

GLOVERSVILLE-JOHNSTOWN JOINT SEWER BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 2022

The Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Sewer Board held a meeting in the Boardroom of the Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility on Wednesday, August 10, 2022.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Bobbi Trudel	Chair
Christopher Vose	Vice Chair
Wrandy Siarkowski	Secretary
Bradley Hayner	Member
Donald Schwartz	Member
John Rizzo	Member
Wallace Arnold	Manager-Wastewater Programs
Mark Levendusky	Laboratory Director
Hilary Ruzycky	Administrative Aide
Michele Rackmyre	Senior Account Clerk

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The Board approved the July 13, 2022 meeting minutes on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was discussed: No. 3 & 8.

Board Member Hayner arrived at 7:05 P.M.

PLANT OPERATIONS

PESH Partial Complaint Inspection

Plant Manager Arnold reported an employee complaint was filed with the NYS Department of Labor for alleged noncompliance of the Public Employees Safety and Health (PESH) regulation. Complaints concerned faulty gas detection sensors, gas leaks, location of an open flame waste gas burner, lack of proper ventilation, and lack of updated safety training.

Three (3) inspectors from the NYS Department of Labor conducted an on-site PESH partial complaint inspection on August 4, 2022. Inspectors walked the buildings and grounds with emergency gas detection meters. All levels for hazardous gas read zero detection. Oxygen levels read within normal range. Inspectors suggested an employee should wear a breathing apparatus during an 8-hour workday to further evaluate possible harmful gas exposure.

Inspectors reviewed DOSH reports, training documents and policies for Confined Space, Lockout/Tagout and Workplace Violence programs. Lack of updated training and policy review was cited for Lockout/Tagout and Workplace Violence. It was noted that recently added systems UV disinfection, sodium hypochlorite, and potassium permanganate should be included in the Lockout/Tagout program. No issues were identified for the Confined Space program. Manager Arnold will address all corrective actions and training requirements. A full report from the State is expected detailing all findings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried six (6) in favor, and none (0) opposed, the Board and Plant Manager Arnold went into executive session at 7:12 P.M. to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of Civil Service Law.

On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Hayner, carried six (6) in favor, and none (0) opposed, the Board came out of executive session at 7:40 P.M.

INDUSTRIAL COMPLIANCE

EPA Pretreatment Program Audit 2020

Laboratory Director Levendusky reported that he received a report covering the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's April 28 and May 14, 2020 virtual pretreatment program audit and November 16-17, 2021 in-person industrial user inspections performed by PG Environmental and EPA Region 2. The forty action items identified by EPA are individual requirements listed in 40 CFR. A written response to EPA on the audit report is due by October 3, 2022. Laboratory Director Levendusky will provide further details at the September Board meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution No. 2022-07

On a motion made Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried six (6) in favor, and none (0) opposed, the Board approved Resolution No. 2022-07. *Transfers within the General Fund Budget.*

Wastewater Programs Report, Annual Trends/Comparison Report, and 2022 O&M Expenditure Reports were reviewed per Attachments No. 2, 3, & 4.

O&M purchase orders and disbursement sheets totaling \$196,148.78 were approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried six (6) in favor, and none (0) opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Simco Leather Corp. Permit Status

Laboratory Director Levendusky reported correspondence was sent a second time to multiple addresses of Simco Leather Corp. regarding relinquishment of their Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit. No response to the correspondence has been received to date. No industrial activity has occurred since May 2022.

On a motion made Mr. Vose, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried six (6) in favor, and none (0) opposed, the Board authorized to revoke Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit #205 for Simco Leather Corporation, effective August 11, 2022, and at this time the monitoring equipment will remain operational to record any future wastewater discharge.

Proposed Fulton County Sewer District No. 5 – Letter of Intent

Plant Manager Arnold and Board members discussed a draft Letter of Intent received from the Fulton Co. Planning Department concerning sewer rates of proposed Fulton County Sewer District No. 5 along the NYS Route 30/30A corridor. Fulton County, the City of Gloversville, the City of Johnstown, and the Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Sewer Board are asked to execute the Letter of Intent to formally acknowledge acceptance to proposed terms for the sewer rate structure of proposed Fulton County Sewer District No. 5. A formal Intermunicipal Agreement would be developed later. Board members unanimously agreed to not execute the Letter of Intent. A response letter will be drafted to the Fulton Co. Planning Department stating concerns regarding the rate structure.

2023 Healthcare Insurance Rates

Plant Manager Arnold reviewed projected increases for healthcare insurance rates in 2023. A cost increase of 15.7% was calculated for both MVP and CDPHP health insurance.

Thermal Sludge Dryer Update

Plant Manager Arnold reported Gloversville is working on language of a bond resolution for the Thermal Sludge Dryer project. The bond resolution is expected to be included on the agenda of the Gloversville Common Council meeting scheduled for August 23, 2022.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M. on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried six (6) in favor, and none (0) opposed.

The next regular meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Wrandy L. Siarkowski, Secretary
Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Sewer Board