

**GLOVERSVILLE-JOHNSTOWN JOINT SEWER BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 2023**

The Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Sewer Board held a meeting in the Boardroom of the Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility (GJJWTF) on Wednesday, June 14, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

MAY 10, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

The Board approved the May 10, 2023 meeting minutes on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was discussed: No. 3 and 17.

PLANT OPERATIONS

Odor Complaint

Plant Manager Arnold reported a resident from Breckenridge Drive in Johnstown filed an odor complaint by email on May 16, 2023. Manager Arnold responded to the resident that odors may be traveling offsite due to seasonal tank cleanings. The odor complaint was reported to NYS DEC and posted to the Odor Complaint Log on the GJJWTF website.

Thermal Sludge Dryer Project

Plant Manager Arnold reported he received an updated Engineer's Report from Arcadis of New York for the proposed Thermal Sludge Dryer Project. The report was uploaded to the 2024 Intended Use Plan (IUP) for submittal by June 16th to be eligible for an Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) Grant. The IUP is prepared annually and prioritizes projects based on a scoring system. The current cost of the project is estimated to be \$16.5 million with a possible 40% savings in EFC grant funding.

Confined Space Entry Training

Plant Manager Arnold reported that Calderwood Training Solutions provided on site Confined Space Entry Training for GJJWTF employees and city employees on May 24, 2023. A second class will be sponsored in the upcoming week.

INDUSTRIAL COMPLIANCE

Award Bid: Automated Distillation Unit and Analyzer

Laboratory Director Levendusky reported a bid opening was held on June 6, 2023 for an Automated Distillation Unit and Analyzer. Three (3) bids were received. After a lengthy discussion the Board unanimously agreed to table the bid award until further information is gathered on the specifics of the units offered.

Sewer Bill Protest: 58 W. Pine Street, Gloversville

Senior Account Clerk Rackmyre reviewed a request for sewer bill adjustment for excess water usage for property located at 58 W. Pine Street in Gloversville. Plant Manager Arnold conducted an inspection of the premises. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Board approved a credit of \$466.25 since the water did not enter the sewer system to be treated.

PERSONNEL

New Hire: WWTP Operator Trainee

Plant Manager Arnold reported he interviewed candidate Matthew Koniszewski for a WWTP Operator Trainee position. Civil service confirmed that Mr. Koniszewski meets the minimum qualifications for the position. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Parker, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Board approved to offer the WWTP Operator Trainee position to Matthew Koniszewski with a start date of June 19, 2023.

BUDGET/PURCHASE/AUDIT

2003 Aeration Project EFC Bond

Senior Account Clerk Rackmyre reported the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation refinanced the payable interest rate on the 30-year bonding of the 2003 Aeration Project, per Gloversville Commissioner of Finance Tammie Weiterschan. As a result, there will be a saving of \$5,308.00 in interest.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution No. 2023-10

On a motion made Mr. Vose, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-10. *Transfer from Capital and Equipment Reserve Account to General Fund.*

Wastewater Programs Report, Annual Trends/Comparison Report, and 2023 O&M Expenditure Reports were reviewed per Attachments No. 2, 3, & 4.

O&M purchase orders and disbursement sheets totaling \$214,954.63 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

Manager Arnold noted the Budget Committee met before the regular meeting to discuss contract renewals coming due at year-end for FAGE USA Dairy, Euphrates, and National Grid.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Member Rizzo requested that Manager Arnold contact the Center for Regional Growth to help facilitate some political support for the proposed Thermal Sludge Dryer Project.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M. on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Rizzo, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed.

The next regular meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

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