

BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES
October 14, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Oluwole A. McFoy
Gerald Kelly
Michael Finn
William Sunderlin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Peter Merlo
Jack McMahon
Jason Shell
Ken Maving
Charles Martorana
Stephen Waldvogel
Tim Cupo
Damon Sykes
William Ferguson
Patrick Martin
Lisa Foti
Doug Fultz
Tim Shea

The regular monthly meeting of the Buffalo Water Board 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. Kelly to approve the amended minutes from the September 16, 2015 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.

2. Staff Update: Mr. Shell provided a staffing update. There are 102 positions currently filled and multiple Civil Service exams forthcoming.
3. Mr. Cupo, Project Manager for Veolia Water, presented a report on various issues previously communicated to him by the property owner and investigated by the City Division of Water with regard to water service at 131 Donaldson Avenue and 361 High Street.
4. Upon the report and recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize the City of Buffalo Division of Water to increase an existing professional services contract with Nussbaumer and Clarke, Inc. for Phase II of the High Service Pressure Zone project. The authorization is in an amount not-to-exceed \$300,000. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
5. Upon the report and recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Finn to authorize the City of Buffalo Division of Water to purchase meters and appurtenances from Neptune in an amount not-to-exceed \$250,000. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
6. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to approve a Fund Transfer of \$250,000 from Buffalo Water Board Reserve Account to Structural Improvements Account (# 53023517-473020)

for purchase of meters and appurtenances from Neptune. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved

7. Veolia Water Invoices: GHD Consulting Services, Inc., the Buffalo 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. Sunderlin to approve payment of \$27,920.75 inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee for services by Kimil Construction. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
8. Mr. Waldvogel of GHD Consulting Services, Inc. delivered a brief report of GHD's on-going services to assist the Buffalo Water Board on a number of projects, including the emergency electrical work at the Col. Ward Valve House, working with New York State Department of Health on the Grover Cleveland water tank, and Massachusetts Avenue transformer work.
9. Monthly report from Veolia Water presented by Mr. Cupo included at the end of the first quarter, collections are reported as sustaining and staff performance handling of customer telephone calls continues to improve. The September 2015 telephone call volume increased by 2,000 calls compared to the number of telephone calls received in September 2014.

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

Next meeting, Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. in the Room 502 City Hall.