

**GLOVERSVILLE-JOHNSTOWN JOINT SEWER BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
April 29, 2020**

The adjourned April 8, 2020 meeting of the Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Sewer Board was reconvened on April 29, 2020 with Chairman Rizzo presiding. The meeting was held via teleconference due to circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting was called to order at 6:20 P.M.

ROLL CALL

John Rizzo	Chairman
Bobbi Trudel	Vice Chairperson
Craig Talarico	Member
Wrandy Siarkowski	Member
Wallace Arnold	Manager-Wastewater Programs
Donna Renda	Fiscal Officer

ABSENT

Christopher Vose	Secretary
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SUSPENDING ARTICLE 7 OF PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW

Chairman Rizzo read aloud the following statement:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting and public hearing shall be closed to the public in accordance with Executive Order 202.1 issued by Governor Cuomo suspending Article 7 of Public Officers Law. This meeting shall be recorded and later transcribed.

PUBLIC HEARING – SEWER RATES

Chairman Rizzo opened a public hearing at 6:23 P.M. on the proposed 2020-2021 sewer rates. The proposed rate schedule was provided beforehand to Board members via email. The rate schedule includes an approximate 2% increase based on usage. Public comments were accepted through written correspondence or email until 1 PM of April 29, 2020. No public comments were received.

PLANT OPERATIONS

HVAC Improvement Project

Fiscal Officer Renda reported that Stants Combustion has requested partial payment towards the HVAC Improvement Project as equipment has arrived on-site. Cleaning of the ductwork is complete, with boiler work to begin soon. Chairman Rizzo requested that Manager Arnold verify that all the equipment received pertains to the HVAC project. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Talarico, carried four (4) in favor, one (1) absent, one (1) vacant, and none (0) opposed, the Board authorized partial payment to Stants Combustion for equipment procurement as substantiated for the HVAC Improvement Project, payable at the May 13, 2020 Joint Sewer Board meeting.

INDUSTRIAL COMPLIANCE

Contaminated Groundwater Discharge – Family Counseling Center, Gloversville

Manager Arnold reported that CT Male requested permission to discharge contaminated groundwater to the sewer system via manhole from a construction site located at the Family Counseling Center in Gloversville. Samples taken from a 20,000-gallon frac tank showed non detect for metals. The plant's monitoring crew will witness discharge of the ground water to the manhole. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Ms. Trudel, carried four (4) in favor, one (1) absent, one (1) vacant, and none (0) opposed, the Board gave approval for CT Male to discharge contaminated groundwater to the sewer system via manhole from a construction site located at the Family Counseling Center in Gloversville, at a remediation rate of \$.006/gallon and monitoring fee of \$180.00.

BUDGET/PURCHASE/AUDIT

Adopt 2020-2021 Sewer Rates

On a motion made by Ms. Trudel, seconded by Mr. Talarico, carried four (4) in favor, one (1) absent, one (1) vacant, and none (0) opposed, the Board adopted the 2020-2021 sewer rates, effective May 1, 2020 as follows:

USER CHARGE RATE FOR MCI'S:

CAPITAL

FLOW: \$ 0.10 PER 1000 GALS.
TSS: \$ 74.61 PER 1000 LBS.
BOD: \$ 54.26 PER 1000 LBS.
TKN: \$ 133.38 PER 1000 LBS.

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

FLOW: \$ 0.44 PER 1000 GALS.
TSS: \$ 339.73 PER 1000 LBS.
BOD: \$ 211.57 PER 1000 LBS.
TKN: \$ 901.33 PER 1000 LBS.

I/I Fee: \$28.70 PER CONNECTION

Monitoring Fee: \$550 FOR CLASS A INDUSTRIES
\$450 FOR CLASS B INDUSTRIES

USER CHARGE RATE FOR NON-MCI'S:
(Residential, Commercial & Minor Industrial)

\$2.58 PER THOUSAND GALLONS
or \$1.93 PER HUNDRED CUBIC FEET

I/I Fee \$28.70 PER CONNECTION

WASTE RATE:

MUNICIPAL SLUDGE \$ 0.045 PER GALLON
LEACHATE \$ 0.011 PER GALLON
INDUSTRIAL SEPTAGE \$ 0.10 PER GALLON
SEPTIC HAULERS \$ 0.085 PER GALLON < 300,000 GALLONS PER YEAR
\$ 0.07 PER GALLON > 300,000 GALLONS PER YEAR
REMEDATION WASTEWATER \$ 0.006 PER GALLON
YOGURT WHEY \$ 0.015 PER GALLON
CHEESE WHEY \$ 0.025 PER GALLON

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Johnstown Debt Refinance

Fiscal Officer Renda reported that the City of Johnstown is refinancing debt from the 2010 Digester Project, resulting in savings of \$30,000 over the next nine (9) years. Fiscal Officer Renda requested Board approval for the execution of a User Certificate required by the bonding company. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Ms. Trudel, carried four (4) in favor, one (1) absent, one (1) vacant, and none (0) opposed, the Board authorized Manager Arnold to execute a User Certificate for submittal to the City of Johnstown and their Bond Counsel, Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP for refunding of debt on the 2010 Digester Project.

OLD BUSINESS

FEMA Masks

Chairman Rizzo inquired on the welfare of staff during the pandemic. It was noted that all employees remain healthy at this time. FEMA is offering cloth masks for wastewater facilities free of charge. An order was secured and will be picked up at a Utica location next week.

Leaking Whey Tank No. 1

Manager Arnold reported that the leaking acid tank (Whey Tank No. 1) was cleaned of all loose liner debris and inspected by American Structures, Inc. (ASI). No issues were found with the stainless-steel panels. Replacement of the rhino liner is not recommended. ASI will continue to honor the ten (10) year warranty. The tank will be refilled with effluent water and monitored for further leakage.

UV Disinfection Project Site

Board member Trudel inquired if handrails were installed at the UV disinfection site. Manager Arnold noted that temporary railings are installed and the panels are blocked by chains. UV disinfection system was started on April 27, 2020.

ADJOURN MEETING

There being no further business, the public hearing and meeting were adjourned at 6:42 P.M. on a motion made by Ms. Trudel, seconded by Mr. Siarkowski, carried four (4) in favor, one (1) absent, one (1) vacant, and none (0) opposed.

The next regular meeting will be held via teleconference on **Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

John Rizzo, GJJSB Chairman