

BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES
April 8, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Oluwole A. McFoy
Gerald Kelly
Michael Finn
William Sunderlin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Peter Merlo
Jack McMahon
Michael Wolasz
Patrick Martin
Charles Martorana
Lisa Foti
Jason Shell
Stephen Waldvogel
Bryan Smith
Damon Sykes
Daniel Gorka
D'wanna Clark

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

1. Motion by Mr. Finn to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.

Motion by Mr. Finn to approve the Minutes of the March 13, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.

2. Staff Update provided by Mr. Shell:
- Filter Plant Operator (FPO), Pumping Plant Operator (PPO), and Maintenance Assistant Water (MAW) – meeting with staff this week following canvas of listings.
 - Teller position – to be filled, list of candidates is now available for consideration.
 - Anticipated vacancies: Water Treatment Supervisor and Chemist positions.
 - 5 Caulkers are in processing with Civil Service for 7 vacancies.
3. Motion by Mr. Kelly to approve the proposed Capital Improvement Plan as presented by the City Engineer. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
- 3a. Project Update:
- LaSalle Legacy Project: The Developer's Project Engineer has informed the Division of Water that the Developer has received approval by Department of Health (DOH) dated April 7, 2015. Division of Water Staff is working with the Developer's Project Engineers at C & S Engineers to ensure that all installations are made correctly via test pits and will maintain inspection services for future pipe installation.

Further information on constructability and review of the proposed easement is necessary before approval by the Buffalo Water Board.

- 960 Busti Avenue: The City Engineer presented a brief discussion on the Developer's proposal to reconstruct and develop this former warehouse and commercial structure and referred to prior lease arrangements with the City and Buffalo Water Board.

4. Financial Update:

Lisa Foti, the Buffalo Water Board's Rate Consultant, presented a preliminary report on the Buffalo Water Board's projected revenues and expenses, with a five year forecast and discussed the projected effect of the upcoming bond refunding by the Buffalo Municipal Water Finance Authority.

5. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize Veolia's additional services to the Buffalo Water Board for maintenance of the Water Treatment Plant's Centrifuge Operations, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00, inclusive of Veolia's management fee. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.

6. Monthly report from CRA Infrastructure & Engineering, Inc.

- Energy Performance Contract Phase 2 – project has commenced.
- Large meter project has been substantially completed.

7. Monthly report from Veolia Water presented by Damon Sykes:

- Discussed Financial Summary Report
- Monthly Report, focused on telephone services, in particular responses to inbound calls have improved and are operating very well.

Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Approved.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting scheduled May 13, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in 502 City Hall.