



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 A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BINGHAMTON -  
JOHNSON CITY JOINT SEWAGE BOARD**

**Thursday, March 19, 2015**  
Conference Room, Office Building, JSTP

**Members Present:** Eugene Hulbert, Sr., Chairman  
George Kolba, Jr., Vice-Chairman  
Edward Crumb  
Ronald Davis  
Steve Andrew via FaceTime  
Gary Holmes

**Also Present:** Cathy (Aingworth) Young, Superintendent  
Charles Pearsall, Business Manager  
Michele Cuevas, Confidential Secretary  
Jerry Motsavage, City of Binghamton Trustee  
Bruce King, Village of Johnson City Trustee  
Alfred Paniccia, Esq., Co-Counsel  
John L. Perticone, Esq., Co-Counsel  
Chuck Shager, City of Binghamton Comptroller

**Guests:** Greg Deemie, Mayor, Village of Johnson City (left at 4:45 PM)  
Tom Johnson, Treasurer, Village of Johnson City (left at 4:45 PM)  
Josh Martin, Channel 12 News

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Eugene Hulbert, Sr. called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM; all Board Members are present; sign in sheet passed and signed; waiver of notice sheet signed, to be attached to these minutes.

Eugene Hulbert, Sr. stated that the first item on the agenda for the meeting is how to reduce \$2,000,000 from the existing Capital accounts in addition to the \$2,069,897.57 proposed in January to return the \$4,000,000 to the Owners and Outside Users.

John L. Perticone stated that he believed that the Owners were looking for recommendations from the Board as to what projects can be reduced. A resolution needs to be passed to go to both Owners in order for there to be approval for a budget modification.

**Catherine P. Young, Superintendent**  
**Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Facilities**  
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Edward Crumb noted that there are errors and omissions in the MUNIS reports; a number of encumbrances and payments have not yet been posted/transferred-over from the old accounting software, so there is not as much capital or flood capital as the reports show is in there.

Gary Holmes – stated that he has reviewed every Lead Agency capital project; he believes that the Owners don't see any need for capital projects to be carried-out by the Board; the intent of the Lead Agency is to fund all capital projects through post-construction long-term Environmental Facilities Corporation bonding sometime in the 2018 timeframe. Mr. Holmes did state that the Board might want to have some capital funding in reserve,- but he doesn't foresee any specific capital project. By August, with the amount of construction going on, the Plant will be bypassing some treatment; some systems will go down completely or be repurposed. He favors giving money back to users; and then bond long-term for projects.

Ed Crumb stated that the Owners have only authorized \$131,000,000 cumulative in borrowing for the Joint Sewage Treatment Plant, and that goes back to 2001, so about \$66 million of the borrowing authority has already been used. He asked if the Owners' legislative bodies are going to pass legislation to increase the borrowing limit to correspond to the amount of capital projects projected by the Lead Agency?

Gene Hulbert, Sr. would like the Board to approve the \$4,000,000 amount and submit that to the Owners by April 14. Then sit down and pick out the specific items that make up the \$4,000,000. Look at all other expenses; a lot of things in progress that cannot come out of the capital funds. Mr. Hulbert would like a resolution that the Board would approve taking out the \$4,000,000, then sit down to bring the \$2,000,069 up to \$4,000,000. Mr. Hulbert feels the Superintendent is the only one who is qualified to okay taking money out of the capital funds.

Gary Holmes said the Board should include projects that need/should be done in its capital budget if not covered by the Owners' Lead Agency projects.

Cathy Young suggested using the Black & Veatch Condition Report and Capital Improvement Plan as a starting point. There are a lot of projects listed and categorized by priority (severe, deficiency, all the way up to recommended but not required).

Gary Holmes stated that the replacement of the roof on the Terminal Pump Station needs to be put into the renovation project. Edward Crumb stated that had been proposed but it was rejected by the City; per the Weathermaster Roof Condition Report – the TPS Roof needs to be replaced ASAP.

