



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

for

August 28, 2008 5:30 PM at  
Michael C. O’Laughlin Municipal Water Plant

1. **Call to Order** *Mike McNally called meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.*

**a. Roll Call:**

Campbell   P   Marchelos   P   Morreale   P   Vitello   P   McNally   P  

**2. Letters and Communications**

**a. 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)

*Bernice Gregory of 1452 Elmwood Ave is asking the Water Board for some forgiveness on her high water bill according to her was due to a leaking pipe in her basement that she was unaware of. Mr. Grose has directed us to contact the Billing & Collection office on her behalf to have them contact her at #990-7669 to arrange a payment plan.*

*Mr. Abramowitz whom is representing Asha Enterprises is asking for forgiveness or a reduction on an unpaid water/sewer bill totally around \$3000.00 on vacant property located on 10<sup>th</sup> St and Cleveland Ave for a project that has been approved and is deeded to the IDA.*

*Mr. Abramowitz said he is representing Mrs. Foster on a claim in which she had filed with the Board in 2006. Mrs. Foster understand that there is an ongoing investigation on this claim and they are willing to cooperate with the investigation but are asking the Board to consider paying her what she has already paid out. Mr. Ottaviano will update the current Board members in regards to her claim in Executive Session.*

**Presentations:**

**b. Other**

**3. Items for Action**

**a. Routine Items**

**1. Approval of Minutes from 7/17/2008 meeting date**

*Motion to approve by Campbell and seconded by Morreale. Motion was carried 5-0.*

*Campbell   Y   Marchelos   Y   Morreale   Y   Vitello   Y   McNally   Y*

## 2. Personnel Actions

*Regarding the re-employment of retired employees, Marchelos thought there was a waiting period before rehiring. He asked staff to investigate further.*

*Motion to table by Marchelos and seconded by Campbell. Motion was carried 3-2.*

*Campbell \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_ Marchelos \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_ Morreale \_\_\_ N \_\_\_ Vitello \_\_\_ N \_\_\_ McNally \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_*

## 3. Bid Approvals - none

### b. From the Executive Director

#### 1. Item #1 - Request to approve emergency purchase and installation of WTP low lift pump breaker.

*Motion to approve by Marchelos and seconded by Morreale. Motion was carried 5-0.*

*Campbell \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_ Marchelos \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_ Morreale \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_ Vitello \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_ McNally \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_*

#### 2. Item #2 – Request to accept Written Quote for WWTP Substation Electrical Work.

*Motion to approve by Morreale and seconded by Marchelos. Motion was carried 5-0.*

*Campbell \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_ Marchelos \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_ Morreale \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_ Vitello \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_ McNally \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_*

#### 3. Item #3 – Request to approve no cost Change Order #1 for Water Contract #879 (water main replacement on 90<sup>th</sup>-91<sup>st</sup> Streets).

*Mr. Buzzelli from City Engineering explained the details of this request He also stated that the pavement in this project area is slated for repaving in 2010.*

*Motion to approve by Campbell and seconded by Morreale. Motion was carried 5-0.*

*Campbell \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_ Marchelos \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_ Morreale \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_ Vitello \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_ McNally \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_*

### c. From the Board Chairman

#### 1. Item #1 – Resolution to reconstitute and appoint an additional member to the Board Audit Committee

*Marchelos notes that there was a great deal of information related to this item that the Board hadn't reviewed and would like more time to review.*

*Motion to table by Marchelos and seconded by Vitello. Motion was carried 5-0.*

*Campbell \_\_ Y \_\_ Marchelos \_\_ Y \_\_ Morreale \_\_ Y \_\_ Vitello \_\_ Y \_\_ McNally \_\_ Y \_\_*

#### **4. Informational Items and Reports**

- a. Bank Transfer Activity**
- b. Cash Disbursements**
- c. Schedule of Investments**
- d. O& M Report**
- e. Claims Status Report – *Quarterly Report* - CONFIDENTIAL**
- f. Litigation Status Report – *Quarterly Report* - CONFIDENTIAL**

*Mike Kessler explained and pointed out different aspect of this report. Asked the Board if they have any questions, concerns or if they have any other information they would like to have included in this report. He explained that the meter shop division has been working to change out some of our industrial meters that we feel may not be registering consumption within the standards.*

*Marchelos's concerns are at what significant extent is this affecting our revenue? What is the rate of failure?*

#### **5. Unfinished Business**

- a. Tabled from July 17, 2008 – Item #3.b.1 - Request to Approve the Second Amendment to the Operations Agreement**

*Mike McNally questions the status on forth coming information on sump pumps from city Hall. Mr. Grose responded that he has received a hand out that will accompany our hand outs, but some corrections needed to be made by the City.*

*Mike McNally also asked for update on fire hydrants that are currently out of service. Mr. Grose explained that we have 15 – 20 hydrants that are out of service that do not belong to us. They are on private property but are kept on the list not to loose sight of them. There are also hydrants that just can't be replaced. It would take extensive excavation to replace the pipes under ground first.*

*Mr. Grose would like to remind this Board that their training session is being held on 9/26/08 from 9:30 – 4:30 at the Water Treatment Plant.*

*Motion by Vitello and seconded by Campbell to enter into an Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. Motion was carried 5-0.*

*Campbell \_\_Y\_\_ Marchelos \_\_Y\_\_ Morreale \_\_Y\_\_ Vitello \_\_Y\_\_ McNally \_\_Y\_\_*

**6. Adjournment of Meeting**

*Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.*