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

**Tuesday, October 14, 2014  
Conference Room, JSTP Training and Office Building**

Members Present: Eugene Hulbert, Sr., Chairman  
George Kolba, Jr., Vice-Chairman  
Edward Crumb  
Steve Andrew  
Ronald Davis  
Gary Holmes (left at 5:30 PM)

Also Present: Charles Pearsall, Business Manager  
Michele Cuevas, Confidential Secretary  
Gerald Kennicutt, Deputy City of Binghamton Comptroller  
John Perticone, Esq., Co-Counsel  
Alfred Paniccia, Jr., Esq., Co-Counsel (arrived at 3:03 PM)  
Craig Matias, Head Operator  
Howard Reeve, Facility Engineer  
Laura Lee Perkins, Transcriptionist

Absent: Cathy (Aingworth) Young, Superintendent

Guests: Bruce King, Village of Johnson City Trustee  
Diane Marusich, Village of Johnson City Trustee (arrived at 3:09 pm)

Chairman, Eugene Hulbert, Sr. called the meeting to order at 2:59 PM. All Board members are present. Sign-in sheet passed for signatures. Emergency exits identified.

Gerald Kennicutt presented the Fiscal Officer's Report.

Financial Report:

1/1/14 Beginning Balance	
Checking Account	\$938,5 71.06
Savings Account	<u>\$2,932,430.39</u>
Total	\$3,871,001.45
9/30/14 Revenue	20,713,314.83
9/30/14 Disbursements	<u>13,317,352.34</u>
9/30/14 Balance	\$11,266,783.94

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to cancel the encumbrance to Upstate Laboratories and return the money to budget line J8130.54436.

Stephen Andrew seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

Gary Holmes made a motion for the Board to approve a contract in the amount of \$16,954.50 with OSEA for safety training (encumbered and payable from budget line J8130.54410 [Professional Services]).

George Kolba, Jr. seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

Gary Holmes made a motion for the Board to cancel the encumbrances to Matco in the amounts of \$233,019 and \$57,600 from 2012 and return the money to budget line JH8130.554027 (HH/TPS Switchgear).

Ronald Davis seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

George Kolba, Jr. made a motion for the Board to transfer \$25,733.33 to JH8130.4007 (Flow Management) from budget line JH8130.554027 (HH/TPS Switchgear) and direct the Business Manager to submit requests for legislation to the Owners' legislative bodies.

Steve Andrew seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

Proposed change orders from ModSpace were presented for discussion.

Ronald Davis requested to hold over the matter.

George Kolba seconded the hold over request

Matter held

A discussion was held regarding the specifications for the dump truck bid. Chairman Hulbert directed that Vice Chairman Kolba, Facility Engineer Reeve, Business Manager Pearsall, and Superintendent Young meet to review the specifications and recommend whether changes are needed.

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to accept the quote from Selective Insurance for flood insurance for the Training and Office Building in the amount of \$885.00

Ronald Davis seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to accept the electric supply bid proposal from Direct Energy via the Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance bid process at 5.84¢ per kilowatt hour (24 hour pricing) for a 24 month term beginning with the meter reading in November and enroll the new office building onto the account.

Stephen Andrew seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

**Superintendent’s Report (presented by Craig Matias)**

**Superintendent’s Report  
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**Violations and Significant Issues**

The Interim Operations Strategy and Emergency Operations Plan have been forwarded to the DEC in compliance with the Schedule for Compliance Deadlines. The next upcoming deadline is October 30, in which a work plan for returning the facility to full operation is required.

**Compliance**

<b>Date: September 2014 Average Flow</b>	<b>Influent 11.0mgd</b>	<b>Effluent</b>	<b>Average % Removal</b>	<b>Effluent Limit</b>	
<b>CBOD</b>	247	132	47%	Monitor	
<b>Suspended Solids</b>	289	44	85%	Monitor	
Other: Settleable Solids Max	16.3	0.23	98.59%	Monitor	
Total Nitrogen	Aug 27.9	Aug 22.0	21.15%	Monitor	
Chlorine	NA	1.59 Max.	NA	2.0Max.	
Avg. Temperature	20.8	20.4			
<b>Solids Removed</b>		<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Sept</b>
<b>Digested</b>		0	0	0	0
<b>Lime Stabilized</b>		1075.41	872.04	678.18	772.18
<b>Total</b>		1075.41	872.04	678.18	772.18

**Operations**

- The plant continues to operate in CEPT mode. The facility engineer and operations staffs are experimenting with baffle installation and are monitoring results in conjunction with the Lead Agency Engineer. Additional improvements are ongoing.
- Staff met with JL Richards and GHD many times this past month to review pilot plant plans and operation, TPS electrical and screening issues, Compost demolition, Primary Treatment and screening strategies.
- A meeting was held in Albany with FEMA, SEMO, Simmons and plant representatives to review the flood mitigation work. This is anticipated to be able to bid in early 2015.
- Staff toured the Ravens view Wastewater treatment Plant in Kingston, Ontario on October 10th to observe the Kruger Treatment Process.

