

BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES
November 12, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Oluwole A. McFoy
Gerald Kelly
Michael Finn
William Sunderlin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Peter Merlo
Stephen Waldvogel
Jack McMahon
Tim Cupo
Ryan Stotz
Charles Martorana
Stephanie Lamarque
Michael Wolasz, Jr.
Patrick Martin
Graham Goy
William Ferguson
Bryan Smith
Lisa Foti

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. Sunderlin to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
3. Four Account Clerk Typists (ACTs) have started at Exchange St. One Filter Plant Operator (FPO) is officially retired and seven caulkers have been hired. Mr. Shell secured six more [indicate what PO means] (PO's) to fill additional positions. We are attempting to fill the following positions: Maintenance Assistant Water (MAW), General Mechanics, and Assistant Filtration Plant Operators (AFPO).
4. Lisa Foti, the Board's Independent Rate Consultant provided the Financial/Reserve report to the Water Board (Board). She recommended using current reserves of up to \$9 million for capital projects and borrow at lesser amount. She does not recommend a rate increase at this time, but the Board should consider increase in the future. Current reserves and cash on hand comply with covenants in the Board's Financing Agreement and existing bond resolutions. A copy of Ms. Foti's report is attached.
5. Conesota-Rovers & Associates Infrastructure & Engineering, Inc. (CRA), the Board's Consulting Engineer, recommended awarding the Energy Performance Contract (EPC) Phase 2 to Siemens. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin awarding Siemens Industry, Inc. the EPC2 in the amount of \$5,960,000 pending legal review. Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Approved.

6. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to approve awarding a Professional Services contract to CRA for \$466,200 for Construction Administration and Resident Inspection services in connection with the Energy Performance Contract Phase 2. Payment for these additional professional services will be funded from Board reserves. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
7. Upon the recommendation of the City Engineer, motion by Mr. Finn for Grove Roofing contract to be increased by \$15,000 for additional roof repairs. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
8. Upon the recommendation of the City Engineer, motion by Mr. Kelly to authorize the purchase of 2 Steam Generators, pursuant to public bidding, in an amount not to exceed a total of \$100,000. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
9. Veolia Invoices: CRA reported that it reviewed invoices submitted by Veolia, as summarized and set forth in the attached report spread sheet, and recommended payment as follows:
 - a) Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to approve payment of \$300,992.83 for services by DV Brown for water distribution services while staffing was reduced. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
 - b) Motion by Mr. Finn to approve increasing payment for services by Biotrax from \$1,082.00 to \$1,320.00 for sample collection services. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
 - Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to approve payment of \$41,961.92 for services by Test America's May and June laboratory services. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
 - Motion by Mr. Finn to approve payment of \$126,789.08 for services by Savarino for solids handling/centrifuge services. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
 - Motion by Mr. Finn to approve payment of \$4,378.18 for services by Visone Construction for an emergency repair services. Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Approved.
10. CRA provided its monthly report as follows:
 - Update regarding Erie County Water Authority (ECWA) connections as requested by Mr. Kelly. ECWA is using the Texas and Lang connection to supplement their water supply but not on a constant basis.

- Water Board property for DAR with Time Warner Cable
- Ferry Street and AT&T antennas
- Capital Improvement Plan

11. Mr. Cupo, Veolia Project Manager provided the Board with Veolia's monthly report:

- Key Tech has substantial arrears in water/sewer charges and has had several payment plan agreements with the Board. Veolia is continuing to work with KeyTech to ensure compliance with such plans, while continuing to provide service to Veolia. Mr. Cupo explained some of the payment history and collection activity. Veolia will continue negotiations with Key Tech to modify the current payment plan. Mr. Cupo will continue to monitor this account and advise the Board further on its status and future course of action.
- A spreadsheet provided by Veolia shows that the telephone call response numbers are improving due to increased staffing.
- Veolia engineers are looking at Induction mixer/streaming current monitoring at the Water Treatment Plant. Veolia is interested in conducting a pilot program and will present ideas and costs to the Board next month.

12. Meeting adjourned. Next two meetings are scheduled December 10, 2014 and January 14, 2015 at 8:00 AM in 502 City Hall.