

GLOVERSVILLE-JOHNSTOWN JOINT SEWER BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
April 30, 2021

The Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Sewer Board (GJJSB) held an emergency meeting in the Boardroom of the Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility on Friday, April 30, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rizzo at 6:00 P.M. and open to the public via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

John Rizzo	Chairman
Bobbi Trudel	Vice Chairperson
Wrandy Siarkowski	Member
Christopher Perry	Member
Vincent DeSantis	City of Gloversville Mayor
Gus Mininberg	High Voltage Electric Service, Inc.
Robert Yaggle	WWTP Lead Operator
Donna Renda	Fiscal Officer
Hilary Ruzycky	Administrative Aide

ABSENT

Christopher Vose	Secretary
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. This meeting shall be recorded and later transcribed.

PLANT OPERATIONS

Emergency Power Failure

WWTP Lead Operator Yaggle reported the Plant experienced a major loss of power in the early morning hours of April 29, 2021. A large duct bank collapsed near the creek causing power failure of the main 13.2 kV power cable and three feeders. Several breakers tripped in the electrical High Yard, two fuses blew in the substation, and lightning arresters were damaged.

High Voltage Electric Service, Inc. (HVES) was called on-site to assess the damage and assist with getting the Plant back online. Additional duct bank collapse was discovered along with approximately 1,800 feet of damaged wire. A large section of Orangeburg conduit has aged out over the past fifty years.

Primary Building, Screening Building, and Administration Building were placed on emergency generators. Cogeneration engines continued to run but could not feed electrical supply to buildings. SCADA alarm system ran but was not communicating with the dialer. WWTP Operators manned the facility around the clock. No violations occurred under the facility's State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit. Lead Operator Yaggle notified NYS DEC of the emergency situation.

Gus Mininberg, President of HVES reviewed for the Board all findings, suggested repairs, and a cost estimate of \$700K to \$1 million. Repairs include engineering, supply, install, connection and testing of approximately 5,500 circuit feet of new insulation and copper wire to replace three damaged feeders. The work could start immediately and is estimated to last two to three weeks.

City of Gloversville Mayor DeSantis plans to hold a special meeting of the Common Council on May 4, 2021 to seek approval to bond for the emergency repair work.

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 authorized to contract High Voltage Electric Service, Inc. for emergency 13.2 kV power cable replacement and associated repairs.

ADJOURN MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 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, May 12, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Vose, GJJSB Secretary