



Binghamton-Johnson City
JOINT SEWAGE BOARD



Ray L. Standish, P.E.
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, February 25, 2016

Conference Room, Office Building, JSTP

Members Present: George Kolba, Jr., Chairman
Edward Crumb
Ronald Davis
Steve Andrew VIA FACETIME
Gary Holmes VIA FACETIME @ 4:11 PM
Ray Standish

Also Present: Catherine P. Young, Superintendent
Howard Reeve, Facility Engineer
Michele Cuevas, Confidential Secretary
Charles Pearsall, Business Manager
Greg Deemie, Village of Johnson City Mayor (exited at 5:15 PM)
Marty Meaney, JC Trustee (exited at 5:37 PM)
Chris Papastrat, City of Binghamton Councilman/President
(exited at 5:25 PM)
Alfred Paniccia, Jr., Esq., Co-Counsel
John Perticone, Esq., Co-Counsel
Laura Lee Perkins, Transcriptionist

Chairman George Kolba called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM. Five (5) Board Members and legal counsel were present. Sign-in sheet passed for signatures. Fire exits identified.

Howard Reeve reported on the discovery of a leak in the thickener sampling line, which is buried below ground; Catherine Young notified DEC and NY Alert System per state-required protocol; line drained and taken offline; checked with John LaGorga, P.E. who stated that the line is not being changed in the upgrade; getting quotes for repairs. Also investigating use of Evans Mechanical under the City's Time and Materials Plumbing Contract.

Catherine P. Young, Superintendent
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(Gary Holmes joined the meeting; all Board Members are now present)

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board declare the procurement for repair or replacement of the Thickener Sampling Line between Thickener Nos. 2 and 3 to be an emergency because of the potential for adverse impact on public and employee health, especially given the location of the Thickeners in close proximity to the river.

Ronald Davis seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

Discussion took place regarding Catherine P. Young remaining the Board's designated representative for the Board on the WQIP Grant as approved unanimously by all Board Members February 10, 2015; original application listed her as Contact; some questions/concerns have arisen due to Gary Holmes e-mail to NYS-DEC stating he was now the representative, despite no action having been taken at the Board's February 9, 2016 meeting to change the designation. Mr. Holmes stated that, despite the November 3, 2015 letter from the DEC stating that only updated cost information would be required in order for the DEC to approve the Near Shore Outfall, the DEC states that it now needs more information. Mr. Holmes believes that the DEC wants assurance that there will be proper dispersion from the new outfall into the river. Without this, DEC may require that our limits be changed. Thus, the scope and fees proposal by Woitd may need to be changed. This change also affects whether the existing outfall is removed. Because of this relationship to the Near Shore Outfall, Mr. Holmes believes that the WQIP is now part of the "big project", such that the DEC would prefer to work with one contact. Even so, Mr. Holmes noted that Chuck Shager would need to be communicating with the DEC's Environmental Protection Fund, as well. Mr. Holmes stated that he could work with Superintendent Young, as he has done on other Construction Committee matters.

(No motion was made to change the Board's designation of Superintendent Young as the Board's designated representative for the WQIP Grant).

(Mayor Deemie exited the meeting at 5:15 PM)

Chairman Kolba asked Gary Holmes about the status of his inquiry into the Compost Demolition. Gary Holmes stated that, while LeChase's method was designed to prevent a fire, LeChase's report definitely is not acceptable because it does not contain a repair/replacement quote/pricing from an authorized vendor. Mr. Holmes also stated that he still needs to resolve with Jacobs what happened as well as compliance with the various contracts.

Chairman Kolba also asked Gary Holmes about the status of Jacobs' "merit review" regarding the Digester No. 3 Leak Repair and Coating Project.

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and administrative proceedings.

Ronald Davis seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

(City Councilman/President Chris Papastrat exited the meeting at 5:25 PM)

The Board entered Executive Session at 5:25 PM

(JC Trustee Marty Meaney exited the meeting at 5:37 PM)

Ray Standish made a motion for the Board to exit Executive Session.
Ronald Davis seconded the motion
Motion carried 6/0

The Board exited Executive Session at 6:10 PM. No action was taken during the Executive Session.

It was noted that the next regular meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2016 at 3:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Training and Office Building at the Plant.

Ray Standish made a motion for the Board to adjourn.
Ronald Davis seconded the motion
Motion carried 6/0

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Lee Perkins
Transcriptionist

cc: Board Members
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Mayor Greg Deemie, Village of Johnson City
City Clerk, City of Binghamton
Village Clerk/Treasurer, Village of Johnson City
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