

**GLOVERSVILLE-JOHNSTOWN JOINT SEWER BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 10, 2023**

The Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Sewer Board held a meeting in the Boardroom of the Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility (GJJWTF) on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

Christopher Vose	Vice Chair
Wrandy Siarkowski	Secretary
Donald Schwartz	Member
Eric Parker	Member
John Rizzo	Member
Wallace Arnold	Manager-Wastewater Programs
Michele Rackmyre	Senior Account Clerk
Hilary Ruzycyky	Administrative Aide

**ABSENT**

Bobbi Trudel	Chair
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**APRIL 12, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

The Board approved the April 12, 2023 regular meeting minutes on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed.

**APRIL 26, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

The Board approved the April 26, 2023 Public Hearing minutes on a motion made by Mr. Rizzo, seconded by Mr. Parker, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was discussed: No. 11 and 17.

**PLANT OPERTIONS**

**NY Alert Notification**

Plant Manager Arnold reported that Manhole SMH-4 surcharged approximately 1,300 gallons of dairy washwater on April 16, 2023 due to a blocked discharge pipe for the dairy washwater flow. Most of the washwater absorbed into the topsoil with around 65 gallons entering the storm drain. Manager Arnold filed a NY-Alert incident report and sent a Report of Noncompliance Event to the NYS DEC Regional Water Engineer.

**Dan's Excavation Onsite April 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>**

Plant Manager Arnold reported that during the manhole surcharge on April 16th operators shut a valve to control dairy washwater flow to the CAST system and opened a bypass to divert the flow to the process drain pit. On April 17th, Adirondack Septic jetted the washwater line to clear coagulated cheese solids. A shaft disconnected during the reopening of the closed valve. Dan's Excavation dug around the discharge pipe area and reconnected the shaft to the valve. While onsite, Dan's Excavation repaired a collapsed drain line on the side hill near Whey Tank #2.

**Authorize Bidding: Hydrogen Sulfide Scrubber Media**

Plant Manager Arnold requested Board approval to seek bids for a 2-year contract for the supply and delivery of media designed to remove hydrogen sulfide gas from biogas. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board authorized to advertise bids for the supply and delivery of hydrogen sulfide scrubber media.

### **Thermal Sludge Dryer Funding Application**

Plant Manager Arnold reported the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) is accepting WIIA and/or IMG grant applications for clean and drinking water projects during the 2023-2024 state fiscal year. Arcadis of New York offered to submit another application to EFC for the proposed Thermal Sludge Dryer Project, including an updated Engineer's Report, at the cost of \$3,000.00, due to EFC by June 16, 2023. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Parker, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board authorized signing a Professional Services Agreement for Arcadis of New York to submit a grant application to EFC for another round of WIIA grant and/or IMG grant funding for the proposed Thermal Sludge Dryer Project, at the cost of \$3,000.00, due to EFC by June 16, 2023.

### **INDUSTRIAL COMPLIANCE**

#### **Sewer Bill Protest: 4 Fifth Avenue, Gloversville**

Senior Account Clerk Rackmyre reviewed a request for sewer bill adjustment for excess water usage for property located at 4 Fifth Avenue in Gloversville. Plant Manager Arnold conducted an inspection of the premises. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, 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.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

#### **Resolution No. 2023-09**

On a motion made Mr. Rizzo, seconded by Mr. Parker, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-09. *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 \$193,784.96 were approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Zero-sum Project for NYS DEC**

Plant Manager Arnold reported that DEC will not be using the GJJWTF laboratory to analyze river water samples for fecal coliform, as discussed at the April Board meeting. DEC has stated they cannot use volunteer lab services.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M. on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried five (5) in favor, one (1) absent, and none (0) opposed.

The next regular meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

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