

BUFFALO WATER BOARD MINUTES
May 19, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Oluwole A. McFoy
Gerald Kelly
Jessica Brown
William Sunderlin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Peter Merlo
Jack McMahan
Stephen Waldvogel
Damon Sykes
Dustin Steiner
Michael Wolasz
David Hill
Lisa Foti
Greg Keyser
Samantha Podlas
Carol Burns
William Ferguson
Bill Appenheimer
Michael Ramos
Kelly Leeb

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. Kelly to approve the agenda. Approved
2. Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2021 meeting as amended. Approved.
3. Mr. Ramos reported that Lead Safety Kits are being distributed to City of Buffalo Residents at various community events. He also made some suggestions to pursue State funding to assist residents with the City's ROLL program. Chairman McFoy reported he had received correspondence from Congressman Brian Higgins with information about current Federal Government Infrastructure funding proposals.
4. Staff Update: Mr. Hill with Veolia Water provided a staffing update to the Buffalo Water Board.
5. Upon the recommendation of the City of Buffalo Accountant and Buffalo Water Board Rate Consultant, motion made by Mr. Kelly to approve the Buffalo Water Board Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin. Approved.
6. 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. Kelly, to approve payment of \$28,459.73, inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee for materials purchased through Lock City for 24-inch Watermain Repair at Lee and Elk Streets. Approved.
 - b) Motion by Mr. Sunderlin, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to approve payment of \$160,380.00 inclusive of Veolia Water's 10% administrative fee for a Harris Customer Service Computer System Upgrade. Approved.
7. 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: GHD is working with Veolia Water to review new Customer Information System programs, as well as prepare a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a third party vendor to assist with management of the Buffalo Water Board Affordability Program. Tomorrow, GHD will meet with several City of Buffalo watermain contractors to review lead and copper rule revisions, the Lead Task Force participation is ongoing, and GHD is working with University of Buffalo to do additional research for lead corrosion control. GHD is also continuing to provide engineering and oversight services at Colonel Ward Treatment Facility, for among other matters, the Filter Plant Improvements, the Chlorine Improvements project, the Pipe Loop Project, and Flood Mitigation Repairs.

8. Mr. Hill of Veolia Water presented Veolia Water's monthly management report with the Buffalo Water Board. Mr. Hill noted recent increases in water production revenues. He also reported that the Management Agreement Limit Accounts are at approximately 75% of budget. As of the beginning of April 2021, work in the Valve House is approximately 80% complete, and when finalized all 20 valves will be functional. This has been a big effort and Veolia Water appreciates the effort of all involved. PAC and Corrosion Control System commissioning nears completion. Veolia Water has received additional applications for the Buffalo Water Amnesty Program.

Motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Sunderlin to adjourn at 8:56 A.M. Approved.

Next meeting, Wednesday, June, 16, 2021 at 8:00 A.M. This meeting will be a MSTeams conference call.