



**Regular Meeting of the  
Niagara Falls Water Board  
November 25, 2015 5:00 PM at  
Michael C. O’Laughlin Municipal Water Plant**

- 1. Call to Order** *Paul Drof called the Public Hearing to order at 4:00 p.m. on 11/19/15. The public was invited to submit oral or written comments on the proposed fees, rates and other charges to be established in the 2016 annual budget by the NFWB. There were no public speakers. No one attended the hearing.*

- 1. Roll Call:** *Chairman Ted Janese called 11/25/15 meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.*

Janese   P   Leffler   P   Kimble   P   Laible   P   Edwards   P  

- 2. Letters and Communications**

- 1. Public Comment– (All speakers must register with the Chairman prior to roll call and are limited to five minutes per person – total time for all speakers may not exceed one hour)**

*No public speakers*

- 3. Discussion of Items for Action**

- 1. Routine Items**

- 1. Approval of Minutes from October 22, 2015**

*Motion by Mr. Laible and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve. Motion was carried 5-0.*

*Edwards   Y   Kimble   Y   Leffler   Y   Laible   Y   Janese   Y*

**2. Personnel Actions**

*Motion by Ms. Kimble and seconded by Ms. Leffler to approve. Motion was carried 5-0.*

*Edwards \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_ Laible \_\_Y\_\_ Janese \_\_Y\_\_*

**3. Bid Approvals :**

*There were no bids to be approved.*

**4. Budget Transfers for October 2015**

*Motion by Mr. Laible and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve. Motion was carried 5-0.*

*Edwards \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_ Laible \_\_Y\_\_ Janese \_\_Y\_\_*

**2. From the Executive Director**

**1. Resolution authorizing the Memorandum of Agreement  
for the WNY Stormwater Coalition**

*Motion by Mr. Laible and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve. Motion was carried 5-0.*

*Edwards \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_ Laible \_\_Y\_\_ Janese \_\_Y\_\_*

**2. Resolution exercising the Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) year contract option for  
Auditing Services.**

*Motion by Ms. Kimble and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve. Motion was carried 5-0.*

*Edwards \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_ Laible \_\_Y\_\_ Janese \_\_Y\_\_*

### **3. Resolution to adopt the proposed 2016 budget**

#### ***Amendments presented for change to the proposed budget:***

- 1) Transfer of Crew Chief to Outside Water only. No longer split between Water and Sewer funds. No dollar change to overall budget.***

*Motion by Mr. Janese and seconded by Ms. Leffler to approve. Motion was carried 5-0.*

*Edwards \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_ Laible \_\_Y\_\_ Janese \_\_Y\_\_*

- 2) Reduced chemicals to 2015 adopted budget levels plus \$100,000 reduction of \$434,000.***

*Motion by Mr. Janese and there was no second motion. Amendment failed.*

- 3) Change (Increase/Decrease) Chemicals to current expenditure level (as of 11/19/15) – Reduction of \$65,000.***

*Motion by Ms. Leffler and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve. Motion was carried 5-0.*

*Edwards \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_ Laible \_\_Y\_\_ Janese \_\_Y\_\_*

- 4) Reduce temporary payroll levels in WTP and WWTP – reduction of \$75,000.***

*Motion by Mr. Janese and seconded by Ms. Leffler to approve. Motion was carried 5-0.*

*Edwards \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_ Laible \_\_Y\_\_ Janese \_\_Y\_\_*

- 5) Remove additional MW2 position from Inside Sewer (new position).***

***Reduction to base pay of \$27,544. Reduction to medical benefits of \$21,667.***

*Motion by Mr. Janese and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve. Motion was carried 5-0.*

*Edwards \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_ Laible \_\_Y\_\_ Janese \_\_Y\_\_*

**6) Restore Senior Account Clerk position – eliminate position of Principal Account Clerk – Reduction to base salary of \$1,724.**

*Motion by Mr. Janese and seconded by Ms. Leffler to approve. Motion was carried 5-0.*

*Edwards \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_ Laible \_\_Y\_\_ Janese \_\_Y\_\_*

**7) Restore Staff Accountant Position – eliminate position of Senior Accountant – Reduction to base salary of \$2,822.**

*Motion by Mr. Janese and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve. Motion was carried 5-0.*

*Edwards \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_ Laible \_\_Y\_\_ Janese \_\_Y\_\_*

**8) Reduce Public Relations funding to \$10,000. Reduction of \$26,000.**

*Motion by Mr. Janese and seconded by Mr. Laible to approve. Motion was carried 5-0.*

*Edwards \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_ Laible \_\_Y\_\_ Janese \_\_Y\_\_*

**9) Reduce Contingency Accounts by 5% - Reduction of \$166,383.**

*Motion by Mr. Janese and seconded by Ms. Kimble to approve. Motion was carried 5-0.*

