

**GLOVERSVILLE-JOHNSTOWN JOINT SEWER BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 13, 2021**

The Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Sewer Board (GJJSB) held a meeting in the Boardroom of the Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility on Wednesday, October 13, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Trudel at 7:03 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

Bobbi Trudel	Vice Chairperson
Christopher Vose	Secretary
Wrandy Siarkowski	Member
Christopher Perry	Member
Wallace Arnold	Manager-Wastewater Programs
Mark Levendusky	Laboratory Director
Hilary Ruzicky	Administrative Aide
Ryan Auty	Senior Account Clerk

**ABSENT**

John Rizzo	Chairman
Craig Talarico	Member

**SEPTEMBER 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

The Board approved the September 8, 2021 meeting minutes on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Perry, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was discussed: No. 22

**PLANT OPERATIONS**

**Power Outages / NY-Alerts**

Plant Manager Arnold reported an unexpected power outage occurred around 8:00 P.M. on September 8, 2021. The plant disconnected from the electrical grid for approximately forty (40) minutes following a power surge. Plant operators started emergency generators and notified National Grid of the outage. Shortly after power was restored, National Grid requested the plant disconnect again from the grid to allow for electrical line repairs. Operators restarted generators and ran the plant in island mode for about 2 ½ hours.

Due to the power outages, two (2) incident reports were filed with NY-Alert for wastewater partially treated without disinfection, as required under the NY Sewage Pollution Right to Know Act. NYS DEC was notified of both outages and NY-Alert reports. DEC requested additional details on the power outage events and island mode procedures. Manager Arnold submitted comments to explain standard operating procedures during a power outage. To decrease future NY-Alert reporting, DEC suggests dedicating a battery backup or separate generator to the UV disinfection system. Manager Arnold recommends installing a generator at the UV disinfection site.

**Aeration Turblex Blower**

Plant Manager Arnold reported that cracks were discovered in the impellor fins of the Turblex Blower after a Class I Service done in April 2021. A new rotor/impeller unit was ordered from Germany. Howden Roots, LLC installed the new rotor/impeller on October 12-13, 2021. (Turblex Blower went on-line October 14, 2021).

INDUSTRIAL COMPLIANCE

**NYS DOH Environmental Laboratory Approval Program (ELAP) Audit – 2<sup>nd</sup> Findings Report**

Laboratory Director Levendusky reported ELAP auditors reviewed the corrective actions report submitted after the ELAP virtual audit done in June 2021. Two additional items were noted in the report and resolved by the laboratory staff. An approval letter was received from ELAP stating that all corrective actions have been found acceptable.

**Sewer Bill Protest – 58 Fourth Avenue, Gloversville**

Senior Account Clerk Auty reviewed a request for sewer bill adjustment for excess water usage for property located at 58 Fourth Avenue in Gloversville. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Perry, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board approved a credit of \$88.86 since the water did not enter the sewer system to be treated.

**Sewer Bill Protest – 57 First Avenue, Gloversville**

Senior Account Clerk Auty reviewed a request for sewer bill adjustment for excess water usage for property located at 57 First Avenue in Gloversville. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board approved a credit of \$173.69 since the water did not enter the sewer system to be treated.

**Sewer Bill Protest – 75 Second Avenue, Gloversville**

Senior Account Clerk Auty reviewed a request for sewer bill adjustment for excess water usage for property located at 75 Second Avenue in Gloversville. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board denied credit since permission to inspect the premises was not granted.

ATTACHMENTS

**Resolution No. 2021-14**

On a motion made Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Perry, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board approved Resolution No. 2021-14. *Transfers within the 2021 General Fund Budget Account.*

**Resolution No. 2021-15**

On a motion made Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board approved Resolution No. 2021-15. *Replace Fees in General Fund Professional Services Budget Account.*

Wastewater Programs Report, Annual Trends/Comparison Report, and 2021 O&M Expenditure Reports were reviewed per Attachments No. 3, 4, & 5.

O&M purchase orders and disbursement sheets totaling \$199,979.31 were approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Perry, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Plant Manager Arnold reported the facility's health insurance broker has not received health insurance rates for 2022. Medicare rates are expected by October 15th, with no rate changes predicted. No additional health insurance information was received from the Teamsters Union. Board member Perry reported that Gloversville continues to research various healthcare options.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board and Manager Arnold went into executive session at 7:32 P.M. to discuss the employment history of a particular person.

On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Perry, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board came out of executive session at 7:49 P.M.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 P.M. on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried four (4) in favor, two (2) absent, and none (0) opposed.

The next regular meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Vose, GJJSB Secretary