### **Operations-cont.**

- The Kruger Pilot plant arrived on site Friday October 3 and additional pieces arrived October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. We have been working with Kruger to review logistical requirements and layout of the pilot plant. Plant staff built a baffle to prevent chlorine from backwashing into the sample collection area of the final effluent for the pilot plant.
- Spensieri arrived on site on October 9<sup>th</sup> to begin resealing portions of the digester that continue to leak. RamTech representative Tom Taylor is on site to document progress.
- Digester #3 Update: While trying to repair broken gas lines and support structures for the JDV turbo mixers in digester 3 it became very apparent that the center bubble gun was bent by the same forces that bent the top piece for that same mixer. Blue Heron will be on site to look at the mixer but have assured the facility engineer it will need to come out for repair. We have secured all the support footings to the cone floor so that they can be sealed over. Any new supports that are installed at a later date will just be affixed to the current footings.
- Review of price quote from Blue Heron for the repair or replacement of the center bubble gun in digester #3.

### **Other**

- The Superintendent continues to work with the EPA regarding illegal activities of an industry in our service area.
- Request permission to go out to bid for repair of TPS roof.
- The superintendent has been invited to participate on New York State Steering Committee. It is collaboration between the Governor's office, NYS EFC, NYS DEC, NYPA and NYSERDA with the goal of understanding the potential barriers to becoming Utilities of the Future; and developing possible financial and technical solutions to overcoming these barriers.
- The Plant Superintendent and board member Gary Holmes request authorization for reimbursement to travel to Heart of the Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant in Wisconsin to review their operations and treatment processes.
- The plant Superintendent requests direction and input from the board regarding the issues and questions raised by GHD on the demolition of the compost facility. An email was forwarded to board members regarding these issues.
- Discussion / Review of the Paige Group proposal.
- Executive Session requested for discussion of Union Grievance.

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to approve the Blue Heron quote to remove the center mixer in the 75' diameter digester (Digester No. 3) and transport it to JDV for evaluation for repair in the amount of \$9,795.00 (to be encumbered and paid for from budget line JF8130.559112 [Flood Repairs, Digester #3]).

Stephen Andrew seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

A proposal was presented from The Paige Group for communications services.

Ronald Davis requested to hold over the matter.

Gary Holmes seconded the hold over request

Matter held

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

George Kolba, Jr. seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

The Board went into Executive Session at 4:45pm

(Laura Lee Perkins, John Perticone, Esq., and Howard Reeve exited the room)

Stephen Andrew made a motion for the Board to exit Executive Session

George Kolba, Jr. seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

The Board exited Executive Session at 5:02pm.

Edward Crumb made a motion to accept the Medicare Advantage Program Addendum of with an effective date of 11/1/14.

Stephen Andrew seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6/0

Stephen Andrew made a motion that the CSEA Union and Employee Grievance appeals are denied.

Ronald Davis seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6/0

Stephen Andrew made a motion to approve raises to the maximum budget amounts for 2015 for salaried personnel effective with 2015 Pay Period #1 beginning 11:00pm December 26, 2014:

Superintendent	Increase weekly salary to \$1,602.00/week
Senior Operator	Increase weekly salary to \$1,288.50/week
Laboratory Director/ Safety Manager	Increase weekly salary to \$1,087.00/week
Head Electrician	Increase weekly salary to \$1,231.00/week
Computer Systems Engineer	Increase weekly salary to \$1,267.00/week
Facility Engineer	Increase weekly salary to \$1,290.50/week
Head Mechanic	Increase weekly salary to \$1,166.50/week

Business Manager	Increase weekly salary to \$1,357.50/week
Confidential Secretary	Increase weekly salary to \$700.50/week

Ronald Davis seconded the motion.

Motion carried 6/0

Stephen Andrew made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation matters.

Ronald Davis seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

The Board went into Executive Session at 5:10 PM

George Kolba, Jr. made a motion for the Board to exit Executive Session

Edward Crumb seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

Board exited Executive Session at 5:25 PM

(Gary Holmes exited the meeting)

Ronald Davis made a motion for the Board to accept the litigation attorney's recommendation to participate in mediation of the multi-party state court litigation.

Edward Crumb seconded the motion

Motion carried 4/1(EH)/1(GH)

A continuation meeting was scheduled for 10/21/14 at 3 PM at the Conference Room of the Training and Office Building.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 11/13/14 at 3 PM at the Conference Room of the Training and Office Building.

Stephen Andrew made a motion for the Board to adjourn

Ronald Davis seconded the motion

Motion carried 5/0/1(GH)

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 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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