

**GLOVERSVILLE-JOHNSTOWN JOINT SEWER BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
June 8, 2022**

The Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Sewer Board held a meeting in the Boardroom of the Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility on Wednesday, June 8, 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
John Rizzo	Member
Wallace Arnold	Manager-Wastewater Programs
Mark Levendusky	Laboratory Director
Hilary Ruzysky	Administrative Aide
Michele Rackmyre	Senior Account Clerk
Donna Renda	Consultant

ABSENT

Donald Schwartz	Member
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APRIL & MAY 2022 MEETING MINUTES

The Board approved the April 21, 2022 meeting minutes on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Rizzo, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed.

The Board approved the May 17, 2022 meeting minutes on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Hayner, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed.

Vice Chair Vose arrived at 7:05 P.M.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was discussed: No. 13 & 26.

PLANT OPERATIONS

Water Infrastructure Improvement Act Grant Update

Plant Manager Arnold reported he contacted Arcadis of New York and the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) concerning rejection of the grant funding application submitted to EFC for the proposed Thermal Sludge Dryer Project. The funding is available through the NYS Water Infrastructure Improvements Act (WIIA) grant and Intermunicipal Water Infrastructure Grant (IMG) grant programs. EFC stated the SEQR and bond resolution documents submitted with the application did not fulfill the requirements of the grant. Manager Arnold will continue to work with Arcadis and the City of Gloversville commissioner of finance to address the necessary SEQR and bond resolution documents for the next round of WIIA funding. Arcadis will submit a revised engineering report to EFC by June 17, 2022, for the project to remain on the 2023 Intended Use Plan annual listing.

On a motion made by Mr. Vose, seconded by Mr. Hayner, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed, Manager Arnold was directed to complete a Request for Qualification (RFQ) process for engineering services for the Thermal Sludge Dryer Project.

NYSERDA Incentive Payment

Plant Manager Arnold reported a measurement and verification (M&V) inspection was conducted by L & S Energy Services for 5th year performance of Cogeneration Engine No. 3. The inspection is required by NYSERDA for disbursement of grant funding for the CAST Upgrade Project. Manager Arnold filed an incentive payment request form under the Anaerobic Digester Gas-to-Electricity Program (PON 2828). Payment of \$83,340.59 was received for M&V period July 3, 2020 to July 3, 2021. A second inspection by L & S Energy Services will occur in July 2022 for 6th year Cogen engine performance.

GBT Progressive Cavity Pumps

Plant Manager Arnold reported representatives from Netzsch Pumps were on site May 10th to troubleshoot issues with the new GBT progressive cavity pumps. A recently installed natural rubber stator failed prematurely after 4 months. The faulty stator was replaced with a Buna synthetic stator.

UV Disinfection System Operation

Plant Manager Arnold reported the UV Disinfection System is operational as required by the NYS DEC May 1st deadline. A technician from Trojan Technologies was on site May 24th to inspect Module No. 3. All faults were cleared and the module is back online. Twenty (20) burned out bulbs will be returned for replacement under warranty. Manager Arnold discussed the pros and cons of operating the system year-round.

INDUSTRIAL COMPLIANCE

Simco Leather Corp. Permit Status

Laboratory Director Levendusky reported he inspected the monitoring station at Simco Leather Corp. The station still has power and small volumes of flow are being recorded. Director Levendusky sent certified correspondence to Simco Leather Corp. inquiring on the status of relinquishing their Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit.

Sewer Bill Protest: 11 East 8th Avenue, Gloversville

Consultant Renda reviewed a request for sewer bill adjustment for excess water usage for property located at 11 East 8th Avenue in Gloversville. Plant Manager Arnold conducted an inspection of the premises. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board approved a credit of \$224.04 since the water did not enter the sewer system to be treated.

Sewer Bill Protest: 3 Carpenter Street, Gloversville

Consultant Renda reviewed a request for sewer bill adjustment for excess water usage for property located at 3 Carpenter Street in Gloversville. Plant Manager Arnold conducted an inspection of the premises. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board approved a credit of \$624.21 since the water did not enter the sewer system to be treated.

Sewer Bill Protest: 76 W. Pine Street, Gloversville

Consultant Renda reviewed a request for sewer bill adjustment for excess water usage for property located at 76 W. Pine Street in Gloversville. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Hayner, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board denied a credit since the water usage is within the normal range for this address.

Sewer Bill Protest: 13 S. Eagle Street, Gloversville

Consultant Renda reviewed a request for sewer bill adjustment for excess water usage for property located at 13 S. Eagle Street in Gloversville. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Hayner, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board denied a credit since the excess water entered the sewer system and had to be treated.

BUDGET/PURCHASE/AUDIT

Consulting Services Agreement: Amendment No. 1

On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Hayner, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board approved Amendment No. 1 to the Consulting Services Agreement between Donna Renda and the Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Sewer Board, to extend consulting and training services in the Finance Department, at the same rate of pay, starting on June 1, 2022 with decreased hours as time progresses and terminating by June 1, 2023.

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 \$208,101.90 were approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Hayner, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Hayner, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board and Plant Manager Arnold went into executive session at 7:41 P.M. to discuss matters leading to the employment of a particular person.

On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board came out of executive session at 7:48 P.M.

On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Hayner, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board approved the provisional appointment of Ronald Horton as the new Maintenance Supervisor, effective June 20, 2022, at an annual salary of \$75,000.00 pending successful Civil Service examination.

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. Hayner, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed.

The next regular meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

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