

**GLOVERSVILLE-JOHNSTOWN JOINT SEWER BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 8, 2021**

The Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Sewer Board (GJJSB) held a meeting in the Boardroom of the Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility (GJJWTF) on Wednesday, September 8, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rizzo at 7:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

John Rizzo	Chairman
Bobbi Trudel	Vice Chairperson
Craig Talarico	Member
Wrandy Siarkowski	Member
Christopher Perry	Member
Wallace Arnold	Manager-Wastewater Programs
Mark Levendusky	Laboratory Director
Ryan Auty	Senior Account Clerk
Hilary Ruzycky	Administrative Aide
Ronald Peters	Fulton County Center for Regional Growth
Kenneth Adamczyk	Fulton County Center for Regional Growth (CRG)

**ABSENT**

Christopher Vose	Secretary
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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Talarico, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board, CRG representatives, Plant Manager Arnold and staff went into executive session at 7:01 P.M. to discuss matters leading to the appointment of a particular corporation. Vice Chairperson Trudel arrived at 7:03 P.M.

On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Perry, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board came out of executive session at 7:29 P.M.

**AUGUST 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

The Board approved the August 18, 2021 meeting minutes on a motion made by Ms. Trudel, seconded by Mr. Talarico, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – July & August

The following correspondence was discussed: August # 4, 7 and 8.

**PLANT OPERATIONS**

**NYS DEC Inspection – Chemical & Petroleum Bulk Storage**

Plant Manager Arnold reported a NYS DEC inspector visited the Plant on August 2, 2021 for an audit of the Chemical Bulk Storage Program. Compliance issues were noted such as incorrect labeling and signs on tanks, no overflow prevention device, no functioning gauge at fill ports, and minor updates needed to the Spill Prevention Report. All corrections were accomplished and the documentation listing changes was forwarded to DEC for approval.

## PLANT OPERATIONS

### **SPDES Permit Renewal**

Plant Manager Arnold reported a renewal application was submitted to NYS DEC for the State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit. Per correspondence from DEC dated August 25, 2021, the current permit will remain in effect beyond its expiration date until DEC issues further decision on the renewal application. Manager Arnold noted modifications to the permit may include ending the Nutrient Study and lowering the tier of the Mercury Minimization Plan. DEC will initiate a full technical review of the SPDES discharge and proposed permit modifications with a revised permit expected in 2022.

### **Award Bid – Ferrous Chloride**

Plant Manager Arnold reported that a bid opening for the supply and delivery of ferrous chloride was held on August 30, 2021. Bids were received from Kemira Water Solutions and PVS Technologies. The lowest bid was from Kemira Water Solutions at \$1,192/dry ton. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Perry, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board accepted the bid proposal from Kemira Water Solutions Inc. for a two (2) year contract for the supply and delivery of ferrous chloride, at \$1,192.00/dry ton.

## INDUSTRIAL COMPLIANCE

### **NYS Department of Health – Environmental Laboratory Approval Program (ELAP) Audit**

Laboratory Director Levendusky reported that the NYS Department of Health conducted a virtual audit in June 2021 under the Environmental Laboratory Approval Program. Some minor deficiencies were identified. All corrective actions were addressed and submitted to NYS DOH ELAP for approval.

### **Sewer Bill Protest – 307 S. William Street, Johnstown**

Senior Account Clerk Auty reviewed a request for sewer bill adjustment for excess water usage for property located at 307 S. William Street in Johnstown. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Ms. Trudel, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board denied credit since there is not sufficient evidence provided to determine that the excess water did not enter the sewer system. Therefore, the excess water had to be treated.

## PERSONNEL

### **New Hire – Maintenance Supervisor**

Plant Manager Arnold interviewed three (3) candidates for a vacant WWTP Maintenance Supervisor position. Manager Arnold recommended candidate Barry Sisson for appointment. 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 approved a provisional appointment for Barry Sisson as the new Maintenance Supervisor, effective on September 27, 2021, at an annual salary of \$62,000.00, pending successful Civil Service examination.

## ATTACHMENTS

Wastewater Programs Report, Annual Trends/Comparison Report, and 2021 O&M Expenditure Reports were reviewed per Attachments No. 1, 2, & 3.

O&M purchase orders and disbursement sheets totaling \$198,342.48 were approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Ms. Trudel, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Plant Manager Arnold reviewed a health insurance spreadsheet comparing deductibles, coinsurance, and other miscellaneous costs of the current MVP Health Plan and the Teamster's Health Plan. Additional, details regarding the Teamster's Health Plan will be reviewed and presented at the October board meeting. Facility staff will submit a request for early information regarding possible 2022 MVP Health Plan coverage changes. Board member Perry will research the possibility of the GJJWTF joining into a larger health insurance plan currently being researched by the City of Gloversville.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M. on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Talarico, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed.

The next regular meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Vose, GJJSB Secretary