



**Regular meeting of the
Niagara Falls Water Board
for
November 20, 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.*

1. Roll Call:

Campbell P Marchelos P Morreale P Vitello P McNally P

Note: Niagara Falls Water Board Notice of Public Hearing – There were no public speakers.

Motion by Vitello and seconded by Campbell to close the Public Hearing. Motion was carried 5-0.

Campbell Y Vitello Y McNally Y Morreale Y Marchelos Y

2. Letters and Communications

1. Public Speakers *None*

2. Presentations: Sherry Shepherd Corulli ; Inter-municipal Agreement (Gasoline Pumps)

This is an agreement between The City of Niagara Falls, Board of Education, Niagara County and the Niagara Fall Water Board. At least 2 parties have to participate. The deadline is Jan 14, 2009. This is to replace gas tanks at the Corporation Yard that are in violation. This grant will cover 90% of the cost. Each entity’s cost will be no greater than \$20,000. Each parties share depends on their usage. This project will take roughly 3 years to complete. Sherri would need the Water Board to include a resolution at it’s next Board Meeting December 18, 2008. The Board of Education will present it to their Board on December 9, 2008.

Gerry stated he would like implementation of security measures thought of before project would begin.

3. Other

3. Discussion of Items for Action

1. Routine Items

1. Approval of Minutes from October 16, 2008 meeting date

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

Campbell __Y__ Vitello __Y__ McNally __Y__ Morreale __Y__ Marchelos __Y__

2. Personnel Actions – Safety Specialist

Note: Item was pulled from agenda

Nick Marchelos – Wants to see this go forward. Be consistent with all new employees. Max the vacation at 4 weeks. Eliminate the conversion of unused medical benefits into vacation time because it grants a benefit that is different than the other new hires or even current employees receive.

Tom Vitello – Does not want to start a second tier or start precedence. He wants to treat all new hires equal. If he wants to opt out of the health care he will have to take it as a cash payment.

3. Bid Approvals – Request to Award Chemicals Bid

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

Campbell __Y__ Vitello __Y__ McNally __Y__ Morreale __Y__ Marchelos __Y__

2. From the Executive Director

1. Item #1 – Request to approve change order for general construction on the wastewater treatment plant rehabilitation project (Phase 1).

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

Campbell __Y__ Vitello __Y__ McNally __Y__ Morreale __Y__ Marchelos __Y__

2. Item #2 – Request to award engineering services amendment for pollutant minimization plan implementation assistance and limited local limits reevaluation.

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

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3. Item #3 – Request Approval to enter into an Employment Contract for the position of Safety Specialist.

Note: This item was pulled from agenda.

4. Item #4 – Request to approve Budget Transfers made from 1/1/08 through 11/07/08.

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

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5. Item #5 – Request to Authorize Settlement of the Sterner Claim as per the Board attorney.

Note: These tree roots were in the main. The Water Board will have a claim against the City of Niagara Falls to recoup costs associated to this claim.

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

*Campbell __Y__ Vitello __Y__ McNally __Y__ Morreale __Y__
Marchelos __Y__*

3. From the Board Chairman

4. Informational Items and Reports

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

5. Unfinished Business

6. New Business & Additional Items for Water Board Discussion

1. Discussion of Hauled Waste Rates – *Gerry Grose passed out an informational hand out*
2. Executive Session –

Nick Marchelos would like to revisit city issues with any updates at the next Water Board Meeting.

The Governance Committee met this month and the Committee will approve the minutes of the meeting. They will then bring the Water Board up dates of their meeting at the next Water Board Meeting on December 18, 2008.

Adjournment of Meeting

Motion by Vitello and seconded by Morreale to adjourn meeting at 7:00 p.m. Motion was carried 5-0.

Campbell __Y__ Vitello __Y__ McNally __Y__ Morreale __Y__ Marchelos __Y__