



**Regular Meeting of the  
Niagara Falls Water Board**

**for**

**May 17, 2007 at 5:30 PM at  
Michael C. O’Laughlin Municipal Water Plant**

**Roll Call:**

*Brian Kane called meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.*

Campbell   P   McNally   P   Johnson   Absent   Vitello   P   Kane   P  

**Approval of Minutes from meeting date April 19, 2007**

*Motion by Vitello and seconded by Campbell to approve the minutes from the Board Meeting that was held on 4/19/07. Motion was carried 4-0.*

*Campbell   Y   McNally   Y   Johnson   A   Vitello   Y   Kane   Y*

**Public Comment:   Draft Stormwater Annual Report (2006-2007)  
                          Draft Stormwater Management Plan**

**Public Speakers:** (All speakers must register with Chairman prior to Roll Call and are limited to 5 minutes per person – total minutes not to exceed 1 hour)

*Joe LaGamba - WWTP Employee is requesting a list from the Board of the potential employees that are on a list that Management feels is deserving of merit pay increases. He would also like a list of job descriptions being re-written. Note: Mr. Kane would like this turned over to Mr. LaGamba by the end of next week 6/1/07.*

*Mr. Tim Foster of 3254 Ely Ave.: Brought pictures in to add to his claim and stated he had submitted a foil request on his claim. Wanted to know the status.*

**Presentations:**

*The Niagara Falls Water Board presented Mr. John Panza with a plaque for his time and effort he dedicated to the Board and how much the Niagara Falls Water Board appreciated his service as a Board Member. We Thank You John Panza.*

**Items for Action from the Executive Director:**

**Item #1 - Emergency Contract for Sewer Line Repairs (S.C. 1641):** Request to award Sewer Contract 1641 – emergency repairs to 10” and 12” combined sewers at Pierce Avenue and 24<sup>th</sup> Street – to J. R. Swanson Plumbing Co., Inc., for their base bid of \$26,093.71 and to authorize the Executive Director to execute agreements for same. Funds are available in the Capital Improvement Budget (sewer replacement).

*Motion by McNally and seconded by Campbell. Motion was carried 4-0.*

*Campbell \_\_Y\_\_ Johnson \_\_A\_\_ McNally \_\_Y\_\_ Vitello \_\_Y\_\_ Kane \_\_Y\_\_*

**Item #2 - Sidewalk Replacement Contract:** Request to Authorize the Executive Director to Execute an Agreement with Valeri Concrete Construction, Inc to replace curb, driveway apron, and sidewalk throughout the Water Board service area for an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Funds for this project are budgeted and available in the 2007 O&M Budget.

*Motion by McNally and seconded by Campbell. Motion was carried 4-0.*

*Campbell \_\_Y\_\_ Johnson \_\_A\_\_ McNally \_\_Y\_\_ Vitello \_\_Y\_\_ Kane \_\_Y\_\_*

**Item #3 – WWTP Belt Filter Press #2 Rebuilding:** Request to authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Ashbrook Simon Hartley for the rebuilding of Klampress belt filter press #2 in the amount of \$96,559.00 to be funded from the Capital Improvement Budget (WWTP Rehabilitation).

*Motion by Vitello and seconded by McNally. Motion was carried 4-0.*

*Campbell \_\_Y\_\_ Johnson -A\_\_ McNally \_\_Y\_\_ Vitello \_\_Y\_\_ Kane \_\_Y\_\_*

**Item #4 – Stormwater Phase II Legal Services Grant Agreement:** Request to authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Erie County to reimburse Water Board legal expenses up to \$14,000.00 from a NYS Department of Environmental Conservation grant establishing the Western New York Stormwater Coalition Local Ordinance Project.

*Motion by McNally and seconded by Campbell. Motion was carried 4-0.*

*Campbell \_\_Y\_\_ Johnson \_\_A\_\_ McNally \_\_Y\_\_ Vitello \_\_Y\_\_ Kane \_\_Y\_\_*

**Item #5 – Engineering Systems Technician:** Request to authorize a 2007 budget amendment by eliminating a Senior Engineering Systems Technician (Grade 21) in the Water Engineering code (FA.8310.6350) and creating an Engineering Systems Technician (Grade 16) in the same code for a net budget reduction of \$11,500.

*Motion by Campbell and seconded by McNally. Motion was carried 4-0.*

*Campbell \_\_Y\_\_ Johnson \_\_A\_\_ McNally \_\_Y\_\_ Vitello \_\_Y\_\_ Kane \_\_Y\_\_*

**Item #6 – Laboratory Information Management System:** Request to authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with Stearns & Wheler in the amount of \$192,915 for providing, installing, starting-up and training for a new Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS). Funds are available in the Capital Improvement Budget (IT Plan Implementation).

*Motion by Vitello and seconded by McNally. Motion was carried 4-0.*

*Campbell \_\_Y\_\_ Johnson \_\_A\_\_ McNally \_\_Y\_\_ Vitello \_\_Y\_\_ Kane \_\_Y\_\_*

**Item #7 - Emergency Contract for Sewer Line Repairs (S.C. 1642):** Request to award Sewer Contract 1642 – emergency repairs to 24” sanitary sewer on 66<sup>th</sup> Street north of Lindbergh Avenue – to Yarussi Construction Inc., for their base bid of \$24,720.00 and to authorize the Executive Director to execute agreements for same. Funds are available in the Capital Improvement Budget (sewer replacement).

*Motion by Vitello and seconded by Campbell. Motion was carried 4-0.*

*Campbell \_\_Y\_\_ Johnson \_\_A\_\_ McNally \_\_Y\_\_ Vitello \_\_Y\_\_ Kane \_\_Y\_\_*

**Item #8 – Claim Settlement:** Request to pay the claim of Paola Wojtowicz in the amount of \$245.70 for property damage caused by a water main break. Recommendation by the Board’s attorney, in the best interest of the Board to settle the claim.

*Motion by Campbell and seconded by Vitello. Motion was carried 4-0.*

*Campbell \_\_Y\_\_ Johnson \_\_A\_\_ McNally \_\_Y\_\_ Vitello \_\_Y\_\_ Kane \_\_Y\_\_*

**Informational Items:**

1. Bank Transfer Activity
2. Cash Disbursements
3. Schedule of Investments
4. O& M Report

**Additional Items for Action**

**Additional Items for Water Board Discussion**

*Motion by Campbell and seconded by McNally to enter into an Executive Session on Contract Negotiation at 5:04 p.m. Motion was carried 4-0.*

*Campbell \_\_Y\_\_ Johnson \_\_A\_\_ McNally \_\_Y\_\_ Vitello \_\_Y\_\_ Kane \_\_Y\_\_*

*Note: Dan Johnson arrived at the close of the Executive Session.*

**Adjournment of Meeting**

*Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.*