

BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES
December 14, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Oluwole A. McFoy
Gerald Kelly
Michael Finn
William Sunderlin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Peter Merlo
Jack McMahon
Lisa Foti
Stephen Waldvogel
Ken Maving
Charles Martorana
David Hill
Tim Cupo
Tim Shea
Damon Sykes
Patrick Martin
William Ferguson

The regular monthly meeting of the Buffalo Water Board 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. Sunderlin to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
3. Staff Update: Mr. Cupo and Mr. Merlo provided a staffing update to the Buffalo Water Board.
4. The Buffalo Water Board Rate Consultant, Ms. Lisa Foti, provided a Financial Update. She indicated that the City Comptroller recommends that the Buffalo Water Board spend down the Reserves to a balance of approximately \$10 million in Reserves before issuing any new bonds.
5. The City of Buffalo Accountant, Mr. William Ferguson, reviewed the Audited Draft Financial Report with the Buffalo Water Board. Motion by Mr. Kelly to approve the Audited Draft Financial Report. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
6. Mr. Tim Cupo reported that Veolia Water has received bids for the Water Service Contract.
7. Mr. Tim Cupo reported that Veolia Water has re-issued the Emergency Repair Contract typically to address water main breaks, with the view to add two additional contractors to the list for a total of five contractors to select from to address Emergency Repair situations. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize Veolia Water to continue and reauthorize the Emergency Repair Contract with five contractors. Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Approved.
8. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize Veolia Water to contract with the manufacturer of the Traveling Screen equipment to provide an on-site rebuild of the traveling screen located at the Colonel Ward Treatment Plant, in an amount not-to-exceed \$60,000.00, inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee. Seconded by Mr. Kelly. Approved.
9. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin to approve an increase in funding of the current professional services contract with GHD Consulting Services, Inc. with respect to the Water Treatment Plant Upgrades and

Energy Improvements project (Contract No. 93001658), engaged by the City of Buffalo in an amount not-to-exceed \$97,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.

10. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Kelly to approve an increase in funding of the current Jameson Roofing Contract (Contract No. 93001893), engaged by the City of Buffalo in an amount not-to-exceed \$30,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
11. Motion made by Mr. Finn to table a proposal to increase funding of the current water quality testing program for Veolia Water. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
12. 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 by Kimil Construction Inc. and Pinto Construction Services as follows:
 - a) Motion by Mr. Finn to approve payment of \$24,625.35 inclusive of Veolia's 10% administrative fee for services by Kimil Construction Inc. for emergency service repair. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
 - b) Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to approve payment of \$26,353.32 inclusive of Veolia's 10% administrative fee for services by Pinto Construction Services for emergency service repair. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
13. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to approve a Fund Transfer of \$ 127,000.00 from Buffalo Water Board Reserve Account to Structural Improvements Account (# 53023517-473020). Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
14. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to approve a Fund Transfer of \$ 334,159.41 from Buffalo Water Board Reserve Account to Engineering & Technical Account (# 53023516-432004). Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
15. Mr. Waldvogel of GHD Consulting Services, Inc. (GHD) delivered a report of GHD's on-going services to assist the Buffalo Water Board on a number of projects, including the asbestos abatement at Colonel Ward Treatment Plant, the water quality testing initiative and the recommendation to replace the Raw Water Traveling Screens.
16. Mr. David Hill from Veolia Water presented and reviewed Veolia Water's monthly report with the Buffalo Water Board. He introduced himself to the Buffalo Water Board, as the new Project Manager and provided a summary of his work experience. The Buffalo Water Board thanked Mr. Cupo for his service.
17. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin to enter into Executive Session to discuss a contract negotiation matter. Seconded by Mr. Finn. Approved.
18. Motion by Mr. Finn to exit Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
19. Motion by Mr. Finn to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.

Next meeting, Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 502 at City Hall.