) said “It is disheartening to, once again, learn of accusations of wrongdoing by the Water Authority. In the past, the Republican Majority has turned a blind eye to these situations and done little to remedy the harm to ratepayers; it is time the Legislature fully investigates and takes steps to ensure Monroe County’s property taxpayers are truly protected. Once further details become clear, we hope to work with our colleagues on the other side to ensure public authorities and local development corporations are held accountable to the citizens they were established to serve.”

Please find a copy of Legislator Heider’s letter attached and the original story at the following link:

<http://www.whec.com/article/stories/S431010.shtml?cat=566>

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