



**Regular Session Session of the  
Niagara Falls Water Board  
January 26, 2017 5:00 PM at  
Michael C. O’Laughlin Municipal Water Plant**

**1. Call to Order** *Ted Janese called meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.*

*Please note: Gretchen Leffler was present by phone*

**1. Roll Call:**

Leffler   P   Janese   P   Kimble   P   Forster   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)**

*Roger Wingo 2436 Grand Ave is dissatisfied not being able to receive credit for running his water to prevent his pipes from freezing.*

**3. Discussion of Items for Action**

**1. Routine Items**

**1. Approval of Minutes from December 15, 2016**

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

*Edwards   Abstain   Forster   Y   Janese   Y   Kimble   Y   Leffler   Y*

*Nick Forster thanked the City Council for supporting him to serve on the NFWB. He wants to build a strong communication in the community and with our elected officials on the City Council and in the Mayor’s office. The NFWB employees have been without a contract for 7 years. He wants to see an aggressive approach to get back to the negotiating table.*

*Gretchen Leffler wanted to go on record that the Water Board has actively been trying to settle the contract with the unions for many, many years and every time we set a date they*

*cancel and say grievances have to be all gone. I invite any better laws that will get the parties to the table quickly.*

*Renae Kimble did not agree with all of what Gretchen said. Renae feels that the Water Board has not done everything that they could to make sure this contract is renegotiated and she has been extremely vocal and has even volunteered to sit down at the meetings and try to work out something. She knows there have been stumbling blocks and they need to be removed.*

## **2. Personnel Actions**

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

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

## **3. Bid Approvals – Granular Activated Carbon**

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

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

## **4. Budget Transfers**

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

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

## **2. From the Executive Director**

### **1. Resolution authorizing 2017 Rate Consultant / Consulting Engineer services agreement**

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

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

### **2. Resolution authorizing engineering services amendment for the WWTP Phase 3 rehabilitation project**

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

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

**3. Resolution – Settle National Fuel Gas claim.**

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

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

**3. From the Chairman**

**1. Resolution Authorizing employment contract for Director of Finance**

*Motion by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Ms. Kimble to table this Resolution. Motion was carried 4-1.*

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

**4. Informational Items and Reports**

- 3. Bank Transfer Activity**
- 4. Cash Disbursements**
- 5. Schedule of Investments**
- 6. Capital Construction**
- 7. O&M Report**

**5. Unfinished Business**

- 1. Public Speakers requests**

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

*Motion by Ms. Leffler and seconded by Mr. Janese to allow a walk on Resolution. Motion was carried 3-2.*

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

*Mr. Forster thinks it is imperative that the board has their finger on the pulse on what's going on within the organization. This resolution will strike the language and allow board members to speak to employees of the Niagara Falls Water Board.*

*Motion by Ms. Leffler and seconded by Mr. Janese to revise the Code of Ethics. Motion was carried 3-2.*

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

### **Executive Session –**

*There were no items to discuss in the Executive Session*

### **Adjournment of Meeting**

*Mr. Janese thanked Gary Laible for being a Board Member and the information he was able to offer them about what goes on here and presented him with a Plaque for the time he served on the Board.*

*Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:20 p.m. Motion was carried 5-0.*

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