

BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES
May 13, 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
Barbara Engel
Tim Shea
Damond Rand
Michael Wolasz
Ryan Hoople
Jan Ford

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 April 8, 2020 meeting. Approved.
2. There were no public comments at this meeting. The Water Board Chairman reported that Water department staff had performed 116 water turn-ons. Information about our affordability program and other initiatives are currently available on the website www.GetWaterWiseBuffalo.org.
3. Staff Update: Mr. Hill with Veolia Water provided a staffing update to the Buffalo Water Board.
4. Upon the recommendation of the Buffalo Water Board Legal Counsel, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Stepniak to approve the Resolution for Final Determination of Responsibility for Veolia Water North America-Northeast, LLC in Compliance with State Finance Law. Approved.
5. Upon the recommendation of the Buffalo Water Board Legal Counsel, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Stepniak to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Management Agreement by and between the Buffalo Water Board and Veolia Water North America-Northeast, LLC. Approved.

6. Upon the recommendation of the City of Buffalo Accountant and Buffalo Water Board Rate Consultant, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin to approve the Buffalo Water Board Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget, seconded by Mr. Kelly. Approved.
7. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Stepniak to reconsider the previously postponed and table consideration of the award of a contract for Niagara Street Phase 3 Rehabilitation Project. Approved.
8. 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 Engineering Betterment for Watts Architecture & Engineering for additional Construction Administration/Construction Inspection (CA/CI) services for the Niagara Street Phase 3 Rehabilitation Project, in an amount not to exceed \$56,689.80. The project and contract are being administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Engineering. Approved.
9. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to authorize funding for a contract with DiDonato Associates which includes survey and design phases for the next Waterline Improvements Project, in an amount not to exceed \$339,877.00. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water. Approved.
10. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Stepniak to authorize a funding increase for the Water Betterment for internal joint seals to Mark Cerone, Inc., contract (No. 93002243), for the Lower Main Street Rehabilitation Project, in an amount not to exceed \$20,444.95. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Engineering. Approved.
11. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Stepniak to authorize funding an increase to Erdman Anthony & Associates, Inc. contract (No. 93002205) for the additional survey, design, and easement acquisition for the Wright Alley watermain construction project, in an amount not to exceed \$178,810.00. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water. Approved.
12. Upon the recommendation of the Principal Engineer of the Division of Water, motion made by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Stepniak to authorize funding an increase to GHD Consulting Services Inc., contract (No. 93002529) for Buffalo Water Board Professional Engineering Services for FY 2019/2020, in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00. The project and contract will be administered by the City of Buffalo, Division of Water. Approved.
13. 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 \$21,186.00, inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee for services by Destro & Brothers Concrete Co. for Emergency Watermain Repair. Approved.
 - b) Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Stepniak to approve payment of \$123,226.03, inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee for services by Great Lakes Plumbing for ROLL Program. Approved.
 - c) Motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to approve payment of \$19,836.30, inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee for services by Kimil Construction, Inc. for Emergency Service Repair. Approved.

14. 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 chlorine header replacement will begin soon, work on the Electrical Project Design continues, the Filter Project is on-going and GHD is continuing to assist the Buffalo Water Board to develop a management agreement for Professional Management Services to commence July 1, 2020.
15. Mr. Hill of Veolia Water presented Veolia Water's monthly management report with the Buffalo Water Board. He reported that April 2020 has been challenging to Veolia and City of Buffalo Staff. City staff quickly built an 800 ft. wall to protect the Col Ward Water Treatment Facility from a water surge due to pending storm, a Covid-19 return to work plan is being developed, and Buffalo Fire Department was invited in to inspect tanks and review drawings to begin planning for live training rescue exercises in the Buffalo Water Board's cleaned sludge basins and chlorine room.

Motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to adjourn at 9:39 A.M. Approved.

Next meeting, Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 8:00 A.M. This meeting will be a MSTeams conference call.