

BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES
March 11, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Oluwole A. McFoy
Gerald Kelly
Steven Stepniak
William Sunderlin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Peter Merlo
Jack McMahan
Stephen Waldvogel
Ken Maving
Dustin Steiner
William Appenheimer
David Hill
Doug Fultz
Lisa Foti
Michael Ramos
Michael Wolasz
William Ferguson

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

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

Motion by Mr. Stepniak, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2020 meeting. Approved.
2. There were no public comments at this meeting.
3. Staff Update: Mr. Fultz with Veolia Water provided a staffing update to the Buffalo Water Board.
4. Mr. McFoy provided an update on the Affordability Program, including information on the ongoing efforts of the Education and Outreach Program that include a social media blitz that will be coming in the near future and collaboration with Catholic Charities.
5. Upon the recommendation of the City of Buffalo Legal Department, motion made by Mr. Stepniak, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize payment of a claim to National Fuel in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,750.00 from the Buffalo Water Board Judgment and Claims account (Number 53028218 480205). Approved.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water and GHD Consulting Services Inc., motion made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Stepniak to authorize an increase in funding to STC Construction, Inc., contract (No. 93002577) for the Colonel Ward Water Treatment Plant Filter Rehabilitation Project, in an amount not to exceed \$235,792.00. The project and contract will continue to be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water. Approved.
7. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Stepniak, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize an increase in funding to Hazen and Sawyer contract (No. 93002561) for the Laboratory Corrosion Control Testing services with Washington University and the University of Buffalo Project, in an amount not to exceed \$55,500.00. The project and contract will continue to be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water. Approved.

8. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Kelly to authorize Veolia Water to increase funding of its existing contract with Quackenbush Co., Inc., and approved funding for the Chlorine Maintenance Upgrades Project in an amount not-to-exceed \$200,000.00, inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee. Approved
9. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Kelly to authorize Veolia Water to increase funding of its existing contract with Enhance to bridge the Buffalo Water Board's current customer service and billing system platform, in an amount not-to-exceed \$160,380.00, inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee. Approved
10. 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. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Stepniak to approve payment of \$119,215.22, inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee for services by Destro & Brothers Concrete Co. for Grant Restoration and Emergency Watermain Repair. Approved
 - b) Motion by Mr. Stepniak, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to approve payment of \$195,024.47, inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee for services by Great Lakes Plumbing for ROLL Program and Emergency Capital Repair. Approved
11. Mr. Waldvogel and Mr. Maving 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 nearing completion, evaluation of the disinfection system, work on the Electrical project design, the filter project is on-going, repairs are underway for the chlorine project and GHD is continuing to progress the Buffalo Water Board's Request For Proposals for Professional Management Services.
12. Mr. Hill of Veolia Water presented Veolia Water's monthly management report with the Buffalo Water Board. He reported that Veolia Water is undertaking a comprehensive review of issues presented by the coronavirus as they affect the Buffalo Water Board's operation and maintenance of the water system. Veolia Water is working with the Commissioner of Public Works, NYSDOH and following CDC guidance with regard to its management of the water system in connection with the coronavirus. Veolia Water reported that the Buffalo Water Board and the City have flexibility to operate both the Colonel Ward Water Treatment Facility and the Massachusetts Avenue Pumping Station remotely, including multiple personnel with licenses that can operate the water system facilities. Mr. Hill commended the distribution personnel their capable services, as confirmed by the PESH inspection at a recent job site. He also reported that the Laboratory has transitioned away from Test America and will be using Biotrax for all laboratory activities in the future.

Motion by Mr. Stepniak, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to adjourn at 8:54 A.M. Approved.

Next meeting, Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 8:00 A.M. This meeting will be via Conference Call. The Call-in number is (213) 336-0326 and the Conference ID is 272 926 596 #.