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

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Plant Administration Building

Members Present: George Kolba, Chairman
Edward Crumb
Chris Papastrat
Stephen Andrew
Ron Lake
Bruce King

Also Present: Elliott Wagner, Superintendent
Billie J. Goodson, Business Manager
Alfred Paniccia, Jr., Esq., Co-Counsel
Chuck Robinson, Asst. Comptroller, City of Binghamton (Exited 4:20PM)
Clark Giblin, Village of Johnson City Trustee (exited 4:20PM)
Ron Warwick, Asst. Superintendent
Howard Reeve, Facility Engineer
Larry Travis, Electrical Engineer
Aviva Friedman, City of Binghamton Council Member
Michele Cuevas, Confidential Secretary
Janet Smith, Transcriptionist

Chairman Kolba called the meeting to order at 3:30PM. Sign in sheet was passed. Confidential Secretary Cuevas made roll call aloud. All six (6) Board members were present. Chairman Kolba confirmed all present 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

No one wished to speak.

Meeting Minutes Approval

**Edward Crumb made a motion that the Board approves the submitted. August 8, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes with the suggested changes as contained in the Board Folders.
Motion seconded by Steve Andrew.
Motion carried. 6/0**

Fiscal Officer's Report

Chuck Robinson briefly overviewed the Treasurer's Report prepared by Chuck Shager and distributed in the Board's folders.

There was a discussion at the table pertaining to the current draft audit. Mr. Robinson invited all Board members to join in the meeting with the auditors. All Board members stated they were available for the Friday, September 22, 2023, meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Wagner overviewed his Superintendent's Report below which included graphs and charts, copies of which were distributed in the Board's folders. The face page of the report is set forth below.

August Superintendent's Report September 12, 2023

August was another Rainy month in Vestal of 4.79 Inches, Total plant flow was 510.51 MG with an average daily flow of 16.47 MGD. CBOD of 7 mg/L, TSS of 6 mg/L, TN of 3.3 mg/L with 2 data points to go, Phos of 0.60 mg/L, Ammonia of 0.122 mg/L.

Working on H-Line resolution. DEC was here last Friday to walk the project work to help them understand the scope and urgency for the work to take place. On Tuesday September 5th the DEC approved the work plan to limit influent to 55 MGD for work on Channels 1 and 2 Only. Operations cleaned and prepped area for Welliver.

There is a hold on the work while it is determined what contractor, and which entity will enter an agreement with a contractor to perform the work based on the Procurement policy. Board Chair called for a special meeting for 9/6/2023.

The special board meeting resulted in the board authorizing the use of Welliver and the ok to use \$250,000 from contingency to a line to be used to pay the contractor. Also authorized the use of the Professional services line to pay GHD for its engineering of the pumping plans required for this work.

We also await a PE stamped pumping plan for step 2 and 4 as required by the DEC.

The DEC will also require a periodic review and status update by an engineer as the work progresses.

They also require the plant superintendent to provide a daily report containing what work has been accomplished, the daily process data and all processes that are in service or by-passed. This is similar to the reporting after the February 18 CN Event.

Working on Micro-Turbine underground water supply piping leak. On 8/29/2023 the leak-down test showed a loss of 15 psi in 15 minutes. For the entire month only able to run 2 Micro-Turbines.

Mechanics opened the PEX flange in the basement wall of the digester building and found what appears to be the cause of the leak. They have repaired and tested the line for pressure. Line is filled and will be put into service over the next few days. Contacted RSP to ensure all micro-turbines are free to run when called for.

The 2024 Budget was presented to City Council and Village Trustees on 9/7/2023; it was accepted. I would like to thank all budget participants for their diligence in putting together the 2024 budget.

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

When speaking on the PEX line issue, Superintendent Wagner displayed a section of the damaged PEX piping as a visual for the members of the audience to see.

Referencing a copy of a preliminary report he just received from Ramboll, Superintendent Wagner wanted to discuss the Ramboll Micro-Turbine contract. Said preliminary report was received late, therefore it was not in the Board folders for review. Superintendent Wagner advised he will email the Board members a copy after the meeting for their perusal and file. There was a brief discussion about a solution and Superintendent Wagner stated he wanted to advise the Board that Ramboll is on task with this issue; that he will keep the Board current as things progress.

Superintendent Wagner is seeking the Board approval for travel and transportation expenses for upcoming Operator III certification classes in Morrisville.

Edward Crumb made a motion that the Board approves a travel and training advance in the amount of \$250.00 to be paid from the Travel and Training budget line for expenses for an Operator II to attend the Operator III class in Morrisville.

Motion seconded by Bruce King.

Motion carried. 6/0

Business Manager's Report

Ms. Goodson wanted the Board discussion at the table for broker services for property and flood insurance and consulting services for health insurance.

There was a discussion at the table and the Board agreed upon pursuing brokers for the 2025 insurance cycle to include the current brokers for consideration.

Construction: George Kolba, Steve Andrew, Ron Lake. Nothing to report.

Finance: Edward Crumb – Mr. Crumb expressed his appreciation for the work by Business Manager Goodson, Superintendent Wagner, and Fiscal Officer Chuck Shager as well as others working with him to complete the draft audit. He also let the Board know comments and questions are welcome.

Flow Management: Mr. Crumb reported that there had been past Board discussion about holding a public meeting at the Administration Building for Owner Officials sometime in early October, but he isn't quite sure if it can happen; he will be working toward that.

Personnel: Steve Andrew – Mr. Andrew is reporting that he met with the Union President a couple of times, and they are working out some of the verbiage for one of the provisions.

Ad Hoc: Bruce King – Nothing to report.

Correspondence: Michele Cuevas – GHD August 2023 IWWPP report.

Old Business: Frito Lay Permit and Discharge Agreement. Chairman Kolba gave the floor to Co-Counsel Paniccia for discussion. Many questions and concerns from the table were posed and discussed. Superintendent Wagner felt it would be extremely beneficial to invite Mr. Wood of Frito Lay for a meeting with the Board and the Owners.

Superintendent Wagner will follow through with GHD for information for preparation of a proposed agreement.

It was decided that a Special Meeting should be scheduled; notices will be sent out to all appropriate parties, including the Owners so that they can invite their Bond Counsel to be present.

The next Old Business discussion pertained to the Ramboll Microturbine Contract and looking to the modification of this contract. Superintendent Wagner and Co-Counsel Paniccia will work together on these modifications.

New Business: Edward Crumb wrote a News Release Draft regarding the success of the grant FEMA/NYS-DHSES financial recovery following 2011 Tropical Storm Lee. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined by the Board that the Owners' Mayors and Legislative Bodies

should receive this draft News Release on the Board's behalf for comment. (Subsequent history: Given post-meeting advice e-mailed by Co-Counsel Paniccia, no action was taken).

Executive Session: None

The next regular Board meeting is October 10, 2023, at 3:30PM.

Adjournment

George Kolba made a motion to adjourn.

Motion seconded by Steve Andrew.

Motion carried. 6/0

Meeting adjourned at 5:10PM.

Janet Smith
Transcriptionist

Michele Cuevas
Confidential Secretary

cc: Board Members
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Mayor Meaney, Village of Johnson City
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