

BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES
May 17, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Oluwole A. McFoy
Gerald Kelly
Michael Finn
William Sunderlin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Peter Merlo
Jack McMahon
Ken Maving
Stephen Waldvogel
Charles Martorana
David Hill
Patrick Martin
Damon Sykes
William Ferguson
Lisa Foti
Beth Drouhard

The regular monthly meeting of the Buffalo Water Board was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

1. Motion by Mr. Finn to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
2. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
3. Staff Update: Mr. David Hill of Veolia Water provided a staffing update to the Buffalo Water Board.
4. Ms. Elizabeth Drouhard, a representative from Journey's End, presented information to the Buffalo Water Board regarding a small urban farm and requested that the hydrant fee be waived. Chairman McFoy requested that a follow up meeting be scheduled with Ms. Drouhard.
5. Mr. Ferguson, the City of Buffalo Accountant presented the City of Buffalo Recommended and Final Budget for 2017-2018 for the Buffalo Water Board, Buffalo Municipal Water Finance Authority and Enterprise Fund and City Division of Water Budget. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to approve the Water Budget as presented. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
6. Motion made by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize the Buffalo Water Board to provide water at no charge to Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo, Inc., in accordance with the attached resolution. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
7. Motion made by Mr. Sunderlin to table a funding request for a new watermain at the Colvin Estates Road Construction Phase II Group 787A Project, to allow the Buffalo Water Board and City Division of Water staff time to review the plans for proposed Project. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
8. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the City Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin to increase the professional services contract for Barclay Damon, LLP for legal services provided to the Buffalo Water Board through June 30, 2017, in an amount not-to-exceed \$45,000. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
9. Motion made by Mr. Sunderlin to table a proposal to have Veolia Water continue a Service Maintenance Agreement with Hach Company to calibrate and maintain 60 water quality instruments at the Colonel Ward Water Treatment Plant. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
10. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the City Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize Veolia Water to contract with Evoqua Water Technologies for Chlorine Gas Preventive Maintenance contract in an amount not-to-exceed \$55,000, inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.

11. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the City Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize Veolia Water to contract with Corrosion Products & Equipment, Inc. (CPE) for pump, motor and valve maintenance in an amount not-to-exceed \$150,000, inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee. Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Approved.
12. Mr. Maving of GHD Consulting Services, Inc. presented a summary of the invoices to be paid to Veolia Water and recommended payment to Veolia Water for services rendered as follows:
 - a) Motion by Mr. Finn to approve payment of \$41,199.84, inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee for services provided by Pinto Construction Services for labor and materials for watermain work performed at several locations in the City of Buffalo. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
13. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to approve a fund transfer of \$ 64,676.04 from Buffalo Water Board Reserve Account to Engineering & Technical Account (# 53023516-432004). Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
14. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to approve a fund transfer of \$ 45,000.00 from Buffalo Water Board Reserve Account to Legal Services Account (# 53023516-432003). Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
15. Mr. Waldvogel of GHD Consulting Services, Inc. (GHD) delivered a report of GHD's on-going services to assist the Buffalo Water Board on a number of projects, including the asbestos abatement at Colonel Ward Treatment Plant (20 contractors have picked-up bid packages and 30 people attended last week's pre-bid meeting), and the water pump project at Colonel Ward Treatment Plant.
16. Mr. David Hill from Veolia Water presented and reviewed Veolia Water's monthly report with the Buffalo Water Board. He discussed various projects, including the annual basin cleaning which is currently underway at the Colonel Ward Water Treatment Plant, a lead and copper sampling plan was submitted to the New York State Department of Health for their review, approximately 100 people attended Earth Day celebration at the Water Plant, and the Water Quality Report is posted on the Buffalo Water Board web site and has been distributed to the public.
17. Motion by Mr. Finn to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
Next meeting, Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 502 at City Hall.

BUFFALO WATER BOARD RESOLUTION
TO PROVIDE WATER SERVICE TO GRASSROOTS GARDENS OF BUFFALO, INC.

WHEREAS, the City of Buffalo has established agreements with Grassroots Gardens of Buffalo, Inc., also known as Grassroots Gardens WNY, a not-for-profit corporation of the State of New York (hereafter "Grassroots"), whereby Grassroots actively works to improve, maintain and beautify various vacant parcels of land, as community gardens, located throughout the City of Buffalo with plants, flowers, trees and other vegetation, all at no charge to the residents or visitors of the City of Buffalo, and without financial compensation to Grassroots; and

WHEREAS, Grassroots has requested the assistance of the City of Buffalo and the Buffalo Water Board to provide water service at no charge to facilitate the growth and maintenance of such plants, flowers, trees and other vegetation on vacant parcels of land located in the City of Buffalo, whether owned by the City of Buffalo or privately held; and

WHEREAS, the City of Buffalo Common Council by resolution adopted May 16, 2017, has acknowledged the services of Grassroots to improve and beautify such vacant parcels, whether owned by the City of Buffalo or private persons, and that Grassroots provides a public service that is in pursuance of and in furtherance of the City of Buffalo's governmental functions for the benefit of the people of the City of Buffalo.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buffalo Water Board, in response to the Common Council's resolution, hereby determines the above described services provided by Grassroots constitute an enhancement to the quality of life for the residents of and visitors to the City of Buffalo, a positive force against blight and a public service in pursuance of and in furtherance of the City of Buffalo's governmental functions for the benefit of the people of the City of Buffalo.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Buffalo Water Board agrees to provide water service at no charge to Grassroots for use on such vacant parcels of land, consistent with this resolution and in furtherance of the City of Buffalo's governmental functions.