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

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

Plant Administration Building

Members Present: George Kolba
Chris Papastrat
Ron Lake
Bruce King
John Paddock
Stephen Andrew (entered 3:40pm)

Also Present: Ronald Warwick Jr., Interim Superintendent
Alfred Paniccia, Jr., Esq., Co-Counsel
Howard Reeve, Facility Engineer
Larry Travis, E.E., Electrical Engineer
Chuck Robinson, JSB Fiscal Officer/City of Binghamton Comptroller
Michele Cuevas, Confidential Secretary
Adam Afify, Interim Assistant Superintendent
Deron Biechele, Interim Senior Operator
Bryan Witbeck, CSEA president, CMMS clerk
Jason Greene, GHD (entered at 3:45pm exited at 4:10pm)

Chairman Kolba called the meeting to order at 3:33 PM. Sign in sheet was passed. Five (5) Board members were present. Board member Andrew arrived at 3:40pm. Full board of Six (6) members were present. Chairman confirmed all signed in, identified fire exits and requested cell phones be turned off or silenced during the meeting. All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Privilege of the Floor

Chairman Kolba asked if anyone would like the privilege of the Floor. The Chairman closed the floor.

Meeting Minutes Approval

Bruce King made a motion that the Board approves the submitted May 13, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes with the suggested changes as contained in the Board Folders.

The motion was seconded by Chris Papastrat.

Motion was carried. 6/0/0

Fiscal Officer Report

Mr. Robinson presented his report to the board and overviewed the Fiscal Officer's Report, copies of which were distributed in each of the Board folders and then opened the floor for any questions or comments pertaining to the report.

Mr. Robinson asked question on the purchase of the new International dump truck that was purchased. Confidential secretary Cuevas will email Mr. Robinson with all the information he requested for his files.

Interim Superintendent Report

Interim Superintendent Warwick overviewed the report below which included graphs, charts, and copies of which were distributed in the Board's folders.

June Interim Superintendent Report 07/08/2025

June numbers:

Average Flow=16.09 MGD

Rainfall=2.58 inches

CBOD=8 mg/L and 94% removal

TSS=8 mg/L with 95% removal

Fecals=6 MPN

Final effluent average turbidity of 1.67 NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Unit) or how clear the liquid is.

43 Trucks to landfill for a total of 675.12 tons

Solar production was 12,651 KWH.

Micro-turbine production was 90,899 KWH. With only 3 running.

We are currently meeting all the requirements of our SPDES (State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit.

Main pump #4 has been rebuilt, installed and is back online.

Interim Superintendent Report-cont.

TPS pump #4 VFD has been wired and is back online.

Evans Mechanical was here repairing 2 broken underground water lines for our seasonal water.

We have started our annual inspection of DN cells, cleaning algae from cell walls and checking the nozzles flow patterns. We found a few bad nozzles and replaced same.

The 2026 Budget was turned in for the board's review.

*****end of report*****

Correspondence

June IWPP Report-GHD-Jason Greene

Jason Greene spoke to the June IWPP Report, copies of which were distributed in the Board's folder.

IWPP permit renewals were given to Binghamton General Hospital, Norfolk Southern Rail & Greater Binghamton Health Center.

First half of the 2025 PCR reviews are ongoing.

2024 EPA Audit-EPA Follow Up questions we are still waiting.

IWPP Permit renewal for Binghamton Water Filter Plant, SUNY Broome Community College, Lourdes Hospital & Wilson Hospital.

On going work continues 2025 annual facility inspections.
The company Firomar Inc. was given an industrial user evaluation.

International Paper IWPP Permit

After a lengthy discussion it was determined to send the draft permit to co-counsel Paniccia office and then send copies to JSB members, Superintendent and move forward to put the International Paper Company on a IWPP Permit.

FEMA MT 2 form 1 & 3 Update-

Mr. Greene spoke at length about the last 2 pages that needed to be filled out. Mr. Greene was directed to send forms in with the description that was discussed. Forward copies to Board member Lake and Interim Superintendent Warwick.

*****end of report*****

Business Manager's Report

No report given.

Board Committee Reports

Construction-TPS project

Board member Lake stated that EDR Specs and drawings are in 60-day review. Going out for bid August or September time frame.

Finance-CPI

Board member King noted the CPI number is at 4.67% trend is continuing downward we will give our best estimate for the 2026 budget.

Flow Management

Vestal Water Bill

Board member King and Business Manager Goodson are still investigating the issues with the billing and will report back to the board.

Personnel

Mr. Andrew would like to reserve an Executive session to discuss personnel items.

Ad Hoc

Board member King is working with the Interim Superintendent on the Rules & Regulations and will ask the board at the next regular scheduled meeting to adopt the updated Rules & Regulations.

Future Planning

Board member King requested that Interim Superintendent Warwick give the JSB a 6-month update to the 5-year plan schedule and then send it to the owners.

*****end of report*****

Old Business: Marshall Apartments

Board member Lake requested that the JSB approve of the 4105 Marshall Apartments.

Ronald Lake made a motion that the Board approves the submitted Marshall Apartments application and there is no need for water credits and directs Chairman Kolba to sign.

The motion was seconded by Steve Andrew.

Motion was carried. 6/0/0

Old Business: Grand Avenue Apartments JC

Board member Lake requested that the documentation that was sent in was not complete. Chairman Kolba directed Secretary Cuevas to contact Mr. Holland at the Village of Johnson City referencing the JSB discussion.

*****end of report*****

New Business:

Budget 2026

Executive Session: Personnel Matters

Stephen Andrew made a motion to enter the Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 4:20pm

**The motion was seconded by John Paddock.
Motion carried. 6/0**

Exit Executive Session:

Bruce King made a motion to exit Executive Session.

**The motion was seconded by Steve Andrew.
Motion carried. 6/0**

The Board exited the Executive Session at 4:28pm.

The next Regular Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 3:30pm.

Adjournment:

Steve Andrew made a motion to adjourn.

The motion was seconded by Chris Papastrat.

Motion carried. 6/0

The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

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 Robinson, Fiscal Officer
Ronald Warwick Jr., Superintendent
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Joshua Holland, Village of Johnson City Director of Public Services
Ronald B. Lake, P.E., City of Binghamton Engineer
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