

**GLOVERSVILLE-JOHNSTOWN JOINT SEWER BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2020**

The Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Sewer Board (GJJSB) held a meeting in the Boardroom of the Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility on Thursday, November 12, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rizzo at 7:00 P.M. and open to the public via teleconference.

PRESENT

John Rizzo	Chairman
Bobbi Trudel	Vice Chairperson
Chris Perry	Member
Craig Talarico	Member
Wrandy Siarkowski	Member
Wallace Arnold	Manager-Wastewater Programs
Donna Renda	Fiscal Officer
Mark Levendusky	Laboratory Director
Hilary Ruzycky	Administrative Aide

ABSENT

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

OCTOBER 14, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

The Board approved the October 14, 2020 meeting minutes on a motion made by Ms. Trudel, seconded by Mr. Siarkowski, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was noted.

PLANT OPERATIONS

Potassium Permanganate Chemical Feed System

Plant Manager Arnold reported the helical spring coil auger is working well to dispense potassium permanganate from the chemical feed system into the CAST system. The last odor complaint occurred September 5, 2020. On October 28, 2020 a service tech from Carus Corp. inspected the chemical feed system and found the following issues: short circuiting of flow, mixing shaft too short, and need for a quick connect at the float level indicator. Manager Arnold is working to complete a report due November 30, 2020 to NYSDEC detailing the effectiveness of the potassium permanganate injection system pilot project.

Administration Building HVAC Project Update

Plant Manager Arnold reported the Administration Building HVAC upgrade is complete. Stant's Combustion returned to perform a final tuning of the boiler at its highest operating temperature. Plant Maintenance Department installed brackets on air intakes to reinforce charcoal filters to absorb outside odors. Plant Operators will clean the surface scum buildup in the CAST Settling Tank to mitigate outside odors.

BUDGET/PURCHASE/AUDIT

2021 General Fund/Capital Budget

The Budget Committee met on November 5, 2020 to discuss the 2021 O&M General Fund Budget. Manager Arnold and Fiscal Officer Renda gave a presentation detailing the proposed budget for 2021 and a projected three-year capital plan.

Resolution No. 2020-15

On a motion made Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Ms. Trudel, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board approved Resolution No. 2020-15. *Approval and Adoption of 2021 O&M General Fund Budget Totaling \$4,890,945.00.*

INDUSTRIAL COMPLIANCE

Permit Modification – FAGE USA Dairy

Laboratory Director Levendusky reported that a revised allocation request was received from FAGE USA Dairy for annual average workday loadings in 2020 as follows:

- Decrease Flow from 918,133 gals/day to 668,402 gals/day,
- Decrease TSS from 4,031 lbs/day to 3,329 lbs/day,
- Decrease BOD from 13,385 lbs/day to 10,049 lbs/day,
- Decrease TKN from 751 lbs/day to 413 lbs/day.

On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Talarico, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board granted changes to FAGE USA Dairy Permit No. 233 for revised allocations for annual average workday loadings.

Permit Modification – Westmeadow Farm & Dairy

Laboratory Director Levendusky reported that a revised allocation request was received from Westmeadow Farm & Dairy for annual average workday loadings in 2020 as follows:

- Increase Flow from 2,000 gals/day to 13,000 gals/day,
- Increase TSS from 5 lbs/day to 55 lbs/day,
- Increase BOD from 8 lbs/day to 190 lbs/day,
- Increase TKN from 1 lbs/day to 8 lbs/day.

On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Talarico, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board granted changes to Westmeadow Farm & Dairy Permit No. 240 for revised allocations for annual average workday loadings.

Outside Laboratory Services

Laboratory Director Levendusky reported that Life Science Laboratories will extend current pricing for outside laboratory services in 2021.

Sewer Bill Protest – 5 Washington Street, Johnstown

Fiscal Officer Renda reviewed a request for sewer bill adjustment for excess water usage for property located at 5 Washington Street in Johnstown. Manager Arnold conducted an inspection of the premises and noted excess water escaped through the basement floor. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Ms. Trudel and carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board approved a credit of \$315.16 since the water did not enter the sewer system to be treated.

ATTACHMENTS

Wastewater Programs Report, Annual Trends/Comparison Report, and 2020 O&M Expenditure Reports were reviewed per Attachments No. 2, 3, & 4.

O&M purchase orders and disbursement sheets totaling \$231,320.41 were approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Member Siarkowski inquired about any new information regarding sludge dryers. Manager Arnold reported that the pyrolysis sludge drying process in Schenectady is still not operational. He hopes to visit the site by late March 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Rizzo noted that future Sewer Board meetings might return to virtual due to COVID-19 precautions.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 P.M. on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Ms. Trudel, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed.

The next regular meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Vose, GJJSB Secretary