

BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES
April 8, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Oluwole A. McFoy
Gerald Kelly
Steven Stepniak
William Sunderlin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Peter Merlo
Jack McMahan
Stephen Waldvogel
Greg Keyser
Dustin Steiner
William Appenheimer
David Hill
Doug Fultz
Lisa Foti
Michael Ramos
Charlie Martorana
William Ferguson
Damon Sykes
Samantha Podlas
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. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to approve the agenda. Approved.

Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2020 meeting. Approved.
2. Mr. Michael Ramos of Veolia Water reported that he had received a price quote for installation of water coolers at various Buffalo Public Schools from MKS Plumbing and he would follow up with a further report to the Buffalo Water Board.
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, the following motions were made to accept the lowest responsible bid for the Water Betterment portion of the Niagara Street Phase 4 Rehabilitation Project. The Buffalo Water Board authorized funding two betterments to existing contracts, one with the construction contractor and a second with the consulting engineer for Construction Inspection/Construction Administration. Both contracts will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Engineering as follows:
 - a) Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Stepniak to approve funding for a contract betterment in an amount not-to-exceed \$293,095.13 for Concrete Applied Technologies Company (CATCO) for the Niagara Street Phase 4 Rehabilitation Project. Approved.
 - b) Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Stepniak to approve funding for a contract betterment in an amount not-to-exceed \$59,922.44 for Watts Architecture and Engineering for the Niagara Street Phase 4 Rehabilitation Project. Approved.
5. Motion by Mr. Stepniak, seconded by Mr. Kelly to postpone and table consideration of the award of a contract for Niagara Street Phase 3 Rehabilitation Project.

6. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Stepniak to authorize funding to purchase two 60-inch valve actuators through an OEM manufacturer, in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00. The contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Purchase or Veolia Water. Approved.
7. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Kelly to authorize funding an increase to GHD Consulting Services Inc., contract (No. 93002217) for Construction Administration/Resident Inspection (CA/RI) services for the Colonel Ward Water Treatment Plant Screen Rehabilitation Project, in an amount not to exceed \$47,000.00. The project and contract will 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. Stepniak, seconded by Mr. Kelly to authorize funding an increase to a Wendel contract (No. 93002452) for the structural evaluation of the 48-inch watermain in LaSalle Park, in an amount not to exceed \$225,000.00. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water. Approved.
9. 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 \$242,644.60, 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 \$294,495.45, inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee for services by Great Lakes Plumbing for ROLL Program and Emergency Capital Repair. Approved
10. 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 nearing completion, evaluation of the disinfection system, work on the Electrical project design, the filter project is on-going, repairs are delayed for the chlorine project until the first week of May and GHD is continuing to progress the Buffalo Water Board's Request For Proposals for Professional Management Services.
11. Mr. Hill of Veolia Water presented Veolia Water's monthly management report with the Buffalo Water Board. He reported that Veolia is reviewing all emergency issues arising from with the coronavirus pandemic, with the goal of sustaining critical operations without interruptions. Veolia Water is continuing normal billing operations, but in-person customer service is closed to the public for now. The City has flexibility to operate both the Colonel Ward Water Treatment Facility and the Massachusetts Avenue Pumping Station remotely, and the Buffalo Water Board has access to personnel with multiple licenses that can assist to operate the treatment and distribution facilities. Veolia has completed the Risk and Resiliency Study and is preparing to enter the sludge basins for annual cleaning.

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

Next meeting, Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. This meeting will be a MSTeams conference call.