



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ■ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

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## MINUTES

### Binghamton City Council & Village of Johnson City Board of Trustees Joint Budget Hearing Village of Johnson City Hall, 243 Main Street, Johnson City, NY Tuesday September 24, 2013

**Call to Order.** A Joint Budget Hearing composed of the Village of Johnson City Board of Trustees, the Village of Johnson City Mayor and the Council of the City of Binghamton (collectively, "the Owners") was called to order at 5:01pm. Meeting hosted by the City of Binghamton.

**Present:** Richard Balles, Trustee (arrived at 5:39pm); Bill Berg, Councilman; Greg Deemie, Village of Johnson City Mayor; Bruce King, Trustee; Diane Marusich, Trustee; John Matzo, Councilman (arrived at 5:07pm); Joseph Mihalko, Councilman; Jerry Motsavage, Councilman; Chris Papastrat, Councilman (arrived at 5:07pm); Teri Rennia, Council President; Luke Slota, Trustee; Lea Webb, Councilwoman (arrived at 5:08pm)

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Steven Andrew, Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board (BJCJSB) Member (arrived at 5:39pm); Edward Crumb, Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board (BJCJSB); Ron C. Davis, BJCJSB; Shane Guilford, Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Plant (BJCJSTP) Business Manager; Angela Holmes, City of Binghamton Clerk; Gerald Kennicutt, City of Binghamton Deputy Comptroller; Philip T. Krey, City of Binghamton Engineer; Charles Pearsall, City of Binghamton Comptroller/BJCJSB Fiscal Officer; Kyle Seeley, City of Binghamton Executive Assistant to the Mayor (arrived at 5:06pm); Allison Sosa, City of Binghamton 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Corporation Counsel; Bernard Tinus, BJCJSTP Facilities Engineer; Catherine P. Young, BJCJSTP Superintendent

## ITEMS CONSIDERED

**Noise Complaints.** Various officials noted that Miller Honda has complained about noise coming from a construction vehicle at the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Plant. Philip T. Krey and Catherine Young stated that they are working to remediate the situation. The vehicle in question is a vacuum truck removing media from various cells. Ideally, the truck should be close to the cell to remove the media as quickly as possible; however, due to the noise complaints, the vehicle may be moved. In addition, they may install additional sound barriers.

**Review of Questions.** Officials from the Village of Johnson City Board of Trustees and Mayor and the Binghamton City Council (collectively, the "Owners"), reviewed the answers to various questions asked of the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board (BJCJSB) at the last joint budget hearing held on September 9, 2013. Copies of the questions and responses are on file with the Binghamton City Clerk and the Village of Johnson City Clerk.

**Budget Modification.** Motion to defund one (1) Operator II position (Item M), along with associated benefits, from the 2014 budget, as outlined below:

1. Transfer \$50,169 from budget line J8130.51000 (Personal Services, Line 1) to budget line J8130.55000 (Contingency, Line 64);
2. Transfer \$1,976 from budget line J8130.51699 (Wage/Salary Adjustments/Stipends, Line 2) to budget line J8130.55000 (Contingency, Line 64);
3. Transfer \$5,317 from budget line J9010.58000.A (State Retirement, Line 67) to budget line J8130.55000 (Contingency, Line 64);



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4. Transfer \$3,989 from budget line J9030.58000.B (Social Security/Medicare, Line 68) to budget line J8130.55000 (Contingency, Line 64);
5. Transfer \$5,370 from budget line J9040.58000.D (Workers Compensation, Line 69) to budget line J8130.55000 (Contingency, Line 64);
6. Transfer \$30 from budget line J9055.58000.F (Disability Insurance, Line 71) to budget line J8130.55000 (Contingency, Line 64); and
7. Transfer \$8,026 from budget line J9060.58000.C (Health Insurance, Line 72) to budget line J8130.55000 (Contingency, Line 64).

Moved by Deemie, seconded by Berg.

