

BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES
September 10, 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
John Liu
Patrick Martin
Jason Shell
Michael Wolasz, Jr.
Graham Goy
William Ferguson
Frank Sparacino, Sr.
John Heffron
Elizabeth Robson

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 August 13, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
3. Mr. Jason Shell provided staff update indicating that 93 positions are currently filled. Civil Service has posted for Maintenance Assistant Water (MAW), Assistant Filtration Plant Operator (AFPO), Associate Engineer, Water Service Worker, Water Line Inspector and Caulkers.
4. Motion by Mr. Finn to authorize granting of surface rights, and reservation of an easement for water line service to allow development of property (identified on the attached map) on Jefferson Avenue, subject to Water Board Legal Counsel coordination of negotiation and approval of agreement with the City Law Department. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
5. Motion by Mr. Kelly to authorize the City Principal Engineer to waive Hydrant Permit Fees for Community Gardens. All other permit conditions apply. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
6. Motion by Mr. Finn to authorize the City Principal Engineer to waive Hydrant Permit Fee for contractors engaged by the City of Buffalo Department of Public Works and/or Buffalo Sewer Authority working on projects selected by the

Commissioner of Public Works and/or the BSA General Manager benefitting the City of Buffalo and/or BSA facilities. All other permit conditions apply. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.

7. The Board reviewed the Habitat for Humanity program of reconstruction of dwellings and confirmed that Habitat for Humanity is subject to the Board's Schedule of Rates and Charges, without exemption.
8. The Board considered a report by Tim Cupo that accounts for property at 1490 Jefferson Avenue have been subject to charges and interest, beyond a period that the accounts became inactive. Motion by Mr. Kelly to approve adjustment for the water portion of invoices for 1490 Jefferson Ave in the amount of \$41,512.20 (including interest) based on Tim Cupo's recommendation. Veolia is to submit a letter to Buffalo Sewer Authority to approve similar adjustment of sewer charges. The property owner will be notified that prior to re-connection of service, the water valves need to be replaced and brought up to code. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
9. Veolia requested permission to distribute a Water Customer Survey. The Board referred the request to the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works for consideration and advice.
10. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to approve payment to the non-governmental member of the Water Board of compensation authorized by and in accordance with the terms of the Financing Agreement, not-to-exceed \$1,300.00. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
11. Mr. Finn agreed to forward ECHDC Canalside Water Agreement to Buffalo Water Board Legal Counsel for review regarding water billing.
12. Stephen Waldvogel gave CRA's monthly report to the Water Board including reconciling invoices with Veolia; Frey Electric Construction Co., Inc. Corp initiating transformer sample collection for analysis; Residential Metering and Large Meter projects; preparing specifications for truck mounted steamers and repurposing of Engineering office at Col. Ward Pumping Station.
13. Tim Cupo gave Veolia's monthly report and reviewed various on-going matters, including a recent meeting with the Steam Engine Society, October 8th Veolia presentation regarding Blue Green Algae, Exchange St telephone performance issues due to lack of Account Clerk Typist staff, status of contracts with DV Brown and Test America, and advised that both North and South basins are free from sludge and ready for operation.
14. Elizabeth Robson, a Board customer, visited and presented several questions concerning the form and content of her Water Board invoice.
15. Meeting adjourned. Next two meetings are scheduled for October 15, 2014 and November 12, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. in 502 City Hall.