



Binghamton-Johnson City  
**JOINT SEWAGE BOARD**



Eugene Hulbert, Sr.  
Gary Holmes  
Edward Crumb

Stephen Andrew  
George Kolba, Jr.  
Ron C. Davis

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**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BINGHAMTON -**  
**JOHNSON CITY JOINT SEWAGE BOARD**

**Thursday, March 26, 2015**  
Conference Room, Office Building, JSTP

Members Present: Eugene Hulbert, Sr., Chairman  
George Kolba, Jr., Vice-Chairman  
Edward Crumb  
Ronald Davis  
Steve Andrew via FaceTime (left at 4:56 PM)

Members Absent: Gary Holmes

Also Present: Cathy (Aingworth) Young, Superintendent  
Charles Pearsall, Business Manager  
Michele Cuevas, Confidential Secretary  
Jerry Motsavage, City of Binghamton Councilman  
Bruce King, Village of Johnson City Trustee  
Laura Lee Perkins, Transcriptionist

Guests: John Roby, Press & Sun Bulletin

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Chairman, Eugene Hulbert, Sr. called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM. A quorum of five (5) Board Members is present. Sign-in sheet passed for signatures.

Catherine P. Young, Superintendent  
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Motion by Board Member George Kolba, Jr., seconded by Board Member Ronald Davis to reconsider and amend the motion approved March 19, 2015 proposing capital reductions, as set forth below:

**WHEREAS**, the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board (“Sewage Board”) has reviewed Work Order-06 between the City of Binghamton, as Lead Agency, and its design engineering firm, GHD, for the design of the Repair and Rehabilitation of the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Plant, and proposes a reduction in its Capital Funds to eliminate existing funding for projects now included in the Lead Agency’s scope of work for its design engineer,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board (“Sewage Board”) reconsiders and amends the motion approved March 19, 2015 to state as follows:

- 1) The Sewage Board directs that its Business Manager propose to the Owners’ legislative bodies budget modifications totaling \$4 million in reductions from its current-year capital funds, consisting of the following 2015 budget entries:

2015 BUDGET ENTRIES			Capital	
			Reductions	
JF8130	559106	FRP-BLDG1 (Compost Facility)	<u>344,125.50</u>	DECREASE
JF9901	590000	INTERFUND TRANSFER –J <i>(new line to be created)</i>	<u>344,125.50</u>	INCREASE
JH8130	554005	Safety	112,750.00	DECREASE
JH8130	554006	Building Mechanical HVAC Improvements	802,582.00	DECREASE
JH8130	554011	Replace Grit Buildings Motor Control Centers	208,280.00	DECREASE
JH8130	554026	Chlorine Contact Chamber Bypass	95,000.00	DECREASE
JH8130	554027	HH MCC/TPS Switchgear	710,000.00	DECREASE
JH8130	554028	Compost Recovery/Demolition	100,000.00	DECREASE
JH8130	554029	Energy Efficiency Improvements	163,000.00	DECREASE
JH8130	554031	Locker Rooms & Showers Design	75,000.00	DECREASE
JH8130	554034	Primary Settling Tanks Drain Valves	53,095.00	DECREASE
JH8130	554040	Capital Contingency	63,966.93	DECREASE
JH8130	554043	Head House Bar Screen Room Structural Repairs	93,500.00	DECREASE
JH8130	554045	Digester Complex Maintenance	500,000.00	DECREASE
JH8130	554046	Centrate Treatment	30,000.00	DECREASE
JH8130	554053	BAF Repair	275,065.57	DECREASE
JH8130	554056	Eng/Dsgn for HH Bar Screen and Conveyor	65,000.00	DECREASE
JH8130	554057	Blower Bldg MCC/Trans/Dist & CL Bldg Disconnect	50,000.00	DECREASE
JH8130	554060	Eng/Dsgn Electrical Supply Switchgear Upgrades	25,065.00	DECREASE
JH8130	554061	Eng/Design for Blower Building Solar Panels	50,000.00	DECREASE
JH8130	554062	SCADA-compatible Valves & Devices	100,000.00	DECREASE
JH8130	554066	Dump Truck with Cover	18,570.00	DECREASE

JH8130	554068	Conveyor Replacement - Head House & Pista Grit	<u>65,000.00</u>	DECREASE
JH9901	590000	INTERFUND TRANSFER -J	<u>3,655,874.50</u>	INCREASE
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		TOTAL INTERFUND TRANSFERS	<u>4,000,000.00</u>	
J	45031	INTERFUND TRANSFER	4,000,000.00	INCREASE
J	42701	REFUND OF PRIOR YEAR EXPENSES	4,000,000.00	DECREASE