Gary Holmes stated that the Lead Agency's approach is for a new plant built-up within the existing Plant.

Cathy Young asked whether both Owners are aware of this and do they support it? Superintendent Young expressed her strong concern about taking all capital money out of the Board's budget, and then we get behind in cyclical maintenance because there are no dollars for projects to get done.

Cathy Young stated that she has a list of 6 or 7 additional capital projects which are not presently funded that need to be looked at, and they are substantial. These are mostly from the Black and Veatch Report – several concerns basic safety issues.

Gary Holmes stated that the final Scope of Work for the Lead Agency project is not set yet, and is being defined with GHD – the result will be a \$160,000,000 Plant. Any unfunded capital projects should be submitted to the City, so that the Lead Agency can review with GHD for potential inclusion in the Lead Agency project Scope of Work.

Edward Crumb presented a list of several potential reduction items based on his review of Work Order-06 as approved by Binghamton City Council with respect to the design services agreement between the City of Binghamton and GHD. An in-depth discussion took place during which some items were removed from the list and others were added.

George Kolba, Jr. made a motion for the Board to transfer \$4,000,000 from the Capital and Flood Capital funds to the Operating fund:

<u>from</u>			<u>Capital Reduction Amounts</u>
JF8130	559106	FRP-BLDG1 (Compost Facility)	344,125.50
<b>SUBTOTAL FLOOD CAPITAL FUND REDUCTIONS</b>			<b>344,125.50</b>
JH8130	554005	Safety	112,750.00
JH8130	554006	Building Mechanical HVAC Improvements	802,582.00
JH8130	554011	Replace Grit Buildings Motor Control Centers	208,280.00
JH8130	554026	Chlorine Contact Chamber Bypass	95,000.00
JH8130	554027	HH MCC/TPS Switchgear	710,000.00
JH8130	554028	Compost Recovery/Demolition	100,000.00
JH8130	554029	Energy Efficiency Improvements	163,000.00
JH8130	554031	Locker Rooms & Showers Design	75,000.00
JH8130	554034	Primary Settling Tanks Drain Valves	53,095.00
JH8130	554040	Capital Contingency	63,786.93
JH8130	554043	Head House Bar Screen Room Structural Repairs	93,500.00
JH8130	554045	Digester Complex Maintenance	500,000.00
JH8130	554046	Centrate Treatment	30,000.00
JH8130	554053	BAF Repair	275,065.57
JH8130	554056	Eng/Dsgn for HH Bar Screen and Conveyor	65,000.00
JH8130	554057	Blower Bldg MCC/Trans/Dist & CL Bldg Discnct.	50,000.00
JH8130	554060	Eng/Dsgn Electrical Supply Switchgear Upgrades	25,065.00
JH8130	554061	Eng/Design for Blower Building Solar Panels	50,000.00
JH8130	554062	SCADA-compatible Valves & Devices	100,000.00
JH8130	554066	Dump Truck with Cover	18,750.00
JH8130	554068	Conveyor Replacement - Head House & Pista Grit	65,000.00

**SUBTOTAL CAPITAL FUND REDUCTIONS**

3,655,874.50

**TOTAL**

4,000,000.00

and that the Business Manager draft a letter of explanation listing the rationale for making these reductions and submit to the Owners together with Requests for Legislation.

Ronald Davis seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

Gary Holmes suggested giving GHD a couple of weeks to review any capital project submissions from the Board and/or Plant, then come back to Board with its determination regarding projects to be included in the Lead Agency project, and then have meeting in late April to further consider the additional request from the Mayors for a review of the Board's remaining Capital and Flood Capital budgets.

Ronald Davis made a motion for the Board to adjourn.

Steve Andrew seconded the motion

Motion carried 6/0

Meeting adjourned at 5:22 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  
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Catherine Young, Superintendent  
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Gary Holmes, P.E., City of Binghamton, Acting Engineer  
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