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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BINGHAMTON - JOHNSON CITY JOINT SEWAGE BOARD Tuesday, September 9, 2025 Plant Administration Building

Members Present: George Kolba
Chris Papastrat
Ron Lake
Bruce King
John Paddock
Stephen Andrew

Also Present: Ronald Warwick Jr., Interim Superintendent
Alfred Paniccia, Jr., Esq., Co-Counsel
Billie Goodson, Business Manager
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
Howard Reeve, Facility Engineer
Clark Giblin, Village of Johnson City Trustee
Jason Greene, GHD (audio/video Entered 4PM-Exited 4:15PM)

Chairman Kolba called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM. Sign in sheet was passed. 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.

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 has 3 topics to discuss.

1. Audit- Mr. Robinson has had conversations with the EFPR auditors and they are ahead of schedule. A draft report will be completed within 10 days. Mr. Robinson was asked to forward the draft to the Business Manager Goodson & Chairman of the Finance Committee. Also, set up a special meeting to approve the audit.
2. Financials-Mr. Robinson noted that we are on track for the year.
3. Business Manager recommended in October to approve fund balance into reserve in the amount of \$250,000.00

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

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.

August Interim Superintendent Report

09/09/2025

August numbers:

- Average Flow=11.29 MGD
- Rainfall=2.62 inches
- CBOD=8 mg/L and 96% removal
- TSS=6.9 mg/L with 97% removal
- Fecals=13 MPN
- Final effluent average turbidity of 1.79 NTU
- 48 Trucks to landfill for a total of 783.91 tons and 27.39 tons grit/screenings
- Volatile Solids Reduction of 54.71% average across the 3 digesters
- Solar production was 9,265 KWH.
- Micro-turbine production was 52,019 KWH.

We have taken down and inspected all odd numbered CN cells and found (many) bad or broken nozzles, all were repaired as needed. The even numbered cells will be completed this month.

We replaced the bad magmeter in Digester #1 with a new one.

Interim Superintendent Report-cont.

We had to take the aerated grit auger out of service to repair a split in the auger. Mechanics cleaned, inspected and replaced all bearings and found a second crack which had to be welded also.

The team keeps plugging away at maintaining, repairing, updating systems, and operating the facility.

We had an excursion on our permit Low Ph was 5.5 Ph our limit is 6 Ph. Probe was not calibrating correctly. The probe has been corrected, and sampling will be done twice a day.

It was also suggested by the Joint Sewage Board members that the weekly report be distributed to both mayors, trustees, fiscal officer & JSB members & Secretary.

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

Correspondence

August IWPP Report-GHD-Jason Greene

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

IWPP permit renewals were given to Binghamton General Hospital, Norfolk Southern Rail & Notice of Violation was issued to SUNY Broome-SNC failure to report PCR. \$500.00

IWPP Permit Renewals was issued Wilson Memorial Hospital, Lourdes Hospital, SUNY Broome & City of Binghamton Water Filtration Plant

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.

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.

Ron Lake would like a draft fine chart for amounts to be included with the draft permit.

GHD Industrial Survey \$22,000 Letter Amendment

GHD to draft an amendment letter agreement for survey amount of \$22,000 for 2025 and send to Business Manager Goodson. Make amendment #1 to the contract.

Paving Facility

Chairman Kolba asked Mr. Reeve about the paving at the facility. Fiori Paving was the lowest bid at \$4,500.00. Mr. Reeve will be contacting them this week and having the project get started.

Business Manager's Report

Business Manager Goodson went over the report.

Methanol Contract Approval Solvents and Petroleum Service

Bruce King made a motion that the Board awards the contract for methanol supply to Solvents and Petroleum Service (SPS) in accordance with its bid alternative for \$2.06 per gallon for a 12-month period with 2 annual extensions.

Motion was seconded by Steve Andrew.

Motion carried. 6/0

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

Board Committee Reports

Construction-TPS project

Board member Lake still waiting for the EFC & DEC review.

Personnel

Board member Andrew stated that he would reserve for executive session.

Ad Hoc

Board member King stated that there is nothing new to report.

Finance-Budget 2026

Board member King noted the 2026 JSB Operating Budget was approved through the City of Binghamton & Village of Johnson City.

Old Business-333 Grand Avenue

Board member Kolba noted that the stipulation was missing from the application for 333 Grand Avenue. The statement needs to be added as actual flow data for 2 years or the building at full occupancy. After discussion Board member Lake and trustee Giblin will talk with Josh Holland. Then resubmit the application with the stipulation added in the application.

Old Business-Hunt EAS Information.

Business Manager Goodson stated that Hunt EAS had sever technical issues. Hulbert Engineering said they are working on it and should have the info next week

New Business- Support Corliss Stormwater Infrastructure Upgrade

Chairman Kolba stated that the Joint Sewage Board members have signed the letter of support for the Village of Johnson City Corliss Stormwater Infrastructure. Copies were in your folder.

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

Co-counsel Alfred Paniccia asked to speak to the board in response to statements made at the hearing owners budget meeting held at the City of Binghamton in referencing RFP/RFQ progress through the Joint Sewage Board. Mr. Paniccia says the statements that were made are false and an attack on his reputation as a lawyer. He stated that he has responded to all RFP/RFQ that have come through his office.

Executive Session: Personnel Matters

Stephen Andrew made a motion to enter the Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 4:48pm

**The motion was seconded by Chris Papastrat.
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 5:20pm.

No action was taken.

The next Regular Meeting will be on Tuesday, October 14, 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 5:43pm.

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
Elliott Wagner, 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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