



**Regular Session of the
Niagara Falls Water Board
February 23, 2017 5:00 PM at
Michael C. O’Laughlin Municipal Water Plant**

1. Call to Order *Chairwoman Gretchen Leffler called meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.*

1. Roll Call:

Janese P Leffler P Kimble P Forster P O’Callaghan P

2. Letters and Communications 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)

Catherine Touma D’Angelo – 8671 Griffon Ave filed a Water Bill Adjustment form with us for a high water bill. She would like to know the status.

Kenny Tompkins – 3009 Madison Ave spoke on reinstating the Drip Program

Henry Krawczyk – 5659 John Ave is looking for relief on his water/sewer bill and penalty. He ran his water to prevent pipes from freezing.

2. Discussion of Items for Action

1. Routine Items

1. Approval of Minutes from January 26, 2017

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

Forster Y Janese Y Kimble Y O’Callaghan Y Leffler Y

2. Personnel Actions

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

Forster Y Janese Y Kimble Y O’Callaghan Y Leffler Y

3. Bid Approvals

There were no bids to be approved at this time.

4. Budget Transfers

There were no budget transfers to be approved at this time.

5. Adjustments

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

Forster __Y__ Janese __Y__ Kimble __Y__ O'Callaghan __Y__ Leffler __Y__

2. From the Executive Director

1. Resolution – Settle National Fuel Gas claim.

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

Forster __Y__ Janese __Y__ Kimble __Y__ O'Callaghan __Y__ Leffler __Y__

2. Resolution to approve engineering services agreement for the wastewater treatment plant rehabilitation program, Phase 4

There will be no action on this Resolution at this time. Mr. Forster is looking to save money. He asked Mr. Roll to talk to the Engineers and have specific items removed and revise the contract.

3. Resolution to utilize U.S. Communities to replace the Air Handler at the Administration Building of the WWTP.

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

Forster __Y__ Janese __Y__ Kimble __Y__ O'Callaghan __Y__ Leffler __Y__

4. Resolution authorizing the purchase of laboratory equipment

This new equipment will allow the chemist to do great things for the community and schools.

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

Forster __Y__ Janese __Y__ Kimble __Y__ O'Callaghan __Y__ Leffler __Y__

5. Supports Resolution -ACA Section 1557 Compliance

Motion by Mr. O'Callaghan and seconded by Ms. Leffler to approve. Motion was carried 5-0.

Forster Y Janese Y Kimble Y O'Callaghan Y Leffler Y

6. Resolution authorizing HIPPA agreement

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

Forster Y Janese Y Kimble Y O'Callaghan Y Leffler Y

7. Resolution – reinstating drip program

Mr. Forster thanked everyone that was involved to have the Dip Program reinstated. Ms. Kimble supports this Resolution and said it will benefit the rate payers. It will help us not to fail.

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

Forster Y Janese Y Kimble Y O'Callaghan Y Leffler Y

8. Resolution for additional repairs on the WWTP electrical system

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

Forster Y Janese Y Kimble Y O'Callaghan Y Leffler Y

9. Resolution to install security cameras at the GPS

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

Forster Y Janese Y Kimble Y O'Callaghan Y Leffler Y

10. Resolution for WWTP power center diagnosis and repair work

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

Forster Y Janese Y Kimble Y O'Callaghan Y Leffler Y

11. Resolution to approve the purchase of two pickup trucks

This purchase is through a State Bid Program

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

Forster __Y__ Janese __Y__ Kimble __Y__ O'Callaghan __Y__ Leffler __Y__

3. From the Chairman

4. Informational Items and Reports

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

5. Unfinished Business

1. Director of Financial Services

6. New Business & Additional Items for Water Board Discussion

1. Electrician: WWTP Additional

Resolution allowing walk on Resolutions

Motion by Mr. Forster and seconded by Ms. Kimble to approve. Motion was carried 3-1-1.

*Forster __Y__ Janese __Abstain__ Kimble __Y__ O'Callaghan __Y__
Leffler __N__*

Walk on Resolution Terminating Executive Director Paul Drof

Mr. Janese said that the firing of the employees is costly and in violation of their contracts. He is more concerned about the hiring process of the new employees. He also questioned who chose these candidates, when were they interviewed and by who, were the job openings advertised and did the new contracts exist.

