

BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES
January 15, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Oluwole A. McFoy
Gerald Kelly
Steven Stepniak
William Sunderlin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Peter Merlo
Jack McMahan
William Ferguson
Ken Maving
Damon Sykes
William Appenheimer
David Hill
Stephen Waldvogel
Lisa Foti
Michael Ramos
Michael Wolasz
Herbert Hogue

The regular monthly meeting of the Buffalo Water Board was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

1. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Stepniak to approve the agenda. Approved.

Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Stepniak to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2019 meeting. Approved.
2. During the public comment period, Mr. Hogue, President of the Colonel Ward Steam Engine Society discussed plans for a visitor center to be built at the Colonel Ward Water Treatment Facility. He indicated that the visitor center would be a catalyst and pipeline for bringing new people into the water industry.
3. The Buffalo Water Board briefly discussed a number of issues that need to be resolved before approving the Feed More WNY group to host a fund raising event at the Colonel Ward Water Treatment Facility in late April or May 2020. Issues to be resolved include parking, legal, special events, security, lavatories and tents.
4. Mr McFoy discussed the Education and Outreach program work that is ongoing with the Martin Group. Catholic Charities has been brought on board to assist with this program. This program is looking at using social media and buses for advertisement.
5. Mr. Ramos discussed recent developments with the Lead and Copper program. From Late October 2019 through December 2019, approximately 220 residents have communicated with City representatives and become more familiar with programs that the City and the Buffalo Water Board have available for the public.
6. Staff Update: Mr. Hill with Veolia Water provided a staffing update to the Buffalo Water Board.
7. 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 as follows:
 - a) Motion by Mr. Stepniak, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to approve payment of \$72,295.55, inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee for services by Destro & Brothers Concrete Co. for Emergency Watermain Repair. Approved

b) Motion by Mr. Stepniak, seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve payment of \$28,562.34, inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee for services by Great Lakes Plumbing for Emergency Service Repair. Approved

8. Mr. Waldvogel of GHD Consulting Services, Inc. delivered a report of GHD's on-going professional services to assist the Buffalo Water Board on a number of projects, including: the new screen project is on-going with both screens installed and operational, evaluation of the disinfection system, review of the pipe loop system for the next set of trials, work on the Electrical project design and GHD is continuing to progress the Buffalo Water Board's Request For Proposals for Professional Management Services.
9. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Stepniak to authorize an increase in funding for an existing contract with GHD for FY 2019/2020 – Observation and Oversight and Water Board Support Services (Contract Number 93002529). The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water in an increased amount not-to-exceed \$185,000.00. Approved
10. Mr. Hill of Veolia Water presented Veolia Water's monthly management report with the Buffalo Water Board. He reported that revenues for the first 6 months of this fiscal year have increased by 18%, work on the facilities vulnerability assessment is ongoing, request for bids were issued for audio-visual equipment for the conference room at the Colonel Ward Treatment Facility, and Veolia is developing a preparation and response plan for the Buffalo Water Board to address potential future algae blooms in Lake Erie.

Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Stepniak to adjourn at 8:50 A.M. Approved.

Next meeting, Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 8:00 A.M. This meeting will be in the Room 502 City Hall.