

**GLOVERSVILLE-JOHNSTOWN JOINT SEWER BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 11, 2023**

The Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Sewer Board (GJJSB) held a meeting in the Boardroom of the Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**September 13, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

The Board approved the September 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes on a motion made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed.

**September 20, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

The Board approved the September 20, 2023 special meeting minutes on a motion made by Mr. Vose, seconded by Mr. Rizzo, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed.

**September 27, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

The Board approved the September 27, 2023 special meeting minutes on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was noted.

**PLANT OPERATIONS**

**National Grid Scheduled Power Outage**

Manager Arnold reported that National Grid conducted a scheduled power outage from September 18-21, 2023 for their annual line inspection. During the outage, the plant ran on generators in island mode.

**Power Outages:**

**OCTOBER 5, 2023**

Plant Manager Arnold reported a power outage occurred on October 5, 2023 when the Direct Transfer Trip (DTT) line went into fault mode. The DTT line allows for electrical power generated by the facility to be sold to National Grid through a dedicated line provided by Frontier Communications. A repair ticket is pending with Frontier Communications.

**OCTOBER 6, 2023**

Plant Manager Arnold reported a power outage occurred on the south side of the plant on October 6, 2023 after the High Yard lost phase. A connector overheated causing detachment of the wire on Phase B of the main substation. High Voltage Electric Service Inc. responded immediately to an emergency service call to reconnect the third phase wire. Electrical service was restored by approximately 3:00 P.M.

During the power outage, the UV disinfection system went offline. On October 6, 2023, Manager Arnold filed a NY-Alert incident report for wastewater partially treated without disinfection. On October 9, 2023, Manager Arnold filed a 5-day Report of Noncompliance Event with the NYS DEC Regional Water Engineer.

Manager Arnold noted the power outage caused a loss of PLC programming for the Groman-Rupp pumps of the CAST system. A service call is pending with Motion Ai.

**Noncompliance Event: Total Effluent Copper**

Plant Manager Arnold reported the SPDES permit copper limit of 17 ug/ml was exceeded on September 7, 2023. The monthly metal composite sample for copper was 20 ug/ml. On October 11, 2023, Manager Arnold filed a Report of Noncompliance Event with the NYS DEC Regional Water Engineer.

**Authorize Bidding: Sodium Hypochlorite**

Plant Manager Arnold requested Board approval to seek bids for the supply and delivery of sodium hypochlorite. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Board authorized to advertise bids for a one (1) year contract for the supply and delivery of sodium hypochlorite.

**Request to Use Facility: United Rentals Inc.**

Plant Manager Arnold requested Board approval to allow United Rentals (dba Reliable Onsite Services) to utilize the facility to dispose of portable toilet waste while servicing a large local project. Disposal needs will be approximately 1,100 gallons per week, maxing out around 2,000 gallons per day in mid-November. The disposal period will last around two (2) months. On a motion made by Mr. Vose, seconded by Mr. Parker, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Board authorized United Rentals (dba Reliable Onsite Services) to utilize the facility to dispose of portable toilet waste while servicing a large local project.

PERSONNEL

**Accept Resignation: WWTP Operator Trainee**

Chair Trudel requested Board approval to accept the resignation of WWTP Operator Trainee James Vollero. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Board approved a motion to accept the resignation of WWTP Operator Trainee James Vollero, after seven (7) months of service, effective immediately.

**Accept Resignation: WWTP Operator**

Chair Trudel requested Board approval to accept the resignation of WWTP Operator Michael VanAlstyne. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Board accepted the resignation of WWTP Operator Michael VanAlstyne, after twelve (12) years of service, effective October 11, 2023.

**New Hires: WWTP Operator Trainees**

Plant Manager Arnold reported he interviewed candidates for two (2) vacant WWTP Operator Trainee positions. Manager Arnold recommended applicants John Samples and Owen Chizek. Both applicants meet the minimum qualifications required by Civil Service.

On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Board approved provisional appointment of John Samples as a WWTP Operator Trainee, with a tentative start date. (October 23, 2023)

On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Parker, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Board approved provisional appointment of Owen Chizek as a WWTP Operator Trainee, with a tentative start date. (October 18, 2023)

**New Hire: WWTP Attendant**

Plant Manager Arnold reported he interviewed candidates for a vacant WWTP Attendant position and recommended applicant Kenneth Gifford. Mr. Gifford meets the minimum qualifications required by Civil Service. On a motion made by Mr. Vose, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Board approved provisional appointment of Kenneth Gifford as a WWTP Attendant, with a tentative start date. (October 30, 2023)

ATTACHMENTS

**Resolution No. 2023-14**

On a motion made by Mr. Vose, seconded by Mr. Parker, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-14. *Transfers within the General Fund.*

**Resolution No. 2023-15**

On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-15. *Transfer from the Cogen Maintenance Reserve Account to the General Fund.*

Wastewater Programs Report, Annual Trends/Comparison Report, and 2023 O&M Expenditure Reports were reviewed per Attachments No. 3, 4, & 5.

O&M purchase orders and disbursement sheets totaling \$371,741.95 were approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was held on the progress of finding services to provide air quality testing and mechanical air handling for the Administration Building.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M. on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed.

The next regular meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

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