

MINUTES

Meeting of the **Niagara Falls Public Water Authority**

March 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
Michael C. O’Laughlin Municipal Water Plant
5815 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14304

1. Call to Order – *Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.*

Roll Call: Sanquin Starks ___*absent*___ Daniel Weiss ___*P*___ Jason Murgia ___*P*___

2. Public Speakers (All speakers must register with Chairman prior to Roll Call and are limited to 3 minutes per person – total time for all speakers may not exceed one hour)

There were no public speakers at this time.

2. Items for Action from Secretary

Mr. Costello discussed with Mr. Murgia and Mr. Weiss the resolutions related to bonds, and the interplay with the short-term financing and grants.

Chairman Murgia stated that after speaking with Mayor Restaino, Sanquin Starks will be removed as a NFPWA board member and the Mayor will be appointing another board member in the near future.

A. Yearly Reorganization Meeting

a. Nomination of NFPWA Board Officers: *slate election took place for the following appointment of the Water Authority Board Officers:*

- i. Chair; *Mr. Weiss nominated Mr. Murgia*
- ii. Vice Chair; *Mr. Murgia nominated Mr. Weiss*
- iii. Treasurer (does not need to be Authority member) – *Mr. Murgia nominated Erika Schroeder*
- iv. Secretary (does not need to be Authority member) – *Mr. Murgia nominated Mr. Costello*

Motion by Mr. Weiss to approve the slate of officers as nominated, seconded by Mr. Murgia.

Sanquin Starks ___*A*___ Daniel Weiss ___*Y*___ Jason Murgia ___*Y*___

Motion was passed 2-0.

- b. Annual Board Evaluation Form – *Mr. Costello explained this is a requirement of the Public Authorities Law; every public authority board conducts an annual confidential evaluation of the board performance. All present board members received a copy of the evaluation form in their packets and completed the evaluations. Mr. Costello will send the*

information from the completed evaluations to the Authorities Budget Office.

- c. Authority Financial Disclosure Form - *Requirement of the Public Authorities Law. Should be filed annually with the board of ethics within Niagara County. Mr. Costello instructs Mr. Murgia and Mr. Weiss that this disclosure form should be filed with Niagara County; not at the NFWB.*

B. Approval of Minutes June 13, 2019

Motion by Mr. Weiss and seconded by Mr. Murgia to approve.

Sanquin Starks ___**A**___ Daniel Weiss ___**Y**___ Jason Murgia ___**Y**___

Motion was passed 2-0.

C. RESOLUTION 2020-01 – Report on Operations and Accomplishments and Performance Measurement Report

Motion by Mr. Weiss and seconded by Mr. Murgia to approve.

Sanquin Starks ___**A**___ Daniel Weiss ___**Y**___ Jason Murgia ___**Y**___

Motion was passed 2-0.

D. RESOLUTION 2020-02 – Authorizing the Issuance of the Authority’s Revenue Bonds and Notes and the Approval and Execution of Related Documents

- a. Copy of Resolution 2019-02

Mr. Costello noted that prior to the meeting this resolution was revised to add a second “resolved” paragraph providing as follows: “that Niagara Falls Public Water Authority Resolution 2019-02 is rescinded except to the extent of any expenditures or encumbrances made thereunder.” Mr. Costello noted that each Authority member received a written copy of the amended resolution prior to the meeting, and that the purpose for this addition was to be certain that there is no claim that the NFWB expenditures to date on the \$27,000,000 in projects to be funded are not eligible for bond/short-term financing.

Motion by Mr. Weiss and seconded by Mr. Murgia to approve the amendment to Resolution 2020-02.

Sanquin Starks ___**A**___ Daniel Weiss ___**Y**___ Jason Murgia ___**Y**___

Motion was passed 2-0.

Motion by Mr. Weiss and seconded by Mr. Murgia to approve Resolution 2020-02 as amended.

Sanquin Starks ___**A**___ Daniel Weiss ___**Y**___ Jason Murgia ___**Y**___

Motion was passed 2-0.

- E. RESOLUTION 2020-03 – Authorizing the Issuance of \$27,000,000 in Revenue Bonds
- a. Water Board Resolution 2020-01-014, Requesting Issuance
 - i. Correspondence Explaining Bond and Financing Resolution
 - b. Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Project Update
 - c. Wastewater Treatment Plant Estimated Construction Schedule

Motion by Mr. Weiss and seconded by Mr. Murgia to approve.

Sanquin Starks ___A___ Daniel Weiss ___Y___ Jason Murgia ___Y___

Motion was passed 2-0.

- F. RESOLUTION 2020-04 – Authorizing the Issuance of \$5,495,000 in Revenue Bonds
- a. Water Board Resolution 2020-01-015, Requesting Issuance
 - b. Copy of Draft Five Year Capital Improvement Plan
 - c. Engineering Report for Water Main Project

Motion by Mr. Weiss and seconded by Mr. Murgia to approve.

Sanquin Starks ___A___ Daniel Weiss ___Y___ Jason Murgia ___Y___

Motion was passed 2-0.

3. Additional Items for Action

There were no additional items for action at this time.

4. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss at this time.

5. New Business & Additional Items

There was no new business to discuss at this time.

6. Adjournment of Meeting

Motion by Mr. Weiss and seconded by Mr. Murgia to adjourn at 5:28 p.m.

Motion was passed 2-0.

Sanquin Starks ___A___ Daniel Weiss ___Y___ Jason Murgia ___Y___