

**GLOVERSVILLE-JOHNSTOWN JOINT SEWER BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
June 12, 2019**

The Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Sewer Board held a meeting in the Boardroom of the Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility (GJJWTF) on Wednesday, June 12, 2019.

Chairman Siarkowski called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

PRESENT

Wrandy Siarkowski	Chairman
Bobbi Trudel	Secretary
Dale Trumbull	Member
Helen Martin	Member
Wallace Arnold	Manager-Wastewater Programs
Donna Renda	Fiscal Officer
Hilary Ruzycky	Administrative Aide
Silvia Marpicati	Arcadis of New York
Robert Ostapczuk	Arcadis of New York

ABSENT

John Rizzo	Vice Chairman
Christopher Vose	Member

ARCADIS PRESENTATION – SLUDGE DRYER FEASIBILITY STUDY

Arcadis staff gave a presentation on sludge drying alternatives to reduce the volume of biosolids discharged by the facility. Currently, sand is blended with dewatered sludge to achieve a minimum 20% total solids requirement for disposing sludge at the Fulton County landfill. Arcadis recommends either a belt or a paddle sludge dryer that utilizes flared digester gas, plus exhaust heat and electricity generated by the facility's Cogen engines. Arcadis proposes to provide a Feasibility Study at a cost not-to-exceed \$35,900, to evaluate the economics of purchasing a sludge dryer. Up to 50% of the study cost may be eligible for reimbursement under the New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA) Flexible Technical Assistance Program. Arcadis proposes to seek potential NYSEDA funding on behalf of GJJWTF.

On a motion made by Ms. Martin, seconded by Ms. Trudel, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board authorized for Arcadis to provide a Sludge Dryer Feasibility Study, not to exceed the cost of \$35,900, and to seek NYSEDA funding on behalf of GJJWTF.

MAY 8, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

The Board approved the May 8, 2019 meeting minutes on a motion made by Ms. Trudel, seconded by Mr. Trumbull, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was discussed: No. 3, 25, 26, & 30.

NYSDEC ORDER ON CONSENT

An Order on Consent was received from NYSDEC for violations of Article 17 of the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York, Title 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York, and SPDES Permit No. NY-0026042. Per the Order, a total payable civil penalty in the amount of \$12,600.00, shall be paid as follows:

- \$6,300.00 within one (1) year of the effective date of the Order on Consent,
- \$6,300.00 within two (2) years of the effective date of the Order on Consent.

NYSDEC ORDER ON CONSENT cont.

On a motion made by Ms. Trudel, seconded by Mr. Trumbull, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board authorized the Chairman to execute the Order on Consent, and to seek additional signatures from the City of Gloversville and the City of Johnstown.

PLANT OPERATIONS

UV Disinfection Project Update

Plant Manager Arnold reported that Spring Electric delivered AC units for the UV Disinfection Building. GJJWTF staff installed the AC units. BCI Construction was on-site to provide grout work. Delaware Engineering is scheduled on June 13, 2019 for a site inspection to take note of final punch list items, including the installation of grates and safety railings. Grant proceeds in the amount of \$960,106.60 were received from NYS for the Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) grant. Proceeds were forwarded to the City of Gloversville to apply toward bonded debt on the UV Disinfection Project.

Ventilating/AC Improvements in Administration Building

Plant Manager Arnold reported that no bids were received at the June 3, 2019 bid opening for Ventilating and Air Conditioning Improvements in the Administration Building.

Adirondack Septic staff flushed and descaled sewer lines of the Administration Building. A video of the sewer lines revealed a 15-foot section of rotted line from the garage to the Men's Locker Room. GJJWTF staff cut through the floor near the front offices to replace the broken line with PVC pipe and to install a cleanout valve. Maintenance staff sealed air gaps around AC condenser lines, light fixtures, and electrical boxes.

Family Danz Heating and Cooling staff inspected the Trane rooftop air-handling unit and recommended the unit be replaced. The out-of-date AC equipment requires an R-22 freon canister which is no longer available for purchase. It is recommended to seal around roof drains and contract for a full roof inspection.

Hydrogen Sulfide Scrubber Media

Plant Manager Arnold reported that no bids were received at the June 5, 2019 bid opening for a 2-year contract for the supply and delivery of media designed to remove hydrogen sulfide gas from biogas. One late response was received from Axens North America. The Board directed Plant Manager Arnold to rebid for a 2-year contract for the supply and delivery of hydrogen sulfide scrubber media.

INDUSTRIAL COMPLIANCE

Sewer Bill Protest – 10 Lenox Street, Gloversville

Fiscal Officer Renda reviewed a request for sewer bill adjustment for excess water usage for property located at 10 Lenox Street in Gloversville. Plant Manager Arnold conducted an inspection of the premises. On a motion made by Ms. Martin, seconded by Mr. Trumbull, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board approved a credit of \$198.34 since the water did not enter the sewer system to be treated.

Sewer Bill Protest – 8 Beech Street, Gloversville

Fiscal Officer Renda reviewed a request for sewer bill adjustment for excess water usage for property located at 8 Beech Street in Gloversville. Plant Manager Arnold conducted an inspection of the premises. On a motion made by Ms. Trudel, seconded by Ms. Martin, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board denied the request for credit since the water entered the sewer system and had to be treated.

Sewer Bill Protest – 262 E. Fulton Street, Gloversville

Fiscal Officer Renda reviewed a request for sewer bill adjustment for excess water usage for property located at 262 E. Fulton Street in Gloversville. Plant Manager Arnold conducted an inspection of the premises. On a motion made by Ms. Trudel, seconded by Mr. Trumbull, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board approved a credit of \$130.79 since the water did not enter the sewer system to be treated.

INDUSTRIAL COMPLIANCE cont.

Sewer Bill Protest – 7 Clyde Street, Gloversville

Fiscal Officer Renda reviewed a request for sewer bill adjustment for excess water usage for property located at 7 Clyde Street in Gloversville. Plant Manager Arnold conducted an inspection of the premises. On a motion made by Ms. Martin, seconded by Ms. Trudel, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board approved a partial credit of \$741.15 since there is no evidence of where the water escaped the premises or proof the water did not have to be treated.

PERSONNEL

Plant Manager Arnold reported that three (3) employees passed a civil service exam for WWTP Operator Trainee. Employee Adam Mihalik will move from a provisional WWTP Operator Trainee position to a permanent WWTP Operator Trainee. Plant Manager Arnold conducted interviews with two (2) remaining candidates for a vacant WWTP Operator Trainee position. On a motion made by Ms. Trudel, seconded by Ms. Martin, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board granted permission to promote WWTP Attendant Erich Goodemote to a WWTP Operator Trainee, effective June 15, 2019.

ATTACHMENTS

Wastewater Programs Report, Annual Trends/Comparison Report and 2019 O&M Expenditure Reports were reviewed per Attachments No. 1, 2, & 3.

O&M purchase orders and disbursement sheets totaling \$203,355.38 were approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Trumbull, seconded by Ms. Trudel, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Plant Manager Arnold reported that Blue Heron Construction under contract with HDR, has completed cleanup of the UV validation test site used by HDR over the past fifteen (15) years. A Godwin pump was donated to the facility by HDR. Plant Manager Arnold will provide HDR with an exit letter.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Siarkowski noted that a committee will be set up to begin employee contract negotiations.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M. on a motion made by Ms. Martin, seconded by Ms. Trudel, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed.

The next regular meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Trudel, GJJSB Secretary