

**BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES**  
**August 11, 2015**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

**Oluwole A. McFoy**  
**Gerald Kelly**  
**Michael Finn**  
**William Sunderlin**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**Peter Merlo**  
**Jack McMahon**  
**Jason Shell**  
**Ken Maving**  
**Charles Martorana**  
**Stephen Waldvogel**  
**Tim Cupo**  
**Damon Sykes**  
**Michael Wolasz, Jr.**  
**Anders Gunnensen**  
**Mayda Pozantides**

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

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

Motion made by Mr. Finn to approve the amended minutes from the July 8, 2015 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Approved.

2. Staff Update: Mr. Shell provided a staffing update. There have been successful interviews for a number of positions. Candidates have been nominated for appointment and are in process through Civil Service to fill several positions, in the Division of Water which should be filled shortly.
- 2a. Mayda Pozantides of Groundwork Market Garden, Inc., a privately owned benefit company requested that a hydrant permit fee be waived for their property located at 1698 Genesee Street. Motion by Mr. Finn to refer this matter to legal counsel for further consideration and prepare a reply communication to Groundwork Market Garden, Inc. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
3. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin to support and fund a salary ordinance amendment in the Division of Water, as attached hereto. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
4. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin to approve the transfer of \$77,100.00 into a newly created account (number 53003711-412002 Hourly Salary in the Intake Pier Tower & Tanks Operation & Maintenance budget line) to pay seasonal positions at the Colonel Ward Treatment Facility. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.

5. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Finn to authorize Veolia Water to contract with Ferguson Electric for maintenance services at the Massachusetts Avenue Pump Station Transformers in an amount not-to-exceed \$235,975.41 inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% Administrative Fee plus a 10% contingency. Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Approved.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Finn to authorize Veolia Water to contract with Savarino Companies for Fire Hydrant Painting and Maintenance in an amount not-to-exceed \$364,936.00 inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% Administrative Fee plus a 10% contingency. Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Approved.
7. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Kelly to authorize the City of Buffalo Division of Purchase to purchase Hydrant Makers for a pilot program in an amount not-to-exceed \$70,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
8. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Finn to authorize the City of Buffalo Division of Water to contract with Conrady Consulting Services for Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) Inspection of the Colonel Ward Treatment Facility Clearwell in an amount not-to-exceed \$20,350.00 inclusive of a 10% contingency. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
9. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize the City of Buffalo Division of Purchase to purchase two new steamers for the Buffalo Water Board in an amount not-to-exceed \$90,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Approved.
10. Veolia Invoices: GHD Consulting Services, Inc., the Buffalo Water Board's Consulting Engineer reported that it reviewed invoices submitted by Veolia Water, as summarized in the attached spread sheet, and recommended payment to Veolia Water as follows:
  - a) Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to approve payment of \$3,698.20 inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee for services by Coverall for janitorial services. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
11. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion by Mr. Finn to approve transfer of \$7,309,160.53 from the Buffalo Water Board reserves into account number 52023517 473020, Structural Improvements. Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Approved.

12. Mr. Waldvogel of GHD Consulting Services, Inc. delivered a brief report of GHD's on-going services to assist the Buffalo Water Board on a number of projects.
13. Monthly report from Veolia Water presented by Tim Cupo:
  - Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) recently conducted its annual inspection of the Colonel Ward Treatment Facility and indicated that issues from past inspections have either been addressed or are currently being addressed in a satisfactory manner.
  - Veolia Water noted that during July 2015 there was a 98% telephone call answer rate. This is significant due to vacations and three staff members out for significant time on disability.

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

Next meeting, September 16, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in the Room 502 City Hall.