

**GLOVERSVILLE-JOHNSTOWN JOINT SEWER BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 2022**

The Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Sewer Board held a meeting in the Boardroom of the Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility on Wednesday, July 13, 2022.

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

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT

Bradley Hayner	Member
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The Board approved the June 8, 2022 meeting minutes on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was discussed: No. 5 & 20.

PLANT OPERATIONS

NYS DEC Inspection: CAST System

Plant Manager Arnold reported NYS DEC staff inspected the CAST system on June 13, 2022, with an emphasis on odors. No odors were detected during the inspection. A complete plant inspection is expected by year end.

National Grid Scheduled Power Outages

Plant Manager Arnold reported National Grid isolated the plant twice in June to perform line repairs at locations apart from the facility. The scheduled events provided an opportunity to train new personnel on island mode procedures to balance loads and backfeed the plant.

Request to Use Facility: DeJong Bros. Excavation

Plant Manager Arnold reported DeJong Bros. Excavation of Gloversville requested permission to use the facility for disposal of trucked waste generated through residential septic systems. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board granted permission for DeJong Bros. Excavation of Gloversville to use the facility for disposal of trucked waste generated through residential septic systems in accordance with Trucked Waste Hauler Guidelines.

INDUSTRIAL COMPLIANCE

Request to Discharge: Former Wood & Hyde Leather Site

Laboratory Director Levendusky reported HRP Associates, Inc. requested permission on behalf of the City of Gloversville to use the facility for disposal of wastewater from the former tannery Wood & Hyde Leather. Two wastewater tanks at the tannery were sampled for contaminants in December 2021 and again in June 2022. The samples did not contain elevated concentrations of contaminants. On a motion made by Mr. Vose, seconded by Mr. Rizzo, carried three (3) in favor, two (2) abstained, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board granted permission to the City of Gloversville and designee HRP Associates, Inc. for a one-time discharge of wastewater from the former tannery Wood & Hyde Leather at the Industrial rate of \$0.11/gallon.

Simco Leather Corp. Permit Status

Laboratory Director Levendusky reported he was unable to contact Simco Leather Corp. regarding relinquishment of their Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit. Certified correspondence dated May 17, 2022 to Simco Leather Corp. was returned undeliverable. Board members suggested resending certified letters to multiple addresses.

PERSONNEL

Accept Resignation – WWTP Operator Trainee

Plant Manager Arnold reported a letter of resignation was received from WWTP Operator Trainee Justin Cotter. On a motion made by Mr. Vose, seconded by Mr. Rizzo, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board accepted the resignation of WWTP Operator Trainee Justin Cotter, effective August 12, 2022.

ATTACHMENTS

Wastewater Programs Report, Annual Trends/Comparison Report, and 2022 O&M Expenditure Reports were reviewed per Attachments No. 1, 2, & 3.

O&M purchase orders and disbursement sheets totaling \$200,895.79 were approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed.

Capital disbursement sheets totaling \$2,270.00 were approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

Board members requested a projection of healthcare insurance rates for 2023 due to anticipated increases in healthcare costs.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 P.M. on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed.

The next regular meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

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