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

Thursday, December 26, 2024

Plant Administration Building

Members Present: George Kolba
Edward Crumb
Chris Papastrat
Bruce King
Stephen Andrew

Member Absent: Ron Lake

Also Present: Elliott Wagner, Superintendent (audio-video)
Billie Goodson, Business Manager (audio-video)
Michele Cuevas, Confidential Secretary
Larry Travis, E.E., Electrical Engineer
Jim Stoddard, HF&C (audio-video) (exited 2:20pm)

Chairman Kolba called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Sign in sheet was passed.

Five (5) Board members were present. Chairman Kolba 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.

2025-2026 Insurance Proposal

Edward Crumb made a motion for the Board to accept the proposal from Haylor Freyer & Coon effective 01/01/2025 for coverage from Travelers in the amount of \$411,688.00, to be paid from budget line ES8130.54300.

The motion was seconded by Bruce King.

In discussion Board Member Crumb mentioned that the Building and Business Personal Property values in the HF&C proposal mirrors the Industrial Appraisal Report. In the current Travelers policy besides the Owners are two additional insureds from the Owners' capital project upgrade work: they are County of Broome and LP HC Hanson, Inc. These two are no longer needed as additional insureds.

2025-2026 Insurance Proposal-cont.

Board Member Crumb also noted that the liability insurance does not cover the Board's exposures under the SPDES Permit in relation to the Owners' sewer collection systems and Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) discharge structures. The Board does not have an insurable interest in the Owners' sewer collection and CSO infrastructure, and we have no authority for the operation or maintenance of the same. A suggestion from our insurance broker is that we ask the Owners for a hold harmless/cross indemnification provision either added to the inter-municipal agreement or in a separate agreement.

Bruce King made a motion to amend the motion to discontinue the two additional insureds County of Broome and LP HC Hanson, Inc. and accept the HF&C insurance proposal for coverage from Travelers effective 01/01/2025-01/01/2026 in the amount of \$411,688.00, to be paid from budget line ES8130.54300.

Motion to amend seconded by Stephen Andrew.

Motion to amend carried 5/0/1(RL).

Motion carried as amended 5/0/1(RL).

2024 Budget Amendment - Chemicals

As a preliminary matter, Chairman Kolba noted that he called Attorney Paniccia to ask about the addition of this item to the Special Meeting Agenda. Attorney Paniccia advised that adding an item to the agenda is the Board's prerogative.

Steve Andrew made a motion that the Board approves adding a matter to the agenda for an amendment to the 2024 Budget regarding funding for Chemicals.

Seconded by Edward Crumb.

Motion carried 5/0/1(RL).

Ms. Goodson reviewed her request for legislation to amend the 2024 budget by increasing the Chemical line ES8130.54150 by \$85,000.00 and decreasing line ES8130.54202 (Electricity) by \$85,000.00.

In discussion, it was noted by Superintendent Wagner and Business Manger Goodson the reason for this budget modification was due to the wet weather flow and the extended warm weather the area is experiencing.

Edward Crumb made a motion that the Board approves an amendment to the 2024 Budget to increase the ES8130.54150 (Chemicals) budget line by \$85,000.00 and decrease the ES8130.54202 (Electricity) budget line by \$85,000.00 and that the corresponding Requests for Legislation be submitted to the Owners' Legislative Bodies.

Seconded by Steve Andrew.

Motion carried 5/0/1(RL).

Adjournment:

**Steve Andrew made a motion to adjourn.
The motion was seconded by Bruce King.
Motion carried 5/0/1(RL).**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38pm.

Michele Cuevas
Confidential Secretary

cc: Board Members
Mayor Kraham, City of Binghamton
Mayor Meaney, Village of Johnson City
City Clerk, City of Binghamton
Village Clerk/Treasurer, Village of Johnson City
Alfred Paniccia, Esq.
Chuck Robinson, Fiscal Officer
Elliott Wagner, 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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