

**GLOVERSVILLE-JOHNSTOWN JOINT SEWER BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 2022**

The Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Sewer Board held a meeting in the Boardroom of the Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility on Tuesday, May 17, 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 Ruzicky	Administrative Aide
Donna Renda	Consultant
Michele Rackmyre	Senior Account Clerk

APRIL 2022 MEETING MINUTES

The Board approved the April 13, 2022 meeting minutes on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was discussed: No. 6 & 30.

PLANT OPERATIONS

Thermal Sludge Dryer: Water Infrastructure Improvement Act Grants

Plant Manager Arnold reported Arcadis of New York submitted a grant application to NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) in November 2021 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. Per correspondence dated April 29, 2022, the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation did not select the thermal sludge dryer project to receive a grant award during this round of the program. Manager Arnold will follow up with Arcadis on May 18th to discuss the specifics of EFC's denial and future eligibility for grant funding.

Confirmation of Plant Capacity: Fulton County Sewer District No. 4 – Extension 1

Plant Manager Arnold reported Environmental Design Partnership is working with the Town of Johnstown and Fulton County to extend Fulton County Sewer District No. 4 to bring sanitary sewer services to the Town of Johnstown Town Hall and three (3) adjacent properties. A request was received from Environmental Design Partnership for written confirmation to NYS DEC stating the Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility has adequate sewer capacity to service Fulton County Sewer District No. 4 – Extension 1. Sewage demand is expected to be approximately 2,000 gpd. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Board authorized Manager Arnold to provide written confirmation to NYS DEC that the Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility has adequate sewer capacity to service the proposed sewage demand from Fulton County Sewer District No. 4 – Extension 1 providing the flows are sanitary sewage defined by Sewer Use Law.

Award Bid: Solids Holding Tank & Splitter Box

Plant Manager Arnold reported a bid opening was held on May 4, 2022 for cleaning and painting the Solids Holding Tank and associated splitter box at the Thickener Building as part of the 2022 Capital Plan. A single bid was received from Precision Industrial Maintenance of Schenectady. On a motion made by Mr. Rizzo, seconded by Mr. Hayner, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Board authorized to accept the bid proposal from Precision Industrial Maintenance at the total cost of \$298,000.00 to sand blast, hydro-clean, and epoxy coat the Solids Holding Tank and associated splitter box at the Thickener Building, per the 2022 Capital Plan.

Ground Penetrating Radar Systems

Plant Manager Arnold reported a 3-foot diameter sink hole has developed in a bank near the Thickener Building. The hole is located above gas lines, electrical cables, and water lines. Ground Penetrating Radar Systems (GPRS) performed scanning to search for underground utilities and broken or clogged pipes. A large rock was discovered in a storm pipe. An outside contractor may be needed to excavate and repair the pipe.

Request to Use Facility: TR Dumpster Rentals LLC

Plant Manager Arnold reported TR Dumpster Rentals LLC of Dolgeville requested permission to use the Facility for disposal of waste generated through residential septic systems and portable toilets. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Board gave permission for TR Dumpster Rentals LLC of Dolgeville to use the Facility for disposal of waste generated through residential septic systems and portable toilets in accordance with Trucked Waste Hauler Guidelines.

Request to Use Facility: Cook’s Septic LLC

Plant Manager Arnold reported Cook’s Septic LLC of Lake Luzerne requested permission to use the Facility for disposal of waste generated through residential septic systems and grease traps. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Board gave permission for Cook’s Septic LLC of Lake Luzerne to use the Facility for disposal of waste generated through residential septic systems and grease traps in accordance with Trucked Waste Hauler Guidelines.

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 \$177,947.49 were approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Sludge Processing Equipment

Manager Arnold noted the sludge processing equipment offered from the Town of Marlboro Wastewater Treatment Facility is not suitable for use at the Gloversville-Johnstown Wastewater Treatment Facility. The unit is a plate press not a sludge dryer that uses heat. The unit is not large enough to process sludge volumes generated at the plant and it is fifteen (15) years old.

NEW BUSINESS

Advertisement Space

Consultant Renda reported the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce is offering advertisement space in their annual publication *Focus on Fulton Montgomery Region, NY*. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Hayner, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Board declined to advertise at this time in the publication *Focus on Fulton Montgomery Region, NY*.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 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, June 8, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

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