

News Release

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Wayne County Executive Makes Nomination for Water Board

Wayne County, MI – As a result of the regional agreement on February 11, Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano has nominated James G. Fausone, Esq., for appointment to the Detroit Water and Sewage Board of Commissioners.

“Jim brings the skills, qualities and leadership needed to continue the progression already accomplished,” Ficano stated. “His high regard as a consensus builder throughout the community, accompanied with his strong analytical and communications skills, will serve as critical attributes to the team in place.”

Fausone is highly respected in the legal profession and his commitment to public service is demonstrated through participation on a number of boards and service organizations. Fausone adds decades of engineering and environmental expertise to the regional authority, and will be an advocate for transparent, accountable governance, upholding his duty to act in the best interest of the region's constituents.

"I am honored to be nominated by the Wayne County Executive for the Board of Water Commissioners, as these are challenging times for DWSD," stated Jim Fausone. "By having a seat at the table, I look forward to building consensus on the major issues facing the system, not to mention, part of the solution to these challenges."

"Jim Fausone has a well deserved reputation for intelligence and integrity," added Reginald Turner, Partner, Clark Hill, and Past President, Michigan and Wolverine Bar Associations. "He is eminently qualified to serve on the Detroit Water and Sewerage Board of Commissioners."

Fausone has an accomplished background, including serving as partner at Dykema Gossett in Detroit; president of K&D Industries in Romulus; and currently, as a partner in Fausone Bohn LLP in Northville.

Westland Mayor Bill Wild believes Ficano has nominated a person with integrity, and the background to conscientiously represent the residents of Wayne County. Wild has worked with Fausone for years, and believes this is great news for the residents of Wayne County.

“Jim knows how to ask the hard questions and also how to build consensus," Wild added.

"I have known Jim for years and could not be happier to see a Canton resident of his reputation and skill appointed to the Board of Water Commissioners," Canton Township supervisor Phil LaJoy added. "I think Mr. Ficano made a terrific selection."

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey has high regard for Fausone, and is comfortable with Ficano's selection.

“I believe Jim's very sensible approach to matters will work well on the Board," Kirksey stated.

Fausone holds a BSE in Environmental Engineering, and a BS in Oceanography from the University of Michigan and is a graduate of Gonzaga Law School.

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