Motion by Mr. Forster and seconded by Ms. Kimble to approve. Motion was carried 3-1-1.

Forster __Y__ Janese __Abstain__ Kimble __Y__ O'Callaghan __Y__
Leffler __N__

Walk on Resolution appointing Interim Executive Director

Motion by Mr. Forster and seconded by Ms. Kimble to approve. Motion was carried 3-1-1.

Forster __Y__ Janese __Abstain__ Kimble __Y__ O'Callaghan __Y__
Leffler __N__

Walk on Resolution Terminating Director of Infrastructure and Operation, Norman D Allen

Motion by Mr. Forster and seconded by Ms. Kimble to approve. Motion was carried 3-1-1.

Forster __Y__ Janese __Abstain__ Kimble __Y__ O'Callaghan __Y__
Leffler __N__

Walk on Resolution appointing Operations and Maintenance Manager

Motion by Mr. Forster and seconded by Ms. Kimble to approve. Motion was carried 3-1-1.

Forster __Y__ Janese __Abstain__ Kimble __Y__ O'Callaghan __Y__
Leffler __N__

Walk on Resolution terminating Director of Administrative Services Anthony Hahn

Motion by Mr. Forster and seconded by Ms. Kimble. Motion was carried 3-1-1.

Forster __Y__ Janese __Abstain__ Kimble __Y__ O'Callaghan __Y__
Leffler __N__

Walk on Resolution appointing James M Perry, Director of Administrative Services

Motion by Mr. O'Callaghan and seconded by Ms. Kimble to approve. Motion was carried 3-1-1.

*Forster __Y__ Janese __Abstain__ Kimble __Y__ O'Callaghan __Y__
Leffler __N__*

Walk on Resolution appointing Kendra McClain Director of Financial Services

Motion by Ms. Kimble and seconded by Mr. Forster to approve. Motion was carried 3-1-1

*Forster __Y__ Janese __Abstain__ Kimble __Y__ O'Callaghan __Y__
Leffler __N__*

Walk on Resolution authorizing contract for Legal Service

Motion by Mr. Forster and seconded by Ms. Kimble to approve. Motion was carried 3-1-1.

*Forster __Y__ Janese __Abstain__ Kimble __Y__ O'Callaghan __Y__
Leffler __N__*

Walk on Resolution Authorizing Amendment of Contract for Legal Services

Motion by Mr. Forster and seconded by Ms. Kimble to approve. Motion was carried 3-1-1.

*Forster __Y__ Janese __Abstain__ Kimble __Y__ O'Callaghan __Y__
Leffler __N__*

Walk on Resolution Amending By-Laws

All Board Members will have a two year seat

Motion by Ms. Kimble and seconded by Mr. Forster to approve. Motion was carried 3-0-2

*Forster __Y__ Janese __Abstain__ Kimble __Y__ O'Callaghan __Y__
Leffler __Abstain__*

Walk on Resolution Appointing Clark Lee Patterson Engineering

Motion by Mr. Forster and seconded by Ms. Kimble to approve. Motion was carried 3-2.

Forster __Y__ Janese __N__ Kimble __Y__ O'Callaghan __Y__ Leffler __N__

Walk on Resolution for updating signatures for banking matters

Motion by Ms. Kimble and seconded by Mr. Forster to approve. Motion was carried 3-0-2.

*Forster __Y__ Janese __Abstain__ Kimble __Y__ O'Callaghan __Y__
Leffler __Abstain__*

Walk on Resolution allowing the hiring of another A-1 license employee as needed

Motion by Ms. Kimble and seconded by Mr. O'Callaghan to approve. Motion was carried 3-1-1.

*Forster __Y__ Janese __Abstain__ Kimble __Y__ O'Callaghan __Y__
Leffler __N__*

Walk on Resolution appointing Dan O'Callaghan as chairman.

Motion by Ms. Kimble and seconded by Mr. Forster. Motion was carried 4-1.

Forster __Y__ Janese __N__ Kimble __Y__ O'Callaghan __Y__ Leffler __Y__

Executive Session –

There was nothing to be discussed in the Executive Session

Adjournment of Meeting

Motion by Mr. Forster and seconded by Ms. Kimble to adjourn meeting at 6:06 p.m. Motion was carried 5-0

*Forster __Y__ Janese __Y__ Kimble __Y__ O'Callaghan __Y__
Leffler __Y__*