

BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES
July 8, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Oluwole A. McFoy
Gerald Kelly
Michael Finn
William Sunderlin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Peter Merlo
Jack McMahon
Lisa Foti
Patrick Martin
Charles Martorana
Stephen Waldvogel
Douglas Fultz
Tim Cupo
Damon Sykes
William Ferguson

The annual and 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. Sunderlin to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2015 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.

2. It was noted that Mr. McFoy continues pursuant to his appointment as Chair of the Buffalo Water Board. Motion by Mr. Finn to nominate Mr. Sunderlin as Vice Chair of the Buffalo Water Board. Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Approved.
3. Motion by Mr. Kelly to nominate Mr. Sunderlin as Chair, Mr. Kelly as Vice Chair and Mr. Finn as a member of the Governance Committee of the Buffalo Water Board. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
4. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to nominate Mr. Kelly as Chair, Mr. Finn as Vice Chair, and Mr. Sunderlin as a member of the Audit Committee. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
5. The Buffalo Water Board discussed communication from Vision Niagara regarding property at 960 Busti Avenue. The Buffalo Water Board referred the communication to legal counsel for further consideration and reporting to Buffalo Water Board at a future meeting.
6. Motion by Mr. Finn to nominate Mr. Merlo as Secretary of the Buffalo Water Board. Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Approved.

7. Motion by Mr. Finn to adopt the Mission Statement and Performance Goals pursuant to the New York State Public Authorities Accountability Act, as amended (PAAA), as attached hereto. Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Approved
8. Staff Update: Mr. Merlo and Mr. McMahon provided a staffing update. There is need for Pumping Plant Operators (PPOs) and Maintenance Assistant Water (MAW) positions to be filled.
9. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize the City of Buffalo or Veolia Water to contract with a qualified asbestos remediation contractor for asbestos removal and remediation at Buffalo Water Board facilities in an amount not-to-exceed \$150,000. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
9. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin to approve the purchase of water meters and parts from Neptune in an amount not-to-exceed \$250,000. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
10. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize the City of Buffalo to contract with the low bid contractors for the following water cut repairs:
 - a) Award road rehabilitation on LaSalle, St. Joseph and Wright Avenues to Nova Site in an amount not-to-exceed \$21,934.00 (\$19,940.00 plus \$1,994.00 contingency).
 - b) Award road rehabilitation on Roslyn Street and Glenwood Avenue to Nova Site in an amount not-to-exceed \$25,245.00 (\$22,950.00 plus \$2,295.00 contingency).
 - c) Award road rehabilitation on Sunset Street and Page Street to Nova Site in an amount not-to-exceed \$18,463.50 (\$16,785.00 plus \$1,678.50 contingency).
 - d) Award road rehabilitation on Pooley Place and Bird Avenue to Amherst Paving Company in an amount not-to-exceed \$20,405.00 (\$18,550.00 plus \$1,855 contingency).

Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.

11. Monthly report from GHD Consulting Services, Inc., including discussions about continuing coordination and cooperation with the Erie County Health Department, GHD staffing and the Energy Performance Contract project update.

12. Monthly report from Veolia Water presented by Tim Cupo:
- Sludge report – the South Basin has been cleaned and is back in service and work will now commence on cleaning the North Basin
 - Veolia Water recommended the purchase of pole markers to be attached to the nearly 8,000 fire hydrants located throughout the City of Buffalo to increase visibility, particularly during winter. The Buffalo Water Board authorized the City of Buffalo Division of Purchase to secure bids to purchase the markers through City's Purchasing Department and Veolia Water to develop and issue a proposal to secure bids for labor to perform hydrant maintenance including painting and greasing the hydrants. Veolia Water will supply the paint and grease while the City of Buffalo will supply the labor and markers for this hydrant maintenance program.

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

Next meeting, August 11, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in the Room 502 City Hall.