

**BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES**  
**October 15, 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  
Larry Rubin  
Jason Shell  
Michael Wolasz, Jr.  
Graham Goy  
William Ferguson  
Daniel Gorka  
Bryan Smith  
Diane Scott**

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

1. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
2. Motion by Mr. Finn to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
3. Mr. Jason Shell provided staff update indicating that of a budgeted 123 positions, 94 positions are currently filled, with 4 Account Clerk Typists (ACT) starting by November 3<sup>rd</sup> which will bring the total to 98. Civil Service is posting and vetting candidates for several positions including: Maintenance Assistant Water (MAW), Assistant Filtration Plant Operator (AFPO), Associate Engineer, Water Service Worker, Water Line Inspector and Caulkers.
4. The Buffalo Water Board received a presentation by Laurence K. Rubin, counsel for the Colvin Estates Project Developer, concerning roadway and infrastructure improvements to facilitate phase two development of this residential subdivision. Motion by Mr. Kelly to cooperate and assist the City of Buffalo and the Developer to facilitate development of the Colvin Estates Project's Phase 2, as the Board previously did with Phase 1, subject to environmental, engineering and legal analyses. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
5. The City Engineer reviewed current concepts and proposals to develop the Legacy LaSalle Project in the LaSalle/Cordova street neighborhood. The Buffalo Water Board was advised that certain water pipes and appurtenances exist and

that agreements will be necessary to protect and preserve the Buffalo Water Board's interests in the public rights of way, as development plans progress with the City of Buffalo. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize the City Engineer and Legal Counsel to work with the City of Buffalo and all interested persons to facilitate the Legacy LaSalle Project, including reservation of suitable easements and development of such other agreements as necessary and /or appropriate to protect and preserve the Buffalo Water Board's interests and facilities. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.

6. Motion by Mr. Kelly to authorize an increase of up to \$64,700 for two on-going CRA Infrastructure & Engineering, Inc. Construction Administration / Construction Inspection (CA/CI) for meter projects as current contract change order. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
7. Motion by Mr. Finn to approve Veolia invoices totaling \$347,090.19 as detailed in the attached spreadsheet. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
8. Bryan Smith gave CRA's monthly report to the Buffalo Water Board, including presenting the final design for Massachusetts Avenue Pump Station sign and advised that CRA is working with Veolia to develop plans/specifications for bidding, and discussed the Energy Performance Contract Phase 2 design at the Col. Ward Treatment Plant.
9. Tim Cupo presented Veolia's monthly report noting that sludge in the Col. Ward Treatment Plant was under control and both sediment basins are in service. Veolia will present a proposal for streaming current monitoring and induction mixers at the November Board meeting. Collections of water rate invoices have increased, without any rate increase since 2012. Tim Cupo attributed the increase in collections to improvements in the billing system, and indicated that within the next 12 months Veolia will plan additional improvements to the account billing system. Tim Cupo indicated that Veolia expects a significant increase in the percentage of calls answered at the Exchange Street office following training of new ACTs that will begin working at the Exchange Street office in the next two weeks.
10. Meeting adjourned. Next two meetings are scheduled November 12, 2014 and December 10, 2014 at 8:00 AM in 502 City Hall.