**Motion carried. (Vote 11-0-1)**

Ayes: Berg, Deemie, King, Marusich, Matzo, Mihalko, Motsavage, Papastrat, Rennia, Slota, Webb

Nays: None

Absent: Balles

**Budget Modification.** Motion to reduce budget line J8130.54202 (Electricity, Line 23) by \$30,000, moving such funds to budget line J8130.55000 (Contingency, Line 64).

Moved by Mihalko, seconded by Deemie.

**Motion carried. (Vote 10-1-1)**

Ayes: Berg, Deemie, Marusich, Matzo, Mihalko, Motsavage, Papastrat, Rennia, Slota, Webb

Nays: King

Absent: Balles

**Budget Modification.** Motion to reduce budget line J8130.54203 (Elect—Plant Pump Station, Line 24) by \$12,000, moving such funds to budget line J8130.55000 (Contingency, Line 64).

Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Marusich.

**Motion carried. (Vote 12-0)**

Ayes: Balles, Berg, Deemie, King, Marusich, Matzo, Mihalko, Motsavage, Papastrat, Rennia, Slota, Webb

Nays: None

**Budget Modification.** Motion to reduce budget line J8130.54204 (Elect—Terminal Pump Station, Line 25) by \$10,000, moving such funds to budget line J8130.55000 (Contingency, Line 64).

Moved by Mihalko, seconded by Berg.

**Motion withdrawn.**

**Budget Modification.** Motion to reduce budget line J8130.54204 (Elect—Terminal Pump Station, Line 25) by \$10,000, moving such funds to budget line J8130.55000 (Contingency, Line 64).

Moved by Mihalko, seconded by Berg.

**Motion carried. (Vote 11-1)**

Ayes: Balles, Berg, Deemie, King, Marusich, Matzo, Mihalko, Motsavage, Papastrat, Rennia, Slota

Nays: Webb

**Telephone Bills.** The Owners reviewed budget line J8130.54210 (Telephone/Fax/Internet, Line 26). The Joint Sewage Board will submit requests for legislation to make additional transfers to cover costs through the end of 2013.



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**Phase III Clerk of the Works.** The Owners review budget line J8130.54418 (Phase III Clerk of the Works, Line 32). This position was not approved by the Civil Service Commission at their meeting on September 6, 2013, as a member wished to obtain an opinion from the New York State Civil Service Commission. The Owners directed the City Clerk to contact the Civil Service Commission, to see if New York State has issued an opinion. Councilman Papastrat asked if the Owners could hire an independent contractor instead of hiring a Clerk of the Works. Item tabled.

**Budget Modification.** Motion to establish budget line J8130.52300 (Computer HW/SW), and to effectuate the following budget modifications:

1. Transfer \$5,000 from budget line J8130.52001 (Office Equipment/Computers, Line 8) to budget line J8130.52300 (Computer HW/SW);
2. Transfer \$41,000 from budget line J8130.54620 (Equipment Repairs & Maintenance, Line 48) to budget line J8130.52300 (Computer HW/SW);
3. Rename budget line J8130.52001 from "Equipment Repairs & Maintenance" to "Office Equipment"; and
4. Transfer \$1,500 from budget line J8130.54620 (Equipment Repairs & Maintenance, Line 48) to budget line J8130.54701 (Travel & Training—Plant, Line 54).

Moved by Deemie, seconded by King.

**Motion carried. (Vote 12-0)**

Ayes: Balles, Berg, Deemie, King, Marusich, Matzo, Mihalko, Motsavage, Papastrat, Rennia, Slota, Webb

Nays: None

**Funding for Lid to Digester Complex Renovation.** The Owners review budget line JH8130.554045 (Digester Complex Maintenance, Line 120). Trustee Marusich requested that the Owners revisit this item at a future Joint Budget Hearing.

**Dump Truck.** The Owners reviewed budget line JH8130 (Replacement Vehicles), and asked if the requested dump truck could be purchased through Broome County. Item tabled.

**Vehicle Census Report.** Trustee Balles requested a vehicle census report from the BJCJSB, outlining mileage and usage.

**Adjournment.** Officials from both municipalities collectively agreed to adjourn at 6:43pm. No objections received.