

**GLOVERSVILLE-JOHNSTOWN JOINT SEWER BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2021**

The Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Sewer Board (GJJSB) held a meeting in the Boardroom of the Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility on Wednesday, April 14, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rizzo at 7:00 P.M. and open to the public via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

John Rizzo	Chairman
Bobbi Trudel	Vice Chairperson
Craig Talarico	Member
Wrandy Siarkowski	Member
Christopher Perry	Member
Wallace Arnold	Manager-Wastewater Programs
Donna Renda	Fiscal Officer
Mark Levendusky	Laboratory Director
Hilary Ruzicky	Administrative Aide

ABSENT

Christopher Vose	Secretary
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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.

MARCH 10, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

The Board approved the March 10, 2021 meeting minutes on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Ms. Trudel, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was discussed: No. 15, 22 & 23.

PLANT OPERATIONS

Plant Tour

Plant Manager Arnold reported a tour of the Plant is scheduled for April 16, 2021 at 12:00 P.M. Approximately twenty (20) people are expected, including Joint Sewer Board members, Assemblyman Robert Smullen, representative for Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Senator Tedisco, Ronald Peters of the Fulton County Center for Regional Growth (CRG), city mayors, supervisors and other local officials. Lunch will be sponsored by the CRG from Puerto Rican food truck Chayla's Chuchifrito, owned by local Gloversville entrepreneur Michael Medina.

Nash Compressor

Plant Manager Arnold reported a Nash compressor sent out for repairs in February was returned on April 12th. After reinstalling and running the repaired compressor for one hour, the bearings over heated. In addition, the backup compressor needs service to replace mechanical seals. Replacement parts are difficult to find as manufacturing has slowed during COVID-19. The compressors are used to compress digester gas for the cogeneration system. Cogen power was reduced to prevent overheating of the second compressor, which caused increased electrical purchases from National Grid.

Turblex Blower Class I Service

Plant Manager Arnold reported Howden Roots, LLC completed a Class I Service on the Turblex blower, including cleaning and checking bearings & sensors. Cracks and microcracks were discovered in the impellor fins. The Hoffman blower will be used for aeration until the Turblex blower can be repaired. The new rotor and impellor unit is manufactured in Germany, at the cost of \$114,000, and ships in 17 to 19 weeks.

UV Disinfection Startup

Plant Manager Arnold reported representatives from Koester Assoc. and Trojan inspected the UV Disinfection site repair work accomplished last month by CFI Contracting, Inc. UV Bank alignment was checked and the unit was test run. All repairs were found to be satisfactory. Trojan will provide refresher training to operators on April 15, 2021.

INDUSTRIAL COMPLIANCE

Sewer Bill Protest – 48 Fourth Avenue, Gloversville

Fiscal Officer Renda reviewed a request for sewer bill adjustment for excess water usage for property located at 48 Fourth Avenue in Gloversville. 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 permission to inspect the premises was not granted.

Sewer Bill Protest – 35 E. State Street, Gloversville

Fiscal Officer Renda reviewed a request for sewer bill adjustment for excess water usage for property located at 35 E. State Street in Gloversville. 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 the excess water entered the sewer system to be treated.

Sewer Bill Protest – 7 E. Eighth Avenue, Gloversville

Fiscal Officer Renda reviewed a request for sewer bill adjustment for excess water usage for property located at 7 E. Eighth Avenue in Gloversville. Manager Arnold conducted an inspection of the premises. 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 approved a credit of \$90.83 since the water did not enter the sewer system to be treated.

BUDGET/PURCHASE/AUDIT

2021 – 2022 Proposed Sewer Rates

Fiscal Officer Renda presented the proposed 2021-2022 sewer rates. Industrial sewer rates are proposed to increase 6% based on usage. Residential sewer rates are proposed to increase by 11.1 percent. Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) fees decrease by \$0.70 per connection. All rates will be presented at a public hearing on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. in the Boardroom of the Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility. The hearing will be open to the public via teleconference connection published in the Leader-Herald newspaper. If adopted, the rates will become effective on May 1, 2021. Board member Siarkowski inquired about bond closeouts from the two cities. Gloversville is current at this time. Johnstown needs to complete accounting from the 2008 Upgrade Project and the 2015 CAST Project.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution No. 2021-07

On a motion made Ms. Trudel, seconded by Mr. Perry, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board approved Resolution No. 2021-07. *Transfer from Capital and Equipment Reserve Fund to General Fund.*

Resolution No. 2021-08

On a motion made Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Talarico, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board approved Resolution No. 2021-08. *Transfer 2020 fund balance to the Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund.*

Resolution No. 2021-09

On a motion made Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Talarico, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board approved Resolution No. 2021-09. *Transfer from the Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund to General Fund.*

Wastewater Programs Report, Annual Trends/Comparison Report, and 2021 O&M Expenditure Reports were reviewed per Attachments No. 4, 5, & 6.

O&M purchase orders and disbursement sheets totaling \$192,276.90 were approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Perry, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed.

Capital disbursement sheets totaling \$68,000.00 were approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Perry, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Communicable Disease Disaster Emergency Plan

GJJSB legal counsel reviewed the Communicable Disease Disaster Emergency Plan. Clarification was offered regarding the Plan's provision for paid sick leave to employees subject to mandatory quarantine. Section 6 of the policy will be modified to include legal counsel's comments on paid sick leave.

National Grid Power Purchase Agreement

GJJSB legal counsel reviewed Amendment No. 2 to National Grid Power Purchase Agreement No. 1824. Legal counsel approved of the Agreement noting one substantive change, a deletion of the current term and substitution of a term through April 30, 2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 went into executive session at 7:50 P.M. to discuss the following:

- Collective negotiations pursuant to Article 14 of the Civil Service Law.
- Matters leading to the employment of a particular person.

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 came out of executive session at 8:29 P.M.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M. until April 28, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Ms. Trudel, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) 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