

**RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY  
LEGISLATORS LORIGO, RATH, AND LOUGHRAN**

**RE: Erie County Water Authority Commissioner Salary Reform**

**WHEREAS**, across the country, state and local governments are coming to terms with the need to implement long overdue reforms and cost-cutting measures in government and government agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Authorities Law §1053(1) states "The members of the authority shall receive such compensation for their services as shall be fixed by the board of supervisors and be reimbursed for all expenses incurred in connection with the carrying out of the purposes of this title;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Water Authority is governed by a three-member Board appointed by the Erie County Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Legislature, pursuant to Public Authorities Law §1053(1) established the current salary for each Erie County Water Authority Commissioner at \$22,500, inclusive of all salary and benefits awarded; and

**WHEREAS**, said salary is provided to the commissioners regardless of how little or how frequently they meet; and

**WHEREAS**, the Water Authority has historically met twice a month, this leads to a per meeting salary of \$937.50; and

**WHEREAS**, considering all the day-to-day operations of the Water Authority are addressed by employees appointed by the Commissioners a more modest stipend based on a per-meeting formula is appropriate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the annual compensation of \$22,500 annually for Erie County Water Authority commissioners is hereby abolished, and replaced with a stipend of \$100 for each publicly noticed meeting attended; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that said \$100 per-meeting stipend is capped at a maximum of \$3,000 annually; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Cuomo, the Western New York delegation to the New York State Legislature, Water Authority Board Members, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.

Fiscal Impact: Positive for Erie County ratepayers.