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

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

Plant Administration Building

Members Present: George Kolba  
Chris Papastrat  
Ron Lake-Absent  
Bruce King  
John Paddock (audio/video)  
Stephen Andrew (audio/video)

Also Present: Ronald Warwick Jr. Interim Superintendent  
Adam Afify, Assistant Superintendent  
Alfred Paniccia, Jr., Esq., Co-Counsel  
Douglas Jensen, Business Manager  
Larry Travis, E.E., Electrical Engineer  
Chuck Robinson, JSB Fiscal Officer/City of Binghamton Comptroller  
Michele Cuevas, Confidential Secretary  
Howard Reeve, Facility Engineer  
Clark Giblin, Village of Johnson City Trustee  
Mary Jacyna, Village of Johnson City Trustee  
Deron Biechele, Head Operator  
Gabrielle String, CSEA Vice President (exited 3:50pm)  
Tom Harding, Harding Brooks Insurance  
Connor Harding, Harding Brooks Insurance

Chairman Kolba called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. Sign in sheet was passed. 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.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Bruce King made a motion that the Board approves the submitted January 13, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as contained in the Board Folders.**

**The motion was seconded by Steve Andrew.**

**Motion was carried. 5/0/1 (RL absent)**

### **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 2 topics to discuss.

1. RL- Mr. Robinson stated that the change in IMA is from 120 days to 90 days. Mr. Robinson to send RL to the Business Manager and Board Secretary.
2. Financials-Mr. Robinson noted that we are on track for the year.

\*\*\*\*\*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.

#### **December Interim Superintendent Report**

01/13/2026

August numbers:

- Average Flow=12.37 MGD
- Rainfall=2.11 inches
- CBOD=8 mg/L and 96% removal
- TSS=4.1 mg/L with 98% removal
- Fecals=2 MPN
- Final effluent average turbidity of 1.71 NTU with a low of 0.8 NTU
- 38 Trucks to landfill for a total of 638.14 tons sludge & 19.58 tons grit/screenings
- Volatile Solids Reduction of 58% on average across the 3 digesters
- Solar production was 91,700 KWH. Down 1,105 KWH from last month
- Micro-turbine production was 8,2483 KWH. Up 570 KWH from last month

### **Interim Superintendent Report-cont.**

So far, we have met all the requirements for the permit this month. We are still waiting for one result to come in.

We have a mechanic retiring at the end of the month. Marty Hutchings has been here for over 18 years. He will be missed.

We have 2 Operators pass the grade 3 NYSDEC exam. One has taken a grade 3 position, the other has been made an Operator 2 until we have opened another grade 3 slot.

We are starting the DEC and EPA reports that are due at the end of January every year.

I will be working on year-end reports to highlight our year's accomplishments, etc.

We continue to make sure all equipment is maintained, updated where needed and clean and paint throughout the facility.

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.

### **Registration, Lodging, Advance for 1 Operator to Attend Morrisville Etc. Basic Lab 5-day course January 26-30, 2026.**

**Bruce King made a motion that the Board approve registration, lodging and advance for 1 Operator to attend the Morrisville Etc. 5-day course Basic Lab course January 26-30, 2026, in accordance with the Travel Policy, and to be paid from the Travel and Training budget line (ES8130.54701). The motion was seconded by Ronald Lake. Motion was carried. 6/0**

### **Registration, Lodging for 3 people to Attend the NYWEA Conference in NYC February 2-4<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

**Bruce King made a motion that the Board approve registration, lodging to attend the NYWEA Conference on February 2-4, 2026, for the Assistant Superintendent & 2 Operators, in accordance with the Travel Policy, and to be paid from the Travel and Training budget line (ES8130.54701). Motion was seconded by Ronald Lake. Motion carried. 6/0**

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

**Correspondence**  
**December 2025 IWPP Report-**

Confidential Secretary Cuevas read the December report, copies of which were distributed in the Board's folder.

IWPP permit renewals were given to City of Binghamton Water Filtration Plant.

**Major Work efforts**

2025 Annual Inspections were SUNY Binghamton University, CH Thompson, Greater Binghamton Health Center, Lourdes Hospital (Guthrie), SUNY Broome Community College & Triple Cities Metal Finishing.

Discharge request for mold remediation-18 Park St. Johnson City  
Discharge request for hydro test water-Koberlein Environmental  
IWPP Permit Development for International Paper  
Second half 2025 PCR reviews

**On-Going Work**

Industrial User Evaluation for CMP AMS.  
Industrial User Evaluation for Firomar Inc.

COB Water Filtration Plant-Updated sampling location  
2024 EPA Audit  
2025 Annual report preparation  
2025 Industrial Survey report

**Board Member Lake Appointment Letter 01/01/2026-12/31/2027**

**2026 Joint Sewage Board Yearly Tentative Regular Meeting Schedule**

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

**Board Committee Reports**

**Construction-TPS project**

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

**Personnel**-Board member Andrew stated nothing to report.

**Ad Hoc**-Board member King stated that there is nothing new to report.

**Board Committee Reports-cont.**

**Finance-** Board member King made the following motion.

**Bruce King made a motion that the Board approves a 20254 Budget transfer for Local System Cost (ES8120.54000) as follows:**

**Increase ES.8130.54000 (Local System Cost) by \$370,000.00  
Decrease ES.8130.55100.JS2HR (Personal Srvcs. -Hourly) by \$200,000.00  
Decrease ES.8130. 55169.JS2HR (Salary Adjustment-Hourly) by \$100,000.00  
Decrease ES8130.54656(Maintenance Agreements) by \$70,000.00**

**and that corresponding requests for legislation be submitted to the Owners' legislative bodies.**

**Motion was seconded by Ronald Lake.**

**Motion carried. 6/0**

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

**New Business- Tom Harding-Harding Brooks**

Mr. Harding noted that applications are coming in for the Superintendent to fill out and for Harding & Brooks to seek quotes from various companies.

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

**Executive Session: None**

The next Regular Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 3:30pm.

**Adjournment:**

**Bruce King made a motion to adjourn.**

**The motion was seconded by Steve Andrew.**

**Motion carried. 6/0**

The meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.

Michele Cuevas  
Confidential Secretary

cc: Board Members  
Mayor Kraham, City of Binghamton  
Mayor Charnuk, 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  
Brown & Brown Empire State  
Haylor, Freyer & Coon  
Joshua Holland, Village of Johnson City Director of Public Services  
Ronald B. Lake, P.E., City of Binghamton Engineer  
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