

GLOVERSVILLE-JOHNSTOWN JOINT SEWER BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2023

The Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Sewer Board (GJJSB) held a meeting in the Boardroom of the Gloversville-Johnstown Joint Wastewater Treatment Facility on Wednesday, September 13, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Bobbi Trudel	Chair
Christopher Vose	Vice Chair
Wrandy Siarkowski	Secretary
Eric Parker	Member
Donald Schwartz	Member
John Rizzo	Member
Ian Colvin Marincic	Applicant for WWTP Engineer Technician Position
Wallace Arnold	Manager-Wastewater Programs
Mark Levendusky	Laboratory Director
Hilary Ruzycky	Administrative Aide

August 9, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

The Board approved the August 9, 2023 meeting minutes on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Parker, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was discussed: No. 5, 13, 14, and 15.

PLANT OPERATIONS

NYS Department of Labor - Notice of Violation and Order to Comply

Plant Manager Arnold reported a Notice of Violation and Order to Comply was received from the NYS Department of Labor on August 28, 2023 for one (1) violation of the Public Employees Safety and Health (PESH) Act. The violation was noted during an on-site PESH Partial Complaint Inspection done on August 4, 2022. Corrective actions are complete, including chemical training and calibration of chemical meters.

Award Bid – Ferrous Chloride

Plant Manager Arnold reported that a bid opening for the supply and delivery of ferrous chloride was held on September 7, 2023. Bid specifications were sent to four (4) potential bidders. A single bid was received from Kemira Water Solutions at \$1,661.00/dry ton. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Board accepted the bid proposal from Kemira Water Solutions Inc. for a two (2) year contract for the supply and delivery of ferrous chloride, at \$1,661.00/dry ton.

PERSONNEL

Accept Resignation: WWTP Lead Operator

Chair Trudel reintroduced a motion tabled at the August 9, 2023 Board meeting to accept the resignation of WWTP Lead Operator Robert Yaggle. On a motion made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Rizzo, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Board approved a motion to accept the resignation of WWTP Lead Operator Robert Yaggle (last day worked August 11, 2023), after fifteen (15) years of service, effective immediately.

Accept Resignation: WWTP Operator Trainee

Chair Trudel requested Board approval to accept the resignation of WWTP Operator Trainee Adam Mihalik. On a motion made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Board accepted the resignation of WWTP Operator Trainee Adam Mihalik, after four (4) years of service, effective September 22, 2023.

WWTP Motor Equipment Operator Position

Plant Manager Arnold reported he interviewed two (2) in-house candidates for a Motor Equipment Operator position. Manager Arnold recommended promoting fifteen (15) year employee Matthew Handy from WWTP Attendant to WWTP Motor Equipment Operator. On a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Parker, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Board appointed employee Matthew Handy to WWTP Motor Equipment Operator, effective September 18, 2023.

New Hire: WWTP Engineering Technician

Plant Manager Arnold reintroduced a motion tabled at the July 12, 2023 Board meeting to hire a WWTP Engineer. Manager Arnold and the Personnel Committee met on August 7, 2023 to interview candidate Ian Colvin Marincic. The position of WWTP Engineering Technician was offered until Mr. Colvin Marincic passes a Fundamentals of Engineering Exam and obtains a Class 4A WWTP Operator license. On a motion made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Board appointed Ian Colvin Marincic as a non-union provisional WWTP Engineering Technician, at an annual salary of \$65,000.00, effective September 18, 2023.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution No. 2023-13

On a motion made Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Vose, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-13. *Transfer from the Capital and Equipment Reserve Account to the 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 \$226,429.53 were approved for payment on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Natural Bulk Gas Contract

Plant Manager Arnold confirmed that natural gas will continue to be provided through state contract pricing under the contract term of December 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024.

Contract Renewals

Plant Manager Arnold reviewed year-end contract renewals of whey contracts and the National Grid remediation site. Graphs and proposed pricing were provided for Board member review.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M. on a motion made by Mr. Siarkowski, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, carried six (6) in favor and none (0) opposed.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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