2) and that, as part of their legislation, the Owners' legislative bodies would approve the following 2015 ledger entries on the books and accounts of the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Project:

JF9901	590000	INTERFUND TRANSFER -J	344,125.50	
JF	391	Due from other funds		344,125.50
JH9901	590000	INTERFUND TRANSFER -J	3,655,874.50	
JH	391	Due from other funds		3,655,874.50
J	45031	INTERFUND TRANSFER		344,125.50
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J	630.JF	DUE FROM CAPITAL – FLOOD	344,125.50	
J	630.JC	DUE FROM CAPITAL	3,655,874.50	
J	42701	REFUND OF PRIOR YEAR EXPENSES	4,000,000.00	
J	410.ZZ	Due from other Governments		4,000,000.00

and further provide that the J.410.ZZ line \$4,000,000.00 be allocated to the Municipal Users of the Joint Sewage Treatment Plant in proportion to the certified 2013 billable wastewater flows of the Municipal Users with the direction that, before distributing a Municipal User's allocation, there be subtracted therefrom the amount of any currently due and unpaid amounts from approved final billings and/or estimated billings, and that the Joint Sewage Project Fiscal Officer be directed to contact each Municipal User's Chief Executive Officer and, if designated, its Liaison Officer, in writing to inform the municipality of its allocation, any reduction applied, and to offer each Municipal User the option either [i] to receive a payment by check of the net allocation as a refund of prior year expense, or [ii] to maintain a ledger credit for its net allocation (and, if a Municipal User does not make an election, that its net allocation will remain as a ledger credit to be applied against future estimated bills and final billings due from the Municipal User until exhausted).

Motion carried 5/0/1 (GH)

Ronald Davis nominated George Kolba, Jr. to serve as Chairman for the period 4/1/15 to 3/31/16.

Edward Crumb seconded the nomination

Chairman Hulbert asked whether there were any other nominations. None were made.

George Kolba, Jr. elected 5/0/1 (GH)

George Kolba, Jr. nominated Eugene Hulbert, Sr. to serve as Vice Chairman for the period 4/1/15 to 3/31/16.

Ronald Davis seconded the nomination

Eugene Hulbert, Sr. elected 4/1 (EC)/1 (GH)

Edward Crumb wanted it noted for the Minutes that his vote was based on Mayor David not having reappointed Eugene Hulbert, Sr. to the Board after his term ended March 1st.

Eugene Hulbert, Sr. wanted it noted for the Minutes regarding the reduction of monies from the Board's Capital funds, that if anyone wants to see the results of the existing capital projects about \$44,000,000 in bond principal was outstanding at the end of 2013 with \$22,000,000 in gross interest due over the remaining lifespan of the bonds. For every dollar we spend over a 30-year period to repay principal it will cost \$.50 in interest. Mr. Hulbert thinks that people should be looking at whether all this money should be put back into the Municipal Users' accounts because some of it is flood money from FEMA, some is insurance money; we are expecting more money from FEMA. He wanted to remind everyone that in 2013 there was \$1.2 million returned to the Owners in FEMA recoveries for the 2006 flood and this money was paid to Binghamton and Johnson City to pay off EFC loans. Chuck Shager and Gary Holmes both said that they were going to be short on money, but Mr. Hulbert believes that the money should be held in reserve.

Board Members then reviewed the potential additional transfers and discussed the same.

The issue of dredging the river was brought up by George Kolba, Jr. who believes this project should not be put on the back burner given the grant money awarded; DEC has approved this project; this should be made a priority; every 5 years, studies have to be done in the river, by not having the proper mixing at the outfall, because of gravel deposits that need to be taken out ASAP, that affects the results of the lab tests in terms of the downstream monitoring required under the Owners' CSO Long Term Control Plans.

Steve Andrew stated that he was not comfortable going through the list line-by-line; we don't know what the scope of work is for the Owners' Lead Agency projects; bonding is still a question; why are we identifying this money? Until we (the Board) get more answers (from the Owners), we need to hold on this.

(Steve Andrew exited the meeting at 4:56 PM; a quorum of four Board Members remains)

George Kolba, Jr. made a motion for the Board to adjourn.  
Eugene Hulbert, Sr. seconded the motion  
Motion carried 4/0/2 (GH/SA)

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Lee Perkins  
Transcriptionist

cc: Board Members  
Mayor Rich David, City of Binghamton  
Mayor Greg Deemie, Village of Johnson City  
City Clerk, City of Binghamton  
Village Clerk/Treasurer, Village of Johnson City  
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Catherine Young, Superintendent  
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Robert Bennett, P.E., Village of Johnson City, Engineer  
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