



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 REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BINGHAMTON - JOHNSON CITY JOINT SEWAGE BOARD**

Tuesday, April 11, 2017
Village of Johnson City Municipal Bldg.

Members Present: George Kolba, Jr., Chairman *Pro Tem*
Edward Crumb
Ronald Davis
Steve Andrew VIA FACETIME
Ray Standish
Gary Holmes

Also Present: Cathy Young, Superintendent
Charles Pearsall, Business Manager
Chuck Robinson, City of Binghamton Staff Accountant
John Peticone, Esq., Co-Counsel
Alfred Paniccia, Jr., Esq., Co-Counsel
Conrad Taylor, City of Binghamton Councilman
Marty Meaney, Village of Johnson City Trustee
Bruce King, Village of Johnson City Trustee
Laura Lee Perkins, Transcriptionist

Guests: Jason, Greene, P.E., GHD

Chairman George Kolba called the meeting to order at 3:06 PM. All Board Members were present. Sign-in sheet was passed for signatures. Fire exits identified.

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to approve the Minutes for the 8/15/16 Special Board Meeting with changes as found in the Board folder.
Ronald Davis seconded the motion
Motion carried 6/0

Catherine P. Young, Superintendent
Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Facilities
4480 Vestal Road, Vestal, New York 13850
Phone: 607-729-2975 Fax: 607-729-3041
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Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to approve the 1/10/17 Minutes with changes as found in the Board folder.

Ronald Davis seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

Chuck Robinson presented the Fiscal Officer's Report

1/1/2017 Beg. Balance		
Checking	\$ 888,759.69	
Savings	<u>\$9,575,403.32</u>	
Total		\$10,463,983.01
3/31/17		
Checking	\$ 581,699.80	
Money Market	<u>\$11,432,425.05</u>	
		\$12,014,124.85

Mr. Robinson reported that the Chemical budget spending is down.

Cathy Young stated that she will begin using the money budgeted in Personal Services – doing some hiring.

Chuck Robinson reported that the Plant received a check from FEMA for \$2,667,075.48.

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to recognize and accept the 3/27/17 FEMA check per the chart as shown and direct the Business Manager to prepare and pay the claims to reimburse:

City of Binghamton	\$1,404,639.07
Village of Johnson City	\$1,158,570.91

to include a letter to Simmons inquiring regarding if they submitted the full amount of money for the PW, why is the money not there?

Ronald Davis seconded the motion

In discussion, Edward Crumb suggested having the Fiscal Officer check with higher-up personnel at NYS-EFC to determine why no NYS reimbursement money was included in the check received, and when it can be expected.

Motion carried 6/0

Edward Crumb stated that the 2016 Flows need a preliminary audit and direct the Business Manager to forward the 2016 Flows to Comptroller's Office and Michael Lisson, CPA.

George Kolba made a request to hold-over action to approve the 2016 billable Flows.

Edward Crumb seconded the hold-over request.

Matter held-over

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to approve the IWWPP rate chart with revisions as discussed and to ratify the 2017 chart in the form presented by the Business Manager.

Ronald Davis seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to approve the claim submitted by the Town of Dickinson for its 2015 Final bill adjustment and 2011 to 2014 capital refunds be paid by check in the total amount of \$434,621.76.

Ronald Davis seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

Ronald Davis made a motion for the Board to approve an extension of the auditing agreement with Grossman St. Amour at the cost of \$12,000.00 for the 2016 audit (at the 2014 & 2015 rate) to be encumbered and paid from budget account J8130.54410 (Professional Services).

Gary Holmes seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

George Kolba made a motion for the Board to agree to an extension with the City of Binghamton Fire Department for Emergency Confined Space Rescue for another year with no change in the agreement's terms or conditions.

Edward Crumb seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

Chuck Robinson exited the meeting at 3:45 PM.

Jason Greene, P.E., of GHD, joined the meeting at 3:45 PM.

Jason Greene presented the March IWWPP Status Update, a copy of which is included in the Board folder.

Jason Greene exited the meeting at 4:26 PM.

Superintendent Cathy Young presented her Superintendent's Report –

**Superintendent's Report
April 11, 2017**

Violations and Significant Issues

A Vestal Manhole on plant property has been overflowing in wet weather. The DEC has been notified and this manhole should be relocated within several weeks.

