



**Regular Meeting of the
Niagara Falls Water Board
January 28, 2016 5:00 PM at
Michael C. O’Laughlin Municipal Water Plant**

1. Call to Order *Chairman Ted Janese called meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.*

1. Roll Call:

Janese P Leffler Absent Kimble P Laible P Edwards P

2. 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)

Joe LaGamba - Union President said that the employees of the NFWB have not had a contract since 2010 and that 9 out of the last 14 years the NFWB employees had a zero percent rate increase. He mentioned there are several union/management issues in regards to expired collective bargaining agreements and Civil Service Issues.

3. Discussion of Items for Action

1. Routine Items

1. Approval of Minutes from December 17, 2015

Motion by Ms. Kimble and seconded by Mr. Laible to approve. Motion was carried 4-0

Edwards Y Kimble Y Leffler Absent Laible Y Janese Y

2. Personnel Actions

Motion by Mr. Laible and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve. Motion was carried 4-0.

Edwards Y Kimble Y Leffler Absent Laible Y Janese Y

3. Bid Approvals –

There were no Bids to be approved

4. Budget Transfers

There were no Budget Transfers to be approved

2. From the Executive Director

1. Resolution to authorize the construction phase of WWTP – NYPA Energy Improvements project

Motion by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. Laible to approve. Motion was carried 4-0.

Edwards __Y__ Kimble __Y__ Leffler __Absent__ Laible __Y__ Janese __Y__

2. Resolution to amend 2016 adopted budget for Operational Changes

Motion by Ms. Kimble and seconded by Mr. Laible to approve. Motion was carried 4-0.

Edwards __Y__ Kimble __Y__ Leffler __Absent__ Laible __Y__ Janese __Y__

3. Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Lawsuit

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

Edwards __Y__ Kimble __Y__ Leffler __Absent__ Laible __Y__ Janese __Y__

3. From the Chairman

Walk on Resolution: Inter-Municipal Cooperation Agreement with the Town of Niagara Pertaining to Belden Center Improvement Project.

*Motion by Ms. Kimble and seconded by Mr. Laible to allow the walk on Resolution.
Motion was carried 4-0*

Edwards __Y__ Kimble __Y__ Leffler __Absent__ Laible __Y__ Janese __Y__

Motion by Ms. Kimble and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve. Motion was carried 4-0.

Edwards __Y__ Kimble __Y__ Leffler __Absent__ Laible __Y__ Janese __Y__

4. Informational Items and Reports

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

5. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished Business

6. New Business & Additional Items for Water Board Discussion

1. True Bethel Baptist Church

Removed from the agenda

Chairman Ted Janese received a letter from Ontario Specialty Contracting questioning an excessive Water/Sewer Bill we sent them for usage on a Meter Hydrant Billing.

Chairman Ted Janese questioned the Water Board Directors about the Billing. Wanted to know if we received a copy of a police report for damages that the equipment sustained. If the Directors could investigate prior Billings the Company has had. He also would like the Water Board Directors to make an accurate recommendation to resolve this issue.

Mr. Laible is questioning the Civil Service Commission Actions for holding up employee upgrades and other ongoing problems the Water Board is experiencing.

Ms. Kimble wants the Water Board and the union to settle all grievances and to negotiate contracts for the Water Board Employees.

Executive Session –

Motion by Mr. Janese and seconded by Mr. Edwards to enter into an Executive Session at 5:07 p.m. to discuss Litigations and Bill Adjustments. Motion was carried 4-0.

Edwards __Y__ Kimble __Y__ Leffler __Absent__ Laible __Y__ Janese __Y__

Motion by Mr. Janese and seconded by Mr. Laible to end the Executive Session at 5:40 p.m. Motion was carried 4-0.

Edwards __Y__ Kimble __Y__ Leffler __Absent__ Laible __Y__ Janese __Y__

Adjournment of Meeting

*Motion by Mr. Janese and seconded by Ms. Kimble to adjourn meeting at 6:18 p.m.
Motion was carried 4-0.*

Edwards __Y__ Kimble __Y__ Leffler __Absent__ Laible __Y__ Janese __Y__