



Binghamton-Johnson City  
**JOINT SEWAGE BOARD**



Ray L. Standish, P.E.  
Edward Crumb

George Kolba, Jr.  
Stephen Andrew  
Ron C. Davis

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

**Thursday, August 23, 2018**  
Johnson City Municipal Bldg.

**Members Present:** George Kolba, Jr., Chairman *Pro Tem*  
Edward Crumb  
Ray Standish  
Steve Andrew  
Ronald Davis

**Also Present:** Cathy Young, Superintendent  
Michele Cuevas, Confidential Secretary (arrived at 4:06 PM)  
Charles Pearsall, Business Manager  
Alfred Paniccia, Jr., Esq., Counsel  
Chuck Robinson, Staff Accountant, City of Binghamton  
Laura Lee Perkins, Transcriptionist

**Guests:** Donald Slota  
Dan Norton, Spectrum News

George Kolba called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM. Five (5) Board Members were present. Attendance sheet was passed for signatures. Fire exits were identified.

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to adopt the 2019 proposed budget in the form presented in the Board folder, pages 1 through 17; not including cover page. (Mr. Crumb stated that he was making the motion for purposes of discussing and making some amendments). Ronald Davis seconded the motion

Catherine P. Young, Superintendent  
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Mr. Crumb proposed an amendment on page 6 of the budget, line J8130.54500 (Rent or Lease); instead of \$-0- funding, given that Owners have asked us to procure rental space for parts, proposes increasing that line to \$7,500.00 and would debit Contingency line (page 8, J8130.55000) by same amount.

Steve Andrew seconded the amendment

Amendment carried 5/0/1 (vacant)

Mr. Kolba inquired as to whether Mr. Crumb believed that would be sufficient funding for the rental space.

Ms. Young stated that she had asked for square footage for the storage facility; Contract 5 estimated 200 square feet; does not have Contract 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10 estimates yet. She imagines the need will double the 200 square feet estimate.

Mr. Crumb noted that the Personal Services numbers are close but may be \$373 too high between Personal Services and salary adjustment/pool from what was discussed.

Mr. Andrew inquired as to whether there was enough money in that line.

Mr. Crumb also noted that Social Security was about \$626 too high based on personal services, overtime, salary adjustments. Do not know what next year's retirement contribution rates are going to be yet; the existing number is pretty tight on the existing rates – not much margin of safety. The New York State Comptroller typically announces future year contribution rates around Labor Day.

Mr. Andrew asked Mr. Crumb if he was comfortable with the numbers. Mr. Crumb's response was "it is not ideal, but it is close enough for government work" given the Contingency funding.

Mr. Crumb mentioned that on Page 1, Governmental Entity Fees to reduce by \$54,674.00 and then increase IWPP Surcharge Fines by \$54,674.00, bringing the IWPP up to \$1,082,198.00 and reduce the Governmental Entity Fees to \$21,228,459.00.

Mr. Andrew asked what those numbers do to the IWPP permittees? The answer was nothing.

Mr. Pearsall stated that he went back to 2015, through 2016 and 2017 and year-to-date and based upon actual billing from the revenue sheet, (primary user is Frito Lay), based on anticipating what we are going to actually charge them, came up with a closer number to be used in the budget model. Frito Lay pays surcharges based on loadings measured, testing, and it does not affect what they are actually charged.

Mr. Andrew inquired as to the new accounting practices and bonds.

Mr. Pearsall reported that the net Capital went from \$1,502,000.00 to \$2,373,000.00.

Mr. Andrew asked if that affected Frito Lay's rate and Mr. Pearsall stated it did not.

Mr. Crumb wanted to note that he had coordinated via the Mayors and the Mayors replied to make sure that these lines added up to the right number for the whole budget. The Owners are open to supporting changes in the IMA in terms of how industrial wastewater surcharges are calculated. Since the 2011 flood, we have not included flood capital in the surcharge calculation; we have not included principal on debt in the surcharge calculation, but the IMA wording does not state we can do that without being in violation. Mr. Crumb believes that issue should be fixed. We should also make sure it is structured to make sure that any expenses that are relative to bonding for flood protection or recovery-type projects (for example, building a flood wall or flood protection mitigation), not only will the principal not be in there, but the interest and carrying costs on the principal should not be part of the calculation either. We would need to request that the Owners amend the IMA to do that.

Mr. Crumb also suggested reducing the Contingency budget line, which now is at \$320,000.00, by \$50,000.00 to \$270,000.00 because we have full funding for electricity and chemicals; it appears it is very unlikely will need to dip into Contingency for those types of expenses.

Mr. Andrew stated that if the Owners leave the electricity and chemical lines alone, he would suggest the reduction to Contingency at that point.

Ms. Young mentioned that at the construction meeting yesterday (8/22) there were discussions from the Construction Management Team that there may be additional costs that the Board will be asked to fund a \$250,000.00 figure was used for mixing equipment and the digester. She does not know if and/or when it will happen. There may be additional smaller projects that need to be covered by the Board that were not covered by the Owners' contracts with the Contractors.

Mr. Crumb suggested leaving the money in the Contingency budget for now.

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to amend Revenue line J.42390 (Governmental Entity Fees) to reduce by \$54,674.00 to \$21,280,459.00 and increase J.42391 (IWPP Permits, Surcharges and Fines) by \$54,674.00 to equal \$1,082,598.00.  
Steve Andrew seconded the motion  
Amendment-carried 5/0/1 (vacant)

Motion carried as amended 4/1 (RS)/1 (vacant)

Steve Andrew made a motion for the Board to adjourn.  
Ray Standish seconded the motion  
Motion carried 5/0/1 (vacant)

Meeting adjourned 4:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Lee Perkins

Transcriptionist

cc: Board Members  
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Mayor Greg Deemie, Village of Johnson City  
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