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

Friday, March 18, 2022

Plant Administration Building

Members Present: George Kolba, Chairman (Audio)  
Chris Papastrat, Vice Chairman  
Bruce King  
Edward Crumb  
Ronald Lake  
Steve Andrew (Audio/Visual) 4:05PM

Also Present: Elliott Wagner, Superintendent  
Ronald Warwick, Assistant Superintendent (Exited 4:50PM)  
Michele Cuevas, Confidential Secretary  
Larry Travis, Electrical Engineer (Exited 4:50PM)  
Howard Reeve, Facility Engineer (Exited 4:37PM)  
Adam Afify, Senior Operator (Exited 4:50PM)  
Charles Pearsall, Business Manager  
Al Paniccia, Co-Counsel

Guests: Clark Giblin, Village of Johnson City Trustee  
Jim Ehmke, News Anchor WICZ (Exited 4:50PM)  
Valerie Ellis, DEC (Audio/Visual) (Exited 4:50PM)  
Connor Plonski, Senior Project Manager, SERVPRO (Exited 4:50PM)  
Justin Sepe, Vice President of Production, SERVPRO (Exited 4:50PM)

Vice Chairman Chris Papastrat called the special meeting on special financial and litigation matters to order at 4:00PM. Five (5) Board Members were present. Absent at roll call was Steve Andrew. Mr. Andrew arrived at 4:05pm (Audio/Visual). Chairman Kolba was present via audio attendance, and attendance was noted aloud by Michele Cuevas, Confidential Secretary. Fire exits were identified. All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Papastrat asked if there were any matters other than finance or litigation before the Board proceeds by going into Executive Session.

Edward Crumb, referring to the paperwork distributed to the Board Members at this meeting regarding the budget modifications to be addressed started a discussion pertinent to the necessary budget transfers and modifications.

**Bruce King made a motion that the Board approves a budget modification to increase Estimated Revenues by**

**\$2,000,000.00 JF42680.CNBAF Insurance Recoveries-2022-CNBAF,**

**and increase Appropriations by**

**\$1,739,903.00 J8130.52000.CNBAF Equipment-2022-CNBAF,  
\$ 1,500.00 J8130.54191.CNBAF Protective Clothing-2022-CNBAF,  
\$ 225,000.00 J8130.54410.CNBAF Professional Services-2022-CNBAF, and  
\$ 33,597.00 J8130.54804.CNBAF Sludge and Waste Disposal-2022-CNBAF**

**and that the corresponding Requests for Legislation be submitted to the Owners' Legislative Bodies.**

**Motion seconded by Ron Lake.**

**Motion carried. 6/0**

Superintendent Wagner is requesting the Board to consider a change order to the contract currently with SERVPRO asking the SERVPRO representative Justin Sepe to expound on this request. Justin Sepe from SERVPRO presented the necessity, need and urgency for this contract change and a discussion commenced at the table to include Business Manager Pearsall and Co-Counsel Paniccia.

**Edward Crumb made a motion for a budget transfer of \$175,000.00 from J8130.55000 Contingency to J8130.54410.CNBAF Professional Services-2002-CNBAF and that the corresponding Requests for Legislation be submitted to the Owners' Legislative Bodies.**

**Motion seconded by Bruce King.**

**Motion carried. 6/0**

Business Manager Charlie Pearsall updated the Board with the list of contracts in line for signatures. Superintendent Wagner also updated the Board with current timelines and noted the necessary work required to continue the emergency cleanup project

**Edward Crumb made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.**

**Motion seconded by Bruce King.**

**Motion carried. 6/0**

At 4:50PM the Board entered Executive Session. George Kolba and Steve Andrew exited their audio and visual connections. A quorum of four Board Members remains.

**Bruce King made a motion to exit Executive Session.**

**Motion seconded by Ronald Lake.**

**Motion carried. 4/0/2 (GK & SA, absent)**

At 4:55 PM the Board exited Executive Session.  
No action was taken during Executive Session.

**Chris Papastrat made a motion to adjourn.**  
**Bruce King seconded the motion.**  
**Motion carried. 4/0/2 (GK & SA, absent)**

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Smith  
Transcriptionist  
Michele Cuevas  
Confidential Secretary

cc: Board Members  
Mayor Kraham, City of Binghamton  
Mayor Meaney, Village of Johnson City  
City Clerk, City of Binghamton  
Village Clerk/Treasurer, Village of Johnson City  
Alfred Paniccia, Esq.  
Chuck Shager, Fiscal Officer  
Elliott Wagner, Superintendent  
Brown & Brown Empire State  
Haylor, Freyer & Coon  
Joshua Holland, Village of Johnson City Director of Public Services  
Ronald B. Lake, P.E., City of Binghamton Engineer  
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