

**BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES**  
**June 17, 2015**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**Peter Merlo**  
**Jack McMahon**  
**Michael Wolasz**  
**Patrick Martin**  
**Charles Martorana**  
**Stephen Waldvogel**  
**Bryan Smith**  
**Tim Cupo**  
**Damon Sykes**  
**Ken Maving**  
**Douglas Fultz**  
**William Ferguson**  
**James Ostrowski**

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

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

Motion made by Mr. Finn to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2015 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Approved.

2. Motion made by Mr. Sunderlin to approve the Water Board Budget for 2015-2016 with no change in the schedule of rates, charges and fees. This Budget was also adopted by the Buffalo Municipal Water Finance Authority (BMWFA). Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
3. Staff Update: The City Civil Service and Division of Water has hired two new caulkers, interviewed five candidates for the vacant Chemist positions and is in the process of interviewing candidates for the Assistant Filtration Plant Operator (AFPO) positions.
4. Motion made by Mr. Finn to authorize the Water Board Counsel to arrange for an appraisal of real property owned by the Buffalo Water Board at 958 Busti Avenue, in connection with the request for an easement to serve the redevelopment of property at 960 Busti Avenue, and to examine an easement agreement proposed by 9271 Group LLC. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
5. Motion made by Mr. Sunderlin to approve Hydrant Fee Waiver for Grant-Ferry Association's Taste of Diversity Festival on June 27, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.

6. Motion made by Mr. Finn to approve Hydrant Fee Waiver for Taste of Buffalo Festival July 11 and 12, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
- 6A. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Finn to authorize the City of Buffalo to make an emergency purchase of two commercial submersible pumps to dewater the valve house at Col. Ward Water Treatment Plant. The two pumps are estimated to cost \$14,350.00 and \$14,868.00 for a total approval of \$29,218.00. Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Approved.
7. Motion made by Mr. Kelly to authorize the City of Buffalo to pay Western Union for monthly invoices from July 2015 through June 2016 in an amount not-to-exceed a total of \$110,000 for that time period for bill payment services rendered to the Water Board. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
8. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize Veolia Water to contract with Pinto Construction Services Inc. for supplemental labor to clean sludge basins for a ten week period at a cost not-to-exceed \$17,305.20 per week, including Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
9. 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 sidewalk installation, in accordance with specifications of the City of Buffalo at Col. Ward Treatment Plant entrance along DAR Drive in an amount not-to-exceed \$31,845.00, including Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved
10. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Finn to authorize Veolia Water to contract with Corrosion Products and Equipment, Inc. (CPE) to perform maintenance on the high service and low lift pumps as required in an amount not-to-exceed \$75,000.00, including Veolia's 10% administrative fee. Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Approved
11. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Finn to authorize Veolia Water to contract with DV Brown and Associates to perform maintenance on the Col. Ward Treatment Plant dehumidifier systems as required and necessary, in an amount not-to-exceed \$60,000.00, including Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved
12. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Finn to authorize Veolia Water to extend the existing contract with Coverall Service Company from June 25, 2015 through September 30, 2015 for custodial services in an amount not-to-exceed \$5,547.30, including Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.

13. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Kelly to authorize Veolia Water to contract with low bidder for valve supports and stairs rehabilitation at the Col. Ward Treatment Facility in an amount not-to-exceed \$40,000.00, including Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee . Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
14. Motion made by Mr. Finn to authorize the City of Buffalo to engage a qualified consultant for Construction Phase Services to oversee and inspect the Division of Water's Water Cut Contracts in an amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
15. Upon the recommendation of the Water Board's Consulting Engineer and the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Kelly to approve the addition of HACH to the Water Board's list as sole-source provider of laboratory equipment services to maintain uniform quality of such equipment in accordance with manufacturer's specifications. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
16. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Finn to authorize Veolia Water to contract with HACH for laboratory equipment maintenance in an amount not-to-exceed \$39,833.20, including Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
17. Motion made by Mr. Sunderlin to approve GHD Consulting Services, Inc. (previously known as Conestoga-Rovers & Associates (CRA)) professional services contract for 2015-2016 Water Board Consulting Engineer Services in an amount not-to-exceed \$175,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved
18. Motion made by Mr. Sunderlin to approve Barclay Damon, LLP (previously known as Hiscock & Barclay) professional services contract for 2015-2016 Water Board Legal Services in an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000.00.. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
19. Veolia Invoices: CRA, the 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. Finn to approve payment of \$11,248.88 inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee for services by Kimil Construction for emergency repair services. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
  - b) Motion by Mr. Finn to approve payment of \$1,260.82 inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee for laboratory services by Biotrax. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.

- c) Motion by Mr. Finn to approve payment of \$27,344.19 inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee for services by Pinto Construction for emergency repair services. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
20. Monthly report from CRA Infrastructure & Engineering, Inc.  
No additional reports.
21. Monthly report from Veolia Water presented by Tim Cupo:
- Introduced Doug Fultz as their new Operations Manager
  - Initiation of a pilot program for directional flushing in the City's Water Distribution System
  - Training is ongoing for a computer program (Infonet) as an electronic records management system
22. A citizen, Mr. James Ostrowski presented his concerns and delivered a letter dated June 16, 2015 with articles pertaining to Fluoride in drinking water. Received and filed.

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

Next meeting, June 17, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in the Training Room at Col Ward Water Treatment Facility, 2 Porter Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14201.