

**GLOVERSVILLE-JOHNSTOWN JOINT SEWER BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 2020**

The Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Sewer Board (GJJSB) held a meeting in the Boardroom of the Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility on Wednesday, July 8, 2020. The meeting was open to the public via teleconference due to circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rizzo at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

John Rizzo	Chairman
Chris Vose	Secretary
Chris Perry	Member
Wrandy Siarkowski	Member
Wallace Arnold	Manager-Wastewater Programs
Donna Renda	Fiscal Officer
Mark Levendusky	Laboratory Director
Hilary Ruzicky	Administrative Aide

ABSENT

Bobbi Trudel	Vice Chairperson
Craig Talarico	Member

Chairman Rizzo read aloud the following statement: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this meeting is open to the public through teleconference connection information previously posted. This meeting shall be recorded and later transcribed.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was held in memory of former Board member Richard Handy who served on the Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Sewer Board for eighteen (18) years.

JUNE 10, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

The Board approved the June 10, 2020 meeting minutes on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Perry, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was discussed: No. 10, 13, & 26.

PLANT OPERTIONS

Odor Complaints

Plant Manager Arnold reported four (4) odor complaints were received for the dates July 1-2, 2020 from Johnstown residents living on Breckenridge Drive. During this time, a caustic pump failed on the air scrubber near the gravity belt thickeners. Operators cleaned the pump, replenished the caustic, and placed pump back online. One (1) odor complaint was also received for July 8, 2020 from a Johnstown resident living on Cutter Drive. Extreme humidity and storm winds may have caused a temporary odor shift from the plant primary tanks. Manager Arnold notified NYS DEC of all five (5) odor complaints and responded to each resident by email.

New Phone System

Plant Manager Arnold noted the new phone system installed by First Light is fully operational. Training was provided to office staff on functions of the new system.

PLANT OPERATIONS

Sludge Drying Tour

Plant Manager Arnold reported he and Lead Operator Yaggle met with personnel from Biowaste Pyrolysis Solutions on June 19, 2020 at the City of Schenectady Sewage Treatment Plant to view a pyrolysis sludge drying project. The project is 80% complete and equipment is not yet operational. Project completion is expected around September 2020. Manager Arnold will revisit the site when the system becomes operational.

INDUSTRIAL COMPLIANCE

West Meadow Creamery

Lab Director Levendusky reported operations have started at Palatine Dairy's new business – West Meadow Creamery, located in the former Spray Nine building at Route 30A in Johnstown. A sampler was set up to monitor discharge of washwater to the sanitary sewer system. Sample results were slightly higher than residential strength. A monitoring station and Industrial User Permit will be required for billing purposes. Lab Director Levendusky will draft a permit for approval at the August meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution No. 2020-10

On a motion made by Mr. Vose, seconded by Mr. Perry, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board approved Resolution No. 2020-10. *Transfers within the General Fund Budget.*

Resolution No. 2020-11

On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board approved Resolution No. 2020-11. *Transfer from Cogeneration Maintenance Reserve Fund & Capital and Equipment Reserve Fund to General Fund.*

Resolution No. 2020-12

On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Perry, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board approved Resolution No. 2020-12. *Transfer from the Capital and Equipment Reserve Fund to the General Fund Budget.*

Wastewater Programs Report, Annual Trends/Comparison Report, and 2020 O&M Expenditure Reports were reviewed per Attachments No. 4, 5, & 6.

O&M purchase orders and disbursement sheets totaling \$422,483.31 were approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Initial Confined Space Training

Plant Manager Arnold reported Precision Industrial Maintenance will provide Initial Confined Space training at the facility on July 13, 2020 from 7:00 A.M. to 3 P.M. City of Johnstown and Department of Solid Waste employees will also attend the training.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 P.M. on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Perry, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed.

The next regular meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Vose, GJJSB Secretary