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

Tuesday, February 10, 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: 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
 Adam Afify, Assistant Superintendent
 Deron Biechele, Head Operator (exited 4:45pm)
 Gabrielle String, CSEA Vice President (exited 3:50pm)
 Tom Harding, Harding Brooks Insurance
 Connor Harding, Harding Brooks Insurance
 Jason Greene, GHD (audio/video) (exited 4:10pm)

Chairman Kolba called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. Sign in sheet was passed. Five (5) 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 February 10, 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)

Harding Brooks Insurance Proposal Effective 03/01/2026-03/01/2027

Tom & Connor Harding went through the proposal for Property, Crime & Equipment, General Liability, Auto, Umbrella & Cyber policies. A brief discussion on Cyber insurance. Larry Travis, the facility IT Engineer, believes that it would be a good idea to have Cyber Insurance at an additional cost of \$6,200.00 to the whole premium. The Joint Sewage Board would also like to have quarterly billing. Chairman Kolba asked the members if they were all in agreement to the proposal and the costs associated with the proposal. All were in favor.

Bruce King made a motion that the Board approves the submitted February 10, 2026, Harding Brooks Insurance Company proposal for \$367,000.00 for property, crime & equipment, general liability, auto, umbrella & cyber policies effective 03/01/2026-03/01/2027.

The motion was seconded by Steve Andrew.

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

Correspondence

January IWPP Report-GHD-Jason Greene

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

New IWPP permit was drafted and was given to International Paper Inc. for their review and comments.

Second half of the 2025 PCR reviews are ongoing.

2025 Solids & annual IWPP report will be completed.

2024 EPA audit still waiting on comments back from them.

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. 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.
3. Mr. Robinson and the flow committee will work together to get the Final billing completed.

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

Business Manager Report

Mr. Jensen gave the following report which was in the boards folder.

Permission to Advertise Ferric Chloride & Elevator Maintenance (NYS Contract) Mini Bid

Mr. Jensen is requesting Board approval to advertise for Ferric Chloride & Elevator maintenance

Bruce King made a motion that the Board authorizes the Business Manager to advertise for Ferric Chloride.

Motion was seconded by Steve Andrew.

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

Bruce King made a motion that the board authorizes the Business Manager to advertise Elevator Maintenance (NYS Contract) Mini Bid.

Motion was seconded by Steve Andrew.

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

Permission to Attend

Mr. Jensen is requesting Board approval to attend the NY Governmental Finance Officer Conference in Albany April 15-17th, 2026.

Bruce King made a motion that the Board approve registration, lodging and advance for Business Manager Mr. Jensen to attend the NY Governmental Finance Officer Association Conference April 15-17, 2026, in accordance with the Travel Policy, and to be paid from the Travel and Training budget line (ES8130.54701).

Motion was seconded by Steve Andrew.

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

Interim Superintendent Report

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

January Interim Superintendent Report 02/10/2026

January numbers:

- Average Flow=14.62 MGD
- Precipitation=2.13 inches
- CBOD=7 mg/L and 96% removal
- TSS=6 mg/L with 97% removal
- Fecals=1 MPN
- Final effluent average turbidity of 1.8 NTU with a low of 1.0 NTU
- 37 Trucks to landfill for a total of 588.30 tons sludge & 15.10 tons grit/screenings
- Volatile Solids Reduction of 61% on average across the 3 digesters
- Solar production was 1626 KWH.
- Micro-turbine production was 7,7986 KWH.

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

We have completed and submitted our WTC (wastewater treatment chemical) report for NYSDEC.

We completed and submitted our portion of the CSO annual report along with the City of Binghamton and the Village of Johnson City.

We have also completed and submitted our Annual Flow Certification.

We will be starting our Emerging Containment Short Term Monitoring Program in June. This will be at least 4 consecutive quarters of PFAS and Dioxane testing, per NYSDE.

We are working with GHD on our IWPP annual report as well as the annual solids report.

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

Mr. Afify would like to say thank you to the Joint Sewage Board for the opportunity to attend the NYWEA conference along with 2 operators from the facility. Mr. Afify also noted that by attending the conference we had one of our blowers repaired the very next day.

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

Board Committee Reports

Construction-TPS project

Chairman Kolba noted that the City of Binghamton has advertised for bids for the TPS upgrade. Bids will be open on Wednesday, March 11, at 10:30am. There is also a mandatory pre-bid meeting scheduled for February 18 at the facility.

Personnel- Board member Andrew stated nothing to report. Co-Counsel Paniccia noted that the arbitration for 2 union employees will be held near the end of March. Board member King noted that the CPI 2025 has been completed and the hourly employees will have that in the February 20th paycheck distribution.

Ad Hoc-Board member King referenced the draft advisory letter which was in the board folder.

Flow Management Committee

Board member Lake couldn't be in attendance to this meeting, so he asked Mr. King to give an update.

Approval of 20-34 Lisle Ave, Binghamton

Board member Lake requested that the JSB approve of the 20-34 Lisle Ave.

Steve Andrew made a motion that the Board approves the submitted 20-34 Lisle Avenue, Binghamton NY application for new/modified sewer connection permit and water credits will be recorded and directs and directs Chairman Kolba to sign.

The motion was seconded by Chris Papastrat.

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

Flow Bank

Board member King stated that in the board folder was a draft work sheet for all flows. Board member King and business manager Jensen are working on these numbers. If any members hear about ongoing projects or new additional users, please get in touch with them.

Flow Monitor Study Contractors

Board member King noted that with the data issue and with the high cost of the study it was suggested that the JSB bring in the other company that responded to the RFQ and have them do a presentation then proceed to the owners so they are aware and understand that the project is going to cost \$200,000 more than the initially budgeted amount.

Board member King also noted that there will be two Finance committee meetings and one flow management committee meeting soon.

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

New Business- Class Action Suit

Co-Counsel Paniccia discussed the post card that was received from PVC End User Class Settlement Notice. Currently the Joint Sewage Board is not taking any action by co-counsel recommendations.

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

Executive Session: None

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

Adjournment:

Bruce King made a motion to adjourn.

The motion was seconded by Steve Andrew.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:05pm.

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
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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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