

MINUTES

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

December 20, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.
Michael C. O’Laughlin Municipal Water Plant
5815 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Authority Members Present: Jason Murgia
Michael Monaco

Authority Members Absent: Daniel Weiss

Also Present: Sean W. Costello, Authority Secretary and Niagara Falls
Water Board General Counsel
Brian Majchrowicz, Niagara Falls Water Board Director of
Financial Services
Erika Schroeder, Niagara Falls Water Board Administrative
Assistant

1. Call to Order

Chairman Murgia called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. It was noted that Mr. Weiss had planned to attend but was absent due to illness.

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.

3. Items for Action from Secretary

A. Yearly Reorganization Meeting

a. Nomination of NFPWA Board Officers:

- i. Chair;
- ii. Vice Chair;
- iii. Treasurer (does not need to be Authority member)
- iv. Secretary (does not need to be Authority member)

Motion by Mr. Murgia seconded by Mr. Monaco to nominate the following slate of officers:

*Jason Murgia, Chairman
Daniel Weiss, Vice Chairman
Michael Monaco, Treasurer
Sean Costello, Secretary*

Monaco: Yes. Murgia: Yes. Weiss: Absent.

Motion carried, 2-0.

- b. Annual Board Evaluation Form

Mr. Costello requests the Board complete and return the confidential evaluation form to him.

- c. Authority Financial Disclosure Form

Mr. Costello notes this is required by the Public Authorities Law but the County may not wish to receive the completed disclosures.

- d. Required Training Reminder - WebEx - [NYS Authority Budget Office](#)

Mr. Murgia and Mr. Monaco have completed this required training.

- e. Comprehensive Ethics Training Course (“CETC”)

Mr. Costello notes this training now is required for all Water Board employees, but the Authority does not have a gubernatorial appointee and may not be required to complete the training. The Authority has its statutory code of ethics and is subject to other laws too.

B. Approval of Minutes November 18, 2021

Motion by Mr. Monaco seconded by Mr. Murgia to approve the November 18, 2021 minutes.

Monaco: Yes. Murgia: Yes. Weiss: Absent.

Motion carried, 2-0.

- C. RESOLUTION 2022-01 – Report on Operations and Accomplishments and Performance Measurement Report
 - a. 2022 Continuing Disclosure Report
 - b. 2021 Independent Audit
 - i. Financial Statements
 - ii. Report on Investment Compliance
 - iii. Management Letter
 - iv. Required Communications

The Authority Members discussed the contents of the resolution, the audit findings, and other matters related to the current position of the Authority and of the Water Board and developments over the past year.

Motion by Mr. Monaco seconded by Mr. Murgia to approve Resolution 2022-01.

Monaco: Yes. Murgia: Yes. Weiss: Absent.

Motion carried, 2-0.

D. RESOLUTION 2022-02 – Authorizing the Issuance of the Authority’s Sewer System Revenue Bonds and the Approval and Execution of Related Documents

Motion by Mr. Monaco seconded by Mr. Murgia to approve Resolution 2022-02.

Monaco: Yes. Murgia: Yes. Weiss: Absent.

Motion carried, 2-0.

4. Additional Items for Action

None.

5. Unfinished Business

None.

6. New Business & Additional Items

- A. Update on NFWB 2023 Budget
 - a. Slides from NFWB Public Hearing
 - b. Drescher & Malecki Rate Consultant Slides

The Authority Members discussed with Mr. Costello and Mr. Majchrowicz issues associated with the NFWB budget, including chemical cost increases, and the NFWB’s desire to address these escalating costs by modifying the wastewater treatment plant’s treatment technology to a biological process that would not require such large quantities of chemicals to operate.

7. Adjournment of Meeting

Motion by Mr. Monaco seconded by Mr. Murgia to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Monaco: Yes. Murgia: Yes. Weiss: Absent.

Motion carried, 2-0.