

BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES
May 9, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Oluwole A. McFoy
Gerald Kelly
Michael Finn
William Sunderlin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Peter Merlo
Jack McMahon
David Hill
Ken Maving
Charles Martorana
Stephen Waldvogel
Damon Sykes
William Ferguson
Michael Wolasz
Lisa Foti
Doug Fultz
Patrick Martin

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

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

Motion by Mr. Kelly to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
2. Staff Update: Mr. Hill with Veolia Water provided a staffing update to the Buffalo Water Board.
3. Mr. Ferguson, the City of Buffalo Accountant presented the City of Buffalo Recommended and Final Budget for 2018-2019 for the Buffalo Water Board, Buffalo Municipal Water Finance Authority and Enterprise Fund and City Division of Water Budget. Motion by Mr. Finn to approve the Water Budget as presented. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
4. Mr. Kelly discussed a program by the Maxwell X Lab, affiliated with Syracuse University, to use Behavioral Science to increase revenue and performance for governmental entities in Syracuse, New York. The Buffalo Water Board agreed to a future afternoon meeting with Maxwell Lab X to learn more about its program at the Exchange Street offices. Mr. Kelly to coordinate the meeting.
5. Upon the recommendation of the City of Buffalo Department of Law , the Buffalo Water Board approved payment of the following claims:
 - a) Motion made by Mr. Sunderlin to approve payment of \$5,625.00 to settle a claim with Margie Soto. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
 - b) Motion made by Mr. Sunderlin to approve payment of \$1,500.00 to settle a claim with National Fuel regarding a claim at William and Cedar Streets. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
 - c) Motion made by Mr. Sunderlin to approve payment of \$7,500.00 to settle a claim with Mark Bauer v. Edward C. Green and Buffalo Water. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
6. Motion by Mr. Finn to table a proposal from Hazen and Sawyer for additional services to their Corrosion Control Optimization Project (contract # 93002096) until scope of services revisions are completed. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.

7. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the City Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin to increase the Buffalo Water Board's funding for a contract by the City of Buffalo with John W. Danforth Construction Corporation (contract # 93002101) for the Colonel Ward Pump Station Plant Improvements Project in an amount not-to-exceed \$24,000. This contract will continue to be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
8. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the City Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin to increase the Buffalo Water Board's funding for a professional services contract by the City of Buffalo with GHD Consulting Services, Inc. (contract # 93002138) for the Colonel Ward Pump Station Plant Improvements Project in an amount not-to-exceed \$95,000, subject to clarification of the breakdown of costs and confirmation that billing will be hourly for both tasks 3 and 4, as approved by the Principal Engineer of the City Division of Water. This contract will continue to be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
9. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the City Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin to approve the Buffalo Water Board's funding for a professional services contract by the City of Buffalo with GHD Consulting Services, Inc. for design, bid, contract administration and resident inspection services in support of the Colonel Ward Water Treatment Plant Filter Rehabilitation Project in an amount not-to-exceed \$260,700.00. This contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
10. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the City Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Finn to increase the Buffalo Water Board's funding for a contract by the City of Buffalo with Mark Cerrone Inc. for the Niagara Street Phase II Project in an amount not-to-exceed \$79,248.63. This contract will continue to be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Engineering. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
11. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the City Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Kelly to authorize Veolia Water to contract for the emergency repair to the stone storage area at the Colonel Ward Water Treatment Facility in an amount not-to-exceed \$210,016.40, inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
12. Motion by Mr. Finn to authorize the Buffalo Water Board to sign and deliver, on behalf of the Buffalo Water Board, Modification Number One, to the existing Consulting Agreement (Contract #93002046) with the Research Foundation for the State University of New York at Buffalo. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
13. Mr. Maving of GHD Consulting Services, Inc. presented a summary of the invoices to be paid to Veolia Water and recommended payment to Veolia Water for services rendered as follows:
 - a) Motion by Mr. Finn to approve payment of \$90,166.34, inclusive of Veolia's 10% administrative fee for services by Destro & Brothers Concrete Co., Inc. for Emergency Watermain Repair. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
 - b) Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to approve payment of \$158,391.15, inclusive of Veolia's 10% administrative fee for services by Great Lakes Plumbing for Emergency Service Line Repair. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
 - c) Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to approve payment of \$62,718.15, inclusive of Veolia's 10% administrative fee for services by Kimil Construction Inc. for Emergency Watermain Repair. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.

14. Motion by Mr. Finn to approve a Fund Transfer of \$506,283.68 from Buffalo Water Board Reserve Account to Engineering and Technical Account (# 53023516-432004). Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
15. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to approve a Fund Transfer of \$458,948.63 from Buffalo Water Board Reserve Account to Structural Improvements Account (# 53023517-473020). Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
16. Motion by Mr. Finn to approve issuance of Draft Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Professional Services for the Management of the Operation and Maintenance of the City of Buffalo Water Supply, Treatment, Transmission, Distribution and Billing Systems, subject to legal review, as to form and finalization by the Buffalo Water Board counsel. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
17. Mr. Maving of GHD Consulting Services, Inc. delivered a report of GHD's on-going professional services to assist the Buffalo Water Board on a number of projects, including: the Pumping and Filtration Plant Improvements Project (Asbestos Abatement Project), current status of the Influent Screen project, an update on the Electrical project, and development of the Buffalo Water Board's new Request For Qualifications for professional management services for the Water System.
18. Mr. Hill from Veolia Water presented and reviewed Veolia Water's monthly management report with the Buffalo Water Board. He discussed upgrading the telephone system at Exchange Street, installation of security cameras at Exchange Street and updating the DVR recording devices. Porter Avenue Facility has had some IT upgrades as well. Verizon has installed new WIFI and routers at the Water Treatment Facility.

Motion by Mr. Finn to adjourn at 9:00 A.M. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.

Next meeting, Wednesday June 6, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 502 in City Hall.