



Binghamton-Johnson City JOINT SEWAGE BOARD



Eugene Hulbert, Sr.
Gary Holmes
Edward Crumb

Stephen Andrew
George Kolba, Jr.
Ron C. Davis

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

Tuesday, November 13, 2014

Conference Room, Training and Office Building, JSTP

Members Present: Eugene Hulbert, Sr., Chairman
George Kolba, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Edward Crumb
Ronald Davis
Steve Andrew
Gary Holmes (arr'd 3:14 PM)

Also Present: Cathy (Aingworth) Young, Superintendent
Charles Pearsall, Business Manager
Howard Weaver, Simmons Recovery
Michele Cuevas, Confidential Secretary
John L. Perticone, Esq., Co-Counsel
Alfred Paniccia, Jr., Esq., Co-Counsel
Jerry Motsavage, Binghamton City Council Member
Chuck Shager, City of Binghamton Comptroller (arr'd @ 4:23 PM)
Gerald Kennicutt, Deputy City of Binghamton Comptroller
Howard Reeve, Facility Engineer
Laura Lee Perkins, Transcriptionist

Chairman, Eugene Hulbert, Sr. called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM. All Board Members were present. Sign-in sheet passed for signatures.

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to approve the 10/12/14 Minutes as presented in the work folder with changes

Steve Andrew seconded the motion

Motion carried **51011**

Catherine P. Young, Superintendent
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Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to accept the 10/28114 Minutes of the Special Board meeting as presented in the work folder with changes
Steve Andrew seconded the motion
Motion carried 5/0/1

Gerald Kennicutt presented Financial Report

11/2014 Beginning balance		
Checking	\$	938,571.06
Savings		\$2,932,430.39
	Total	\$3,871,001.45
10/31114 Revenue		\$22,174,731.12
10/31/14 Disbursements		(\$15,318,692.66)
	BALANCE	\$10,727,039.91

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to approve the transfer of \$195,000.00 from the Chemical line (J8130.54150) to Legal Services-BAF (18130.54430.JOB AF) and that the Business Manager be directed to prepare the necessary request for legislation and notice documents
Ronald Davis seconded the motion
Motion carried 6/0

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to approve the 9/9114 Minutes as presented in the work folder with changes
Ronald Davis seconded the motion
Motion carried 6/0

Charles Pearsall presented Business Manager's Report

George Kolba, Jr. made a motion for the Board to approve the lease with Dr. Al-Khalidi for office space at the Hillside Bldg. for \$695.00 a month including utilities to be paid from budget line JF8130.559104
Ronald Davis seconded the motion
Motion carried 6/0

Steve Andrew made a motion for the Board to pay the additional \$3,651.40 to Keystone's Change Order #3 to be paid from JH8130.554008
George Kolba, Jr. seconded the motion
Motion carried 6/0

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to approve the renewal for 2015 with United Advisors for a not-to-exceed fee of \$13,000 to be paid from health insurance budget line
Steve Andrew seconded the motion
Motion carried 6/0

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to approve the Classic Blue insurance and PPO-C coverage
Steve Andrew seconded the motion
Motion carried 6/0

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to approve the health insurance program notices of 2015 with rate structure reflected including Notices A and F
Steve Andrew seconded the motion
Motion carried 6/0

Howard Weaver gave an update

Jason Greene from GHD gave Status Report

Steve Andrew made a motion for the Board to approve an RFQ for qualifications for professions services for CMS program dependant on approval of Alfred Paniccia
Ronald Davis seconded the motion
Motion carried 6/0

Cathy (Aingworth) Young presented Superintendent Report:

Violations and Significant Issues

The Interim Operations Strategy and Emergency Operations Plant has been forwarded to the DEC in compliance with the Schedule for Compliance Deadlines. The next upcoming deadline is December 5, in which the plant must have installed clarifier baffles in tank #8. By December 31, 2014 the final engineering report proposing recommended alternatives for reconstruction must be submitted.

