



Binghamton-Johnson City
JOINT SEWAGE BOARD
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Eugene Hulbert, Sr.
Gary Holmes

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF

Stephen Andrew
George Kolba, Jr.

BINGHAMTON - JOHNSON CITY JOINT SEWAGE BOARD

Thursday, December 30, 2014

Conference Room, Training and Office Building, JSTP

Members Present: Eugene Hulbert, Sr., Chairman
George Kolba, Jr., Vice-Chairman (arrived at 3:04 PM)
Edward Crumb
Ronald Davis
Steve Andrew

Members Absent: Gary Holmes

Also Present: Cathy (Aingworth) Young, Superintendent
Charles Pearsall, Business Manager
Michele Cuevas, Confidential Secretary
Howard Reeve, Facilities Engineer
John L. Perticone, Esq., Co-Counsel
Alfred Paniccia, Jr., Esq., Co-Counsel
Bruce King, Village of Johnson City Trustee
Laura Lee Perkins, Transcriptionist

Chairman, Eugene Hulbert, Sr. called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM. A quorum of four (4) Board Members was present. Sign-in sheet passed for signatures. Fire exits identified.

(George Kolba, Jr. joined the meeting. A quorum of five is now present.)

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to accept the eMaint Enterprises proposal for a 3-year subscription agreement to their X3 maintenance asset management software system encumbering and paying for the contract for the 3 year subscription which goes through March 31, 2018 in the amount of \$32,400.00 from 2014 budget line J8130.54621 (Equipment & Pump Repairs – Mechanical), and encumbering and paying \$5,600.00 for data conversion services from 2014 budget line J8130.54410 (Professional Services) and encumbering and paying \$4,500.00 for on-site training services from 2014 budget line 18130.54701 (Travel & Training).
Steve Andrew seconded the motion
Motion carried 5/0/1 (GH, absent)

Steve Andrew made a motion for the Board to accept the Travel Policy Version 3.4 as presented in the Board folder.

Ronald Davis seconded the motion
Datherine P. Young, Superintendent
Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Facilities
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A Waiver of the By-Laws provision regarding advance written notice of policy provisions was passed for signatures and directed to be attached to these minutes.

Motion carried 5/0/1 (GH, absent)

Charles Pearsall reviewed Reductions to Capital Required due to Lead Agency Coverage in Plant Rehabilitation and a potential Request for Legislation – explained each budget line and changes to each.

Eugene Hulbert, Sr. requested two separate motions for the changes – 1) a letter to go to the Owners' Mayors, and 2) a letter to go to the municipalities, each with detailed explanations of why these funding changes are being proposed on a one-time basis.

Lengthy-discussions were held regarding reducing the 2015 budget by \$2,069,897.57; disbursing to users via reduced estimated billings for 2015.

Edward Crumb voiced concerns that by removing this money from the Board's Capital Fund budget for 2015, it results in governmental entity fees going down by 18.9% between 2014 and 2015; but if an identical budget is proposed for 2016 as was adopted for 2015, it will appear to be a 26.6% in governmental entity fees between 2015 and 2016. Mr. Crumb also pointed out that an alternative would be keeping this money in the Board's budget, adding two lines in the Operating budget (so it is not in the Capital Fund), for a reduction in Owner debt service – one for the City and one for the Village – the City's would be \$1,134,303.87, and the Village's would be \$935,592.70 and then that money could be used directly to pay debt which frees up the Owners' sewer funds. Also, by treating those debt service payments within the operating budget would reduce the Owners' direct debt service payments in the final billing computations for 2015 so that all Municipal Users would get the benefit and the Owners would receive the maximum cash flow benefit. In terms of what has been discussed, that would be in the spirit of moving in a positive direction without large year-to-year fluctuations in billing rates. Mr. Crumb expressed concern because we can't just say we are taking this money out of the Sewage Board's budget and it is never going to be spent for these projects because these projects are going to be done through the Lead Agency and then paid for from the Lead Agency budget.

Mr. Hulbert stated that all that information would be in the letter to the Owners. -He also pointed-out that the Lead Agency's project costs would be financed in a 35 or 40 year bond. Mr. Crumb stated that, under a bonding approach, the Board would be shifting the burden onto future ratepayers instead of using money that has already been collected from the current ratepayers, and the cost is going to compound as future ratepayers pay-off the debt.

George Kolba, Jr. made a motion for the Board to draft a letter to the Mayors with a list of all project items being considered for funding changes with an explanation of where the Board is getting each proposed transfer and the reasons, and requesting the Mayors' input and guidance.

Steve Andrew seconded the motion

Motion carried 5/0/1 (GH, absent)

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to ratify the 13 items on the list as presented by the Business Manager for purposes of the letter to the Mayors.

Steve Andrew seconded the motion

Motion carried 5/0/1 (GH, absent)

A working committee meeting was scheduled for 1 PM, January 5, 2015 in the First Floor Conference Room of the Training and Office Building to work on drafting the letter to the Mayors.

George Kolba, Jr. made a motion for the Board to approve an extension of the RamTech contract.

Steve Andrew seconded the motion

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to amend the motion to extend the contract's terms as previously approved through December 31, 2015 continuing the existing encumbrance of funds.

Steve Andrew seconded the motion to amend

Motion to amend carried 5/0/1 (GH, absent)

Motion carried as amended 5/0/1 (GH, absent)

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to reconsider the approval of Claim C-2049 payable to City of Binghamton for NYS Employee Retirement System contribution to increase it to \$418,868.95 from the amount approved at the last meeting, which was \$405,512.44, and authorize payment in the increased amount based on the revised computation of the Fiscal Officer.

Steve Andrew seconded the motion

Motion carried 5/0/1 (GH, absent)

Ronald Davis made a motion for the Board to cancel the Terrorism Insurance endorsement for 2015.

Edward Crumb seconded the motion

Motion failed 3/3(SA/EH)/1 (GH, absent)

The next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2015 at 3 PM.

Steve Andrew made a motion for the Board to adjourn.

Edward Crumb seconded the motion

Motion carried 5/0/1 (GH, absent)

Meeting ended at 4:33 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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