



**Regular Meeting of the  
Niagara Falls Water Board  
November 27, 2013 at 5:00 PM  
Michael C. O’Laughlin Municipal Water Plant**

**1. Call to Order Chairman *Ted Janese called Public Hearing to order at 4:00 p.m.***

Janese   P   Leffler   P   Kimble   A   Vitello   P   Edwards   P  

***Public Speakers:***

*Chris Kudela – Water rate increase*

*Ronald Beck – Water rate increase with a low income base*

*Motion by Mr. Janese and seconded by Ms. Leffler to adjourn the Public Hearing at 4:12 p.m.*

Janese   Y   Leffler   Y   Kimble   A   Vitello   Y   Edwards   Y  

***Chairman Ted Janese called Water Board Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.***

**1. Roll Call:**

Janese   P   Leffler   P   Kimble   P   Vitello   P   Edwards   P  

**2. Letters and Communications**

- 1. Public Speakers (All speakers must register with the Chairman prior to roll call and are limited to 5 minutes per person – total time for all speakers may not exceed 1 hour)**

*Linda Goodman – Northstar Development*

*Pat Gillen – No additional comments at this time*

*Ronald Beck – Sewage backup at a family property on 56<sup>th</sup> St. disputing the sewer charges on a Fire Hydrant Billing. Disagrees with the Availability Charge on water/sewer bills.*

**2. Presentations -**

**3. Discussion of Items for Action**

**1. Routine Items**

**1. Approval of Minutes from 24 OCT 2013**

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

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

**2. Personnel Actions**

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

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

**3. Bid Approvals – WWTP Sludge Disposal**

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

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

**4. Budget Transfers through 31 OCT 2013**

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

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

**2. From the Executive Director**

**1. Resolution for engineering services amendment for continuing pollutant minimization plan work.**

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

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

**2. Resolution to Adopt Proposed 2014 Budget as Amended**

*Motion by Mr. Janese and seconded by Mr. Edwards to revise*

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

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

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

**3. Resolution Establishing Rates, Fees and Other Charges for 2014**

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

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

*Note: Ms. Kimble changed her vote to no, later in the meeting. Let the records reflect that no other Water Board Members objected, so the vote stands at 4-1.*

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

**4. Resolution to Adopt Public Authority Accountability Act Appendixes (a-g) as required annually**

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

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

**5. 2015 Budget Calendar**

*Motion by Ms. Leffler and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve. Motion was carried 5-0-1*

*Edwards \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_ Vitello \_\_Abstain\_\_ Janese \_\_Y\_\_*

**6. 2014 Board Meeting Schedule**

*Motion by Ms. Kimble and seconded by Ms. Leffler to approve. Motion was carried 4-0-1*

*Edwards \_\_Y\_\_ Kimble \_\_Y\_\_ Leffler \_\_Y\_\_ Vitello \_\_ Abstain\_\_ Janese \_\_Y\_\_*

**7. 2014 Holiday Calendar**

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

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

**8. Resolution to approve construction contract change order.**

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

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

**9. Resolution to accept written quote for laboratory analysis.**

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

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

**10. Resolution for Settlement – Swierczek**

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

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

**11. Resolution to Amend the Budget for 2014**

*Motion by Mr. Vitello and seconded by Ms. Kimble to approve. Motion was defeated 3-2.*

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

**12. Resolution Approving Safety Specialist Position**

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

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

**13. Resolution Accepting Steelworker’s Contract Proposal and Amend 2014 Budget**

*Motion by Ms. Kimble and seconded by Mr. Vitello to approve. Motion was Defeated 3-2.*

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

**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 for October**

**5. Unfinished Business**

**1. Safety Specialist Contract**

*Motion by Mr. Janese and seconded by Ms. Leffler to be removed from the table. Motion was carried 3-2.*

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

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

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

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

*Motion by Mr. Janese and seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve to change the date for the Water Board Meeting from December 19<sup>th</sup> to December 18<sup>th</sup> 2013. Motion was carried 5-0.*

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

**Executive Session –**

*No*

**Adjournment of Meeting**

*Motion by Mr. Janese and seconded by Mr. Edwards to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Motion was carried 5-0.*

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