Compliance

Date: March 2017 Average Flow	Influent 21.92mgd	Effluent	Average % Removal	Effluent Limit
CBOD	195	102	47.69%	Monitor (21,600 Lbs/d)
Suspended Solids	184	54	70.65%	Monitor (11,100 Lbs/d)
Other: Settleable Solids Max	10.8	0.98	90.93%	Monitor
Total Nitrogen	Feb 18.9	Feb 16.8	11.11%	Monitor
Chlorine	NA	1.52 Max.	NA	2.0Max.
Avg. Temperature	10.6	10.8		
Iron				1300 Lbs/d
Solids Removed		Dec 2016	Jan 2017	Feb 2017
Digested		0	0	0
Lime Stabilized		634.35	480.14	509.65
Total		634.35	480.14	509.65
Grit		5.03	2.48	6.15
Screenings		8.76	7.8	7.81
Grease		0	0	0
				3.76

Operations Summary, Construction and Related Issues

- The Temporary header for settling tanks 1 thru 6 is now in service for both the Binghamton and JC flows. The Johnson City bypass was completed on February 13. The plant will experience 5 variations of flow paths coming into the plant between now and when the project is completed.
- Performance of CEPT is marginal due to changes in injection points and influent flow. Process testing was completed and an alternative product had been recommended by our supplier. We conducted a trial of the product and did not find appreciable improvement in performance. We are working with GHD and the supplier to identify additional improvement measures, including changing the drop into the tanks, rearranging baffles, and relocating injection points.
- Mechanics performed inspections on all influent pumps and found excessive wear on Binghamton influent pumps. Flgylt was contacted and performed an

onsite evaluation. In addition, they consulted with GHD to determine what impacts changes to the influent flow path may be. We are

- The annual DEC Inspection occurred on March 1. The report is in your folders.
- Flood wall work continues and is anticipated to be completed on schedule in mid-2017.
- Superintendent attended the scheduled deposition March 20 thru 24th and must return to Albany to continue on Monday April 17th.
- Request motion for the Board to approve travel allowance in accordance with Travel Policy for the two employees to attend the New York Rural Water Conference in Niagara Falls May 22 thru May 25th, 2017.

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to authorize payment of a travel allowance in accordance with the Travel Policy for up to 2 Plant personnel to attend the New York Rural Water Conference in Niagara Falls May 22-25, 2017.

Ronald Davis seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

Committee Reports:

Gary Holmes – Construction – discussed the Owners’ need to request an extension from NYS-DEC in the deadline for issuing Notices to Proceed to the Solids Handling Improvements contractors. Contract 1 is now closed-out. Contract 2 is “limping-along”, but making progress. Contracts 3 and 4 are nearly completed. Contract 5 is progressing, with some work beginning above ground. Contracts 6, 7, and 8 are following-along. The Flood Wall Contract with Streeter is 80% complete, with coordination regarding the new outfall with PC Construction ongoing. Contract documents for Solids Handling Improvements Contracts 10-13 are being coordinated.

Edward Crumb – Finance – distributed the Lead Agency’s monthly financial status report on the Capital Projects. Gary Holmes noted that the Owners’ legislative bodies have approved a \$25 million contingency in their respective bond ordinances.

Marty Meaney exited the meeting at 5:00 PM. Conrad Taylor exited the meeting at 5:04 PM.

Ronald Davis – Ad Hoc – reminder for Board Members to hand in or e-mail your attendance grids monthly to Michele Cuevas.

Steve Andrew – Personnel – to be discussed in Executive Session.

Edward Crumb – Flow Management – nothing to report

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to amend the prior BAF Legal encumbrance in the 2016 Budget to increase it by \$150,000.00, or if such funding does not remain, then by the amount of unspent funding remaining in 2016 budget line J8150.54430.J0BAF.

Ray Standish seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

Correspondence was reviewed as contained in the Board folder.

Steve Andrew made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Ronald Davis seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

The Board entered Executive Session at 5:22 PM.

John Perticone exited the meeting at 5:23 PM.

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

The Board exited Executive Session at 5:29 PM. No action was taken during the Executive Session.

Steve Andrew made a motion for the Board to ratify the Memorandum of Understanding with the CSEA bargaining unit retroactive to November 24, 2016 regarding call in pay for Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.
Ronald Davis seconded the motion
Motion carried 5/1 (GK)/0

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 3:00 PM May 9, 2017 at a place to be determined.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 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
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