



**Regular Meeting of the
Niagara Falls Water Board**
for
January 18, 2007, 5:30 PM at
Michael C. O’Laughlin Municipal Water Plant

Roll Call: *Brian Kane called meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.*

Campbell P Johnson P McNally P Vitello P Kane P

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Campbell to approve the minutes from the Water Board Meeting held on 12/21/06. Motion was carried 4-0, 1 abstained.

Campbell Y Johnson Y McNally Y Vitello Abstain Kane Y

Public Speakers: (All speakers must register with Chairman prior to Roll Call and are limited to 5 minutes per person with a combined total of one hour)

Elizabeth Catarina from 184 623rd St. received estimated water bills for 3 ½ yrs. She had not received any notice telling her that she was not getting actual readings on her quarter water bills until just recently, other than her water bills showing an “E” under type of reading. This will cause her to receive a catch up bill of nearly \$2500.00.

Ken Salhaney an employee of the NFWB was hired under the City of Niagara Falls in 1979 and was told by the City Council at that time due to his health problems, that he would be working at a cleaner environment at The Water Treatment Plant. Since Jan. 1, 2007 he was bumped to the WWTP where the environment would not be good for his health according to documentation from his doctors. He presented these to Tom Vitello, a Board member.

Ron Mang representing USW9434-01 as chair unit, pays taxes and water/sewer bills to the Water Board. Raised concerns about doing more with less under the new reorganization but the spending has not decreased.

Presentations:

Items for Action from the Executive Director:

Item #1 - Consulting Services - Request to approve a contract with CRA Infrastructure and Amawalk Consulting for Engineering Consulting services and Rate Consulting services for the Water Board for an amount not to exceed \$42,500. Monies for this contract are available in the 2007 budget.

Motion by McNally and seconded by Vitello to approve with amendments not to exceed \$40,000. Motion was carried 5-0.

Campbell __Y__ Johnson __Y__ McNally __Y__ Vitello __Y__ Kane __Y__

Item #2 – Develop Proposal to Purchase NF Air Reserve Station Water System – Request to approve a contract with CRA Infrastructure and Amawalk Consulting to assist the Water Board in developing a proposal to purchase and operate the Niagara Falls Air Reserves Station’s potable water system in the amount of \$22,000 Monies for this contract are available in the 2007 water contingency budget.

Motion by Campbell and seconded by Johnson. Motion was carried 5-0.

Campbell __Y__ Johnson __Y__ McNally __Y__ Vitello __Y__ Kane __Y__

Item #3 – Budget Amendment – Request to approve a no-cost amendment to create one Machinist position and delete one Control Maintenance Mechanic effective January 1, 2007 pursuant to the attached memo from the Executive Director.

Motion by Vitello and seconded by McNally. Motion was carried 5-0.

Campbell __Y__ Johnson __Y__ McNally __Y__ Vitello __Y__ Kane __Y__

Item #4 – Contract Proposal - Request to approve a 2007 contract for Public Relations Services with E3 Communications for a monthly flat fee of \$4,000. Money for this contract is available in the 2007 budget.

Motion by McNally and seconded by Campbell. Motion was carried 5-0.

Campbell __Y__ Johnson __Y__ McNally __Y__ Vitello __Y__ Kane __Y__

Informational Items:

1. Bank Transfer Activity
2. Cash Disbursements
3. Schedule of Investments
4. Best Practices Program – No Activity
5. O& M Report

Additional Items for Action

Motion by Vitello and seconded by Campbell to remove from the table Matrix Imaging Solutions to print and mail out the water/sewer bills. Motion was carried 5-0.

Campbell __Y__ Johnson __Y__ McNally __Y__ Vitello __Y__ Kane __Y__

Motion by Johnson and seconded by McNally to approve. Motion was carried 5-0.

Campbell __Y__ Johnson __Y__ McNally __Y__ Vitello __Y__ Kane __Y__

Additional Items for Water Board Discussion

Adjournment of Meeting

Motion by Campbell and seconded by Johnson to adjourn meeting at 6:35 p.m. Motion was carried 5-0.

Campbell __Y__ Johnson __Y__ McNally __Y__ Vitello __Y__ Kane __Y__