*Edwards \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_ Laible \_\_Y\_\_ Janese \_\_Y\_\_*

**10) Reduction of Overtime Increase by 10% -\$49,300.**

*Motion by Mr. Janese and seconded by Ms. Leffler to approve. Motion failed 3-2.*

*Edwards \_\_N\_\_ Kimble \_\_N\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_ Laible \_\_N\_\_ Janese \_\_Y\_\_*

*Suspended vote for Resolutions 3, 4, 5 and 6 until 11/27/15*

***11/27/15 Reconvened NFWB Meeting at 12:02 p.m. that was suspended on 11/25/15 at 5:25 p.m.***

***Roll Call:***

*Janese \_\_P\_\_ Leffler \_\_P\_\_ Kimble \_\_P\_\_ Laible \_\_P\_\_ Edwards \_\_P\_\_*

*Janese, Leffler Kimble and Laible were present by phone. Edwards was present in person.*

***Please note:** Mr. Janese objects to the Meeting today as there was no notice to the public. He also believes that the rate increase is excessive.*

*Ms. Kimble objects to the rate increase. It is still excessive. With the amendments she expected it to be more of a 2% rate increase.*

*Motion by Mr. Laible and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve. Motion was carried 3-2.*

*Edwards \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_N\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_ Laible \_\_Y\_\_ Janese \_\_N\_\_*

**4. Resolution establishing rates, fees and other charges for 2016**

*Motion by Mr. Laible and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve. Motion was carried 3-2.*

*Edwards \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_N\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_ Laible \_\_Y\_\_ Janese \_\_N\_\_*

**5. Resolution establishing rates for hauled waste customers**

*Motion by Mr. Laible and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve. Motion was carried 3-2.*

*Edwards \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_N\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_ Laible \_\_Y\_\_ Janese \_\_N\_\_*

**6. Resolution establishing rates for the Town of Niagara**

*Motion by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Ms. Leffler to approve. Motion was carried 3-2.*

*Edwards \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_N\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_ Laible \_\_Y\_\_ Janese \_\_N\_\_*

**7. Resolution to award a general construction contract for Phase 3 of the WWTP rehabilitation program**

*Motion by Ms. Kimble and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve. Motion was carried 5-0.*

*Edwards \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_ Laible \_\_Y\_\_ Janese \_\_Y\_\_*

**8. Resolution to award an electrical construction contract for Phase 3 of the WWTP rehabilitation program**

*Motion by Mr. Laible and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve. Motion was carried 5-0.*

*Edwards \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_ Laible \_\_Y\_\_ Janese \_\_Y\_\_*

**9. Resolution to award a heating & ventilating construction contract for Phase 3 of the WWTP rehabilitation program**

*Motion by Ms. Kimble and seconded by Mr. Laible to approve. Motion was carried 5-0.*

*Edwards \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_ Laible \_\_Y\_\_ Janese \_\_Y\_\_*

**10. Resolution to accept proposal for engineering services to evaluate WWTP mercury treatment options**

*Motion by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Ms. Kimble to approve. Motion was carried 5-0.*

*Edwards \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_ Laible \_\_Y\_\_ Janese \_\_Y\_\_*

**11. 2016 Water Board Meeting Schedule**

*Motion by Ms. Leffler and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve. Motion was carried 4-1.*

*Edwards \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_N\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_ Laible \_\_Y\_\_ Janese \_\_Y\_\_*

**12. 2016 Holiday Schedule**

*Motion by Ms. Kimble and seconded by Mr. Laible to approve. Motion was carried 5-0.  
Edwards \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_ Laible \_\_Y\_\_ Janese \_\_Y\_\_*

### **13. 2017 Budget Schedule**

*Motion by Mr. Laible and seconded by Ms. Kimble to approve. Motion was carried 5-0.  
Edwards \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_ Laible \_\_Y\_\_ Janese \_\_Y\_\_*

#### **3 From the Chairman**

##### **1.**

*Nothing from the Chairman*

#### **4. Informational Items and Reports**

- 1. Transfer Activity**
- 2. Cash Disbursements**
- 3. Schedule of Investments**
- 4. Capital Construction**
- 5. O&M Report for October**

#### **5. Unfinished Business**

*No Unfinished Business*

#### **6. New Business & Additional Items for Water Board Discussion**

*No New Business*

**Executive Session –**

#### **Adjournment of Meeting**

*Motion by Mr. Janese and seconded by Ms. Kimble to adjourn 11/27/15 NFWB Meeting  
at 12:10 p.m. Motion was carried 5-0.*

*Edwards \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_ Laible \_\_Y\_\_ Janese \_\_Y\_\_*

