

BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES
May 14, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Oluwole A. McFoy
Gerald Kelly
Michael Finn
William Sunderlin

OTHERS PRESENT

Peter Merlo
Graham Goy
Jack McMahon
Tim Cupo
Ryan Stotz
Charles Martorana
Stephan Waldvogel
William Ferguson
Patrick Martin
Dan Gorka
Madeline Meniffee
Rashied McDuffie

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.
2. Motion by Mr. Finn to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Approved.
3. Madeline Meniffee (sp?), Financial Secretary for the Free Spirit Baptist Church asked the Water Board for relief of bill based on a water break at 59 Miller Street in 2009. Mr. McDuffie, an attorney representing the Church is going to meet with Mr. Cupo and come back to the Water Board with additional information in the future.
4. Motion by Mr. Kelly to approve the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
5. Mr. Finn provided update on staffing of the Buffalo Water System.
6. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize the Buffalo Water Board to enter into agreements with CSX and Norfolk Southern Railway Company to install 16-inch water distribution line under their railway tracks under the South Park Avenue Bridge following the Board Attorney review of revised language, and confirmation with the City Law Department. This includes payment of \$2,000.00 to CSX and \$19,100 to Norfolk Southern for the agreements. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.

7. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to approve award of Emergency Netting Installation Contract to the second low bidder (NewCal Construction, Inc.) since apparent low bidder (Savarino Companies) did not price bid based on prevailing wage rates. Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Approved.
8. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to receive and file Veolia's notice of extension of the D.V. Brown and Associates contract with Veolia for additional labor to conduct water meter work for an additional 60-days. Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Approved.
9. Motion by Mr. Kelly to approve the Western Union invoice from April 2014 (\$7,546.50) for payment. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
10. Motion by Mr. Finn to approve change order to the Biel's contract to include Field Book and Pipe Index Card electronic scanning for a total of \$24,120.00. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
11. CRA gave the monthly report to the Water Board including discussion regarding preparation of a response letter to the Erie County Department of Health.
12. Tim Cupo gave the monthly report from Veolia and reviewed it with the Board. A customer service training program developed by American Water Works Association (AWWA) was completed with Exchange St. staff, Buffalo Water Board has been asked to participate in Homeland Security software pilot program, Veolia is investigating call volume increasing, and a separate meeting is needed regarding bill pay process. Jack will schedule meeting with Michael Seaman, his Treasury Department Team, Veolia, CRA and Water Board members to inquire about the 5-6 extra days to post a payment causing late fees.
13. The Buffalo Water Board confirmed that the Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges currently in effect will remain unchanged.
14. Meeting adjourned.
15. Next two meetings are scheduled for June 11, 2014 and July 9, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. in 502 City Hall.