

BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES
June 10, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Oluwole A. McFoy
Gerald Kelly
Steven Stepniak
William Sunderlin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Peter Merlo
Jack McMahon
Stephen Waldvogel
Greg Keyser
Dustin Steiner
William Appenheimer
David Hill
Doug Fultz
Lisa Foti
Michael Ramos
Charlie Martorana
William Ferguson
Damon Sykes
Samantha Podlas
Michael Wolasz
Barbara Miller-Williams

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 May 13, 2020 meeting. Approved.
2. There were no public comments at this meeting.
3. Staff Update: Mr. Hill with Veolia Water provided a staffing update to the Buffalo Water Board.
4. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Stepniak to authorize a funding increase to the Water Betterment project with Concrete Applied Technologies Corporation (CATCO) construction services for the Niagara Street Phase 3 Rehabilitation Project, in an amount not to exceed \$1,275,130.00. The project and contract are being administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Engineering. Approved.
5. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize a funding increase for the Water Betterment for project closeout to Scott Lawn Yard, contract (No. 93002109), for the Northland Avenue Rehabilitation Project, in an amount not to exceed \$8,050.42. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Engineering. Approved.
6. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Stepniak to authorize Veolia Water to contract with Quackenbush Co., Inc. and approved funding for the Chlorine Project and Sample Analyzers in an amount not-to-exceed \$458,353.50, inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee. Approved.

7. The Buffalo Water Board Chairman reported that City Water Division personnel have performed 120 water service turn-ons. Information about Buffalo Water's affordability program and other initiatives are currently available on the website www.GetWaterWiseBuffalo.org. The social media campaign component of the Let's Get Water Wise campaign is on-going.
8. Mr. Steiner 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 \$99,645.45, inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee for services by Great Lakes Plumbing for ROLL Program. Approved.
9. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve GHD Consulting Services, Inc. professional services contract for the 2020-2021 fiscal year for Buffalo Water Board Consulting Engineer Services to be funded in an amount not-to-exceed \$300,000.00. Approved.
10. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the City Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to increase the Buffalo Water Board's funding for a professional services contract by the Buffalo Water Board with Barclay Damon, LLP for the Legal Services through June 30, 2020 in an amount not-to-exceed \$40,000.00. Approved.
11. Motion made by Mr. Stepniak, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to approve Barclay Damon, LLP professional services contract for the 2020-2021 fiscal year for Buffalo Water Board Legal Services to be funded in an amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00. Approved.
12. Mr. Waldvogel and Mr. Steiner 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 screen house project has been completed, the Filter Project is on-going, a new Heating Ventilating and Air Conditioning (HVAC) unit has been installed in the Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) room, 6 new turbidity meters have been installed and GHD is continuing to assist the Buffalo Water Board to finalize execution and delivery of the management agreement for Professional Management Services to commence July 1, 2020, as previously approved by the Buffalo Water Board, the Buffalo Municipal Water Finance Authority and the City of Buffalo Common Council.
13. Mr. Hill of Veolia Water presented Veolia Water's monthly management report with the Buffalo Water Board. He reported that a reopening plan for the Exchange Street office is being developed based on NYS DOH guidance, an upgrade to the customer service system is being tested with training forthcoming. Buffalo Fire Department will practice live rescue drills from the Ward Treatment Plant sludge basins once they are cleaned out and from the Chlorine room. Buffalo Water Board overall revenue is slightly below stated goals and is attributable to the adverse financial impacts on customers caused by the corona virus pandemic.

Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Stepniak to adjourn at 9:10 A.M. Approved.

Next meeting, Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 8:00 A.M. This meeting will be a MSTeams conference call.