

**GLOVERSVILLE-JOHNSTOWN JOINT SEWER BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
November 8, 2023**

The Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Sewer Board (GJJSB) held a meeting in the Boardroom of the Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility on Wednesday, November 8, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Christopher Vose	Vice Chair
Wrandy Siarkowski	Secretary
Donald Schwartz	Member
Eric Parker	Member
Wallace Arnold	Manager-Wastewater Programs
Mark Levendusky	Laboratory Director
Ian Colvin Marincic	WWTP Engineer Technician
Hilary Ruzicky	Administrative Aide

ABSENT

Bobbi Trudel	Chair
John Rizzo	Member

October 11, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

The Board approved the October 11, 2023 regular meeting minutes on a motion made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Siarkowski, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed.

October 24, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

The Board approved the October 24, 2023 special meeting minutes on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Parker, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Discussed the following correspondence: No. 16, 17, and 21.

PLANT OPERTIONS

Odor Complaint

Plant Manager Arnold reported a resident from Route 67 in Johnstown filed an odor complaint by email on October 28, 2023. Manager Arnold notified the resident that odors may be traveling offsite due to a failed pump. Manager Arnold reported the complaint to NYS DEC. The complaint was posted to the Odor Complaint Log on the GJJWTF website.

NYSERDA Incentive Payment

Plant Manager Arnold reported he filed an incentive payment request for the 6th year performance of Cogeneration Engine No. 3, under the Anaerobic Digester Gas-to-Electricity Program (PON 2828). Payment of \$83,771.35 was received for the measurement and verification period of July 3, 2021 to July 3, 2022. The 7th year performance payment is pending.

INDUSTRIAL COMPLIANCE

Permit Modification – FAGE USA Dairy

Laboratory Director Levendusky reported that FAGE USA Dairy submitted a request for revised allocation for annual average workday loadings in 2023 as follows:

- Decrease Flow from 918,133 gals/day to 566,490 gals/day,
- Decrease TSS from 4,031 lbs/day to 3,202 lbs/day,

- Decrease BOD from 13,385 lbs/day to 10,113 lbs/day,
- Decrease TKN from 751 lbs/day to 451 lbs/day.

On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board granted changes to FAGE USA Dairy Permit No. 233 for revised allocations for annual average workday loadings.

Sewer Bill Protest: 2 N Main Street, Gloversville

Plant Manager Arnold reviewed a request for sewer bill adjustment for excess water usage for property located at 2 N. Main Street in Gloversville. Manager Arnold conducted an inspection of the premises. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board denied a credit since the excess water entered the sewer system and had to be treated.

Sewer Bill Protest: 10 East Blvd, Gloversville

Plant Manager Arnold reviewed a request for sewer bill adjustment for excess water usage for property located at 10 East Blvd. in Gloversville. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board denied a credit since the period usage is within the normal range for this address.

BUGET/PURCHASE/AUDIT

2024 Health Insurance Options

Plant Manager Arnold reviewed employee healthcare plans and projected premiums for 2024. On a motion made Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Parker, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board approved healthcare options as presented. Manager Arnold noted healthcare brokers Brown & Brown will meet with employees to discuss open enrollment on November 16, 2023.

Dental Insurance

Plant Manager Arnold reviewed employee dental plans and projected premiums for 2024. On a motion made Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Parker, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board approved remaining with the current dental plan.

2024 General Fund/Capital Budget

Plant Manager Arnold distributed copies and reviewed the proposed 2024 General Fund Budget and projected three-year Capital Plan. On a motion made Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board approved the 2024 O&M General Fund Budget as presented.

Resolution No. 2023-16

On a motion made Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-16. *Adoption of 2024 O&M General Fund Budget Totaling \$5,623,265.00.*

ATTACHMENTS

Wastewater Programs Report, Annual Trends/Comparison Report, and 2023 O&M Expenditure Reports were reviewed per Attachments No. 2, 3, & 4.

O&M purchase orders and disbursement sheets totaling \$233,478.90 were approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed.

Capital disbursement sheets totaling \$150,000.00 were approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed, all Board members in attendance went into executive session at 8:20 P.M. to discuss NY Public Officers Law §105:1 – (f) the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board came out of executive session at 8:37 P.M.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M. on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried four (4) in favor, two (2), and none (0) opposed.

The next regular meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Wrandy L. Siarkowski, Secretary
Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Sewer Board