

BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES
August 13, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Oluwole A. McFoy
Gerald Kelly
Michael Finn
William Sunderlin

OTHERS PRESENT

Lisa Foti
Stephen Waldvogel
Jack McMahon
Tim Cupo
Ryan Stotz
Charles Martorana
John Liu
Patrick Martin
Dan Gorka
Jason Shell
Michael Wolasz, Jr.
Susan Attridge

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

1. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
2. Motion by Mr. Kelly to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
3. Mr. Jason Shell provided staff update indicating that the chemist and meter mechanic positions were filled in the last month. Additionally, 27 candidates from a list of 36 Account Clerk Typists (ACTs) were interviewed last week and the process of hiring new ACTs continues. Civil Service is in process of approving changes to Maintenance Assistant Water (MAW) specification and then posting for MAW as well as for Assistant Filtration Plant Operator (AFPO).
4. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to approve insertion of a new recycling informational flyer, prepared by the City of Buffalo, in the next set of water bills, at no cost to the Water Board. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
5. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to approve payment to Western Union for monthly invoices from July 2014 through June 2015 in an amount not-to-exceed a total of \$96,000 for that time period for bill payment services. All invoices will be reviewed and approved by the City Engineer prior to payment. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
6. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to approve waiving Hydrant Permit Fee for the Foundation for Orthopaedic Research and Continuing Education (FORCE) inaugural Soaker 7.7K Run/Walk with the provision that a one month's notice is given for any future requests. All other permit conditions apply. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.

7. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to approve waiving Hydrant Permit Fee for the Elmwood Avenue Festival of the Arts with the provision that a one month's notice is given for any future requests. All other permit conditions apply. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
8. Motion by Mr. Kelly to approve the increase in the appropriation for this fiscal year in the amount not-to-exceed \$669,696.88 to Account # 53023516-432004 Engineering and Technical. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
9. Motion by Mr. Kelly to approve the increase in the appropriation for this fiscal year in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,144,294.19 to Account # 53023517-473020 Capital Outlay – Structural Improvements from Reserve for Ongoing Projects. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
10. Motion by Mr. Finn to approve payment of \$37,500.00 to Visone Construction Inc. for the emergency road repair on Elmwood Avenue following repair of a 16-inch watermain break. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
11. Motion by Mr. Finn to authorize the development of plans and specifications to Repurpose the Engineering Office at Col. Ward for a total project cost not-to-exceed \$160,000.00 (subject to prevailing wage rates, Water Board Engineers approval and record drawings). This project is subject to competitive bid process. Veolia will be general manager for all aspects of this project except office furniture which will be handled through City of Buffalo Purchase Division. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
12. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to accept the new logo prepared by Veolia, and to approve its use in conjunction with Water Board documents and assets. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
13. CRA gave the monthly report to the Water Board including reconciling invoices with Veolia, High Service Pump project nearing completion, Energy Efficiency Improvements Phase 2 as well as the residential and large meter projects are ongoing and the City is reviewing the CPI adjustment letter prepared by CRA.
14. Tim Cupo gave the monthly report from Veolia and reviewed it with the Board including a review of draft language for a new brochure that Veolia will prepare to distribute to tour groups at the Col Ward Treatment Facility, discussion regarding increased algae testing and requests to the Steam Engine Society for additional information to determine if Veolia can partner with them to work on getting a steam engine to operate.
15. Meeting adjourned. Next two meetings are scheduled for September 10, 2014 and October 8, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. in 502 City Hall.