Compliance

Date: October 2014	Influent	Effluent	Average % Removal			Effluent Limit
Average Flow	11.98mgd					
CBOD	276	140	49%			Monitor
Suspended Solids	324	50	85%			Monitor
Other: Settleable Solids Max	30.3	0.30	99%			Monitor
Total Nitrogen	Sept. 31.1	Sept. 25.5	18%			Monitor
Chlorine	NA	1.64Max.	NA			2.0Max.
Avg. Temperature	18.5	18.6				
Solids Removed		July	August	Sept	Oct	
Digested		0	0	0	0	
Lime Stabilized		872.04	678.18	772.18	836.52	
Total		872.04	678.18	772.18	836.52	

Note: Binghamton Water Treatment has completed Fall Cleaning of their sedimentation basins.

Operations

- The plant continues to operate in CEPT mode. The facility engineer and operations staff 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 this past month to review screening issues, Compost demolition, and Primary Treatment strategies.
- The plant was notified that they were awarded a partial grant from the Clean Waters in the amount of 444,525.00 for proposed river work.
- The Bio Tower #1 from Kruger continues in operation and has begun to nitrify a partial amount. The construction for building and tower weather and cold protection will begin this week and should be completed next week. Plant staff continue to assist in mechanical and electrical work, as well as lab sampling and testing. Conference calls are held once per week to review progress and plant for the upcoming week.
- Jar Testing will be conducted by GHD within the next two weeks to identify alternative CEPT strategies.
- The Safety Director and I have participated in several conference calls regarding Ebola hazards and worker safety. We have purchased additional protective gear and are reviewing additional information as it becomes available.

- Lourdes hospital requested guidance on discharge of medical wastes that may be from potential Ebola carrying patients. I indicated that these wastes must be treated as hazardous and NOT discharged to the plant or collection system.
- Spensieri arrived on site on October 9th to begin resealing portions of the digester that continued to leak. They have completed their work and the tank was subsequently filled. Leaks are still present. Our facility engineer, Howard Reeve, as well as RamTech representative Tom Taylor is on site to document progress.
- Review of price quote from Blue Heron for the replacement of the center bubble gun in digester #3 for \$70,000.

Other

- Request permission to attend NYWEA Annual Conference February 2-4th, 2015.
- Request permission to travel and be reimbursed for expenses to Albany Energy Committee Meeting December 18, 2014.
- POTW Notification Application
- An unannounced DEC inspection was conducted on October 30th to review Pilot Plant Progress as well as primary tank baffle installation and CEPT Treatment.
- 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.

Ronald Davis made a motion for the Board to approve actual and necessary travel expenses for the Superintendent, 2 Plant employees and 2 Board Members to attend the NYWEA conference in February 2015

Steve Andrew seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to authorize the Superintendent to attend the December 18, 2014 NYWEA Round Table and to remit travel expenses

Steve Andrew seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

Steve Andrew made a motion for the Board to award a contract to FE Jones for carpentry work for the Pilot Program to be paid from budget line 18130.54410.JOBAF

Gary Holmes seconded the motion

Motion carried 5/1 (George Kolba)

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to approve PO #14403593 in the amount of \$217,500 to be paid to Kruger from budget line 18130.54410.JOBAF

Steve Andrew seconded the motion

Motion carried 5/1 (Eugene Hulbert, Sr.)

Committee Reports

George Kolba, Jr. made a motion for the Board to authorize the purchase of a second truck, using the same specs, in 2015

Steve Andrew seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to apply to the Owners to accept the Water Quality Improvement Grant and that the application be provided to the Owners' Clerks and the Board and that the appropriate resolution be sent to the Owners

Ronald Davis seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to make the Owners aware of the Elected Officials Roundtable program to be held on December 11, 2014 in Syracuse

Steve Andrew seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and Personnel matters

Steve Andrew seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

Entered Executive Session at 6:50 PM

Exited Executive Session at 7:18 PM

Steve Andrew made a motion for the Board to adjourn the meeting

George Kolba, Jr. seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

Meeting ended at 7:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Lee Perkins
Transcriptionist

cc: Board Members
Mayor Rich David, City of Binghamton
Mayor Greg Deemie, Village of Johnson City
City Clerk, City of Binghamton
Village Clerk/Treasurer, Village of Johnson City
John Perticone, Esq.
Alfred Paniccia, Esq.
Chuck Shager, Fiscal Officer
Catherine Young, Superintendent
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Robert Bennett, P.E., Village of Johnson City, Engineer
Gary Holmes, P.E., City of Binghamton, Acting Engineer
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