

GLOVERSVILLE-JOHNSTOWN JOINT SEWER BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2020

The Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Sewer Board (GJSB) held a meeting in the Boardroom of the Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility on Wednesday, October 14, 2020. The meeting was open to the public via teleconference connection. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rizzo at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT

John Rizzo	Chairman
Bobbi Trudel	Vice Chairperson
Chris Vose	Secretary
Chris Perry	Member
Wrandy Siarkowski	Member
Wallace Arnold	Manager-Wastewater Programs
Donna Renda	Fiscal Officer
Mark Levendusky	Laboratory Director

ABSENT

Craig Talarico	Member
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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 information previously posted. This meeting shall be recoded and later transcribed.

SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

The Board approved the September 9, 2020 meeting minutes on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried five (5) in favor, none (0) opposed and one (1) absent.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was discussed: No. 3, 4, 5, 20 & 21.

PLANT OPERATIONS

NYS DEC INSPECTION

Plant Manager Arnold reported that he and Lead Operator Robert Yaggle accompanied Sara Latessa from NYS DEC Region 5 on annual inspection of the Facility on October 2, 2020. There were no onsite odors during the tour however, the recommendation is to continue working on a solution to the odor issues. A satisfactory rating was received in the report submitted by NYS DEC.

AUTHORIZE DRY POLYMER AND EMULSION POLYMER BIDDING

Plant Manager Arnold requested Board approval to seek bids for two (2) year contracts for each Dry Polymer and Emulsion Polymer. Bid awards will occur at the December meeting. On a motion made by Ms. Trudel and seconded by Mr. Perry, carried five (5) in favor, none (0) opposed and one (1) absent, the Board authorized advertisement for bids for two (2) year contracts for Dy Polymer and Emulsion Polymer.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING HVAC PROJECT

Plant Manager Arnold reported on the status of the air quality in the Administration Building since installation of the HVAC unit. Due to sewer odor issues ongoing in the office area of the Administration Building, Adirondack Septic was brought in to smoke test the building's sanitary sewer system. Toilet wax seals and a cracked sewer pipe were replaced. Adirondack Septic returned to smoke test the building a few days later. Several open sewer drains in the lab were found and repaired. Adirondack Septic also added charcoal filters to sewer vents on building roof. Charcoal filters were also added to the new HVAC unit to help alleviate outside air odors making their way into the office area. Air intake speed on the new unit was also lowered. Stants Combustion will return to finish boiler start up once overnight temperatures remain in the 30-degree range.

INDUSTRIAL COMPLIANCE

Sewer Bill Protest – 69 Second Street, Gloversville

Fiscal Officer Renda reviewed a request for sewer bill adjustment for excess water usage for property located at 69 Second Street in Gloversville. Manager Arnold conducted an inspection of the premises and determined the water entered the sewer system and had to be treated. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Ms. Trudel, carried five (5) in favor, none (0) opposed and one (1) absent, the Board denied the request.

Sewer Bill Protest – 33 Third Avenue, Gloversville

Fiscal Officer Renda reviewed a request for sewer bill adjustment for excess water usage for property located at 33 Third Avenue in Gloversville. Manager Arnold conducted an inspection of the premises and noted that a portion of the water escaped through the basement with the rest entering the sewer system and having to be treated. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Ms. Trudel and carried five (5) in favor, none (0) opposed and one (1) absent, the Board approved a reduced credit of \$67.94.

Sewer Bill Protest – 4 Pennsylvania Avenue, Johnstown

Fiscal Officer Renda received correspondence referring to denial of credit for sewer bill adjustment for property located at 4 Pennsylvania Avenue in Johnstown. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Ms. Trudel and carried five (5) in favor, none (0) opposed and one (1) absent, the Board tabled action on this request until the next billing cycle as a new water meter has been installed.

Wood & Hyde Leather

Laboratory Director Levendusky reported Wood & Hyde Leather relinquished their Industrial Wastewater Discharge permit during September. All equipment has been removed.

Fulton County Sewer District No. 4: Hales Mills

Plant Manager Arnold received a request for flow allocation of 177,500 gpd for the proposed Fulton County Sewer District No. 4: Hales Mills from Travis Mitchell of Environmental Design Partnership, LLP on behalf of Fulton County. It was noted that the Cities of Gloversville and Johnstown have both passed resolutions approving this allocation. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Ms. Trudel and carried five (5) in favor, none (0) opposed and one (1) absent, the Board approved the request for 177,500 gpd of flow allocation for the proposed Fulton County Sewer District No. 4: Hales Mills.

ATTACHMENTS

Wastewater Programs Report, Annual Trends/Comparison Report, and 2020 O&M Expenditure Reports were reviewed per Attachments No. 1, 2 & 3.

O&M purchase orders and disbursement sheets totaling \$241,720.76 were approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried five (5) in favor, none (0) opposed and one (1) absent.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget/Purchase/Audit committee meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 6 P.M. in the Board room.

Reminder that the November Joint Sewer Board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2020 due to the observance of Veteran's Day on Wednesday, November 11, 2020.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Ms. Trudel and carried five (5) in favor, none (0) opposed and one (1) absent, the Board went in to executive session at 7:52 P.M. to discuss current litigation. Plant Manager Arnold and Fiscal Officer Renda were invited to remain in the room.

On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Ms. Trudel and carried five (5) in favor, none (0) opposed and one (1) absent, the Board came out of executive session at 8:15 P.M.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 P.M. on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose and carried five (5) in favor, none (0) opposed and one (1) absent.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Vose, GJJSB Secretary