

GLOVERSVILLE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 15, 2025

The Regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held and brought to order at their office, 67-73 South Main Street Gloversville, NY, on October 15, 2025, at 6:00 PM with President White presiding.

Roll Call:

Commissioner:

White	Present
Hartman	Present
Antonucci	Present
Capano	Absent
Holly	Present

Others in Attendance: Water Superintendent, Eric Lentini; and Cindy Albertine, Clerk of the Board, City of Gloversville Councilmember Ellen Anadio, James Mitchell and Steve Cirillo.

Superintendent Lentini opened the meeting to anyone wishing to address the Board:

Public Session:

Brandon and Brittnay DiPasquale, owners of property located at 25 Nassau Street, asked to address the Board regarding an issue with water service to their property. Mr. DiPasquale informed the Board that he built his house over one year ago at the dead-end of Nassau Street and has had ongoing issues with dirty water since that time. The Water Department has been to the property on several occasions flushing the hydrants attempting to clear the lines. The flushing would clear the water for a short time before becoming dirty again. The Board agreed to research the issue and try to resolve the issue.

Josh Tesi was also in attendance for the results of the sealed bids on the used vehicles to be sold. Superintendent Lentini reported that only one bid was received on the 2015 Chevrolet truck. The minimum bid set on the truck was \$5,000.00. Mr. Tesi's bid was \$5,102. No bids were received on the 2017 Ford dump truck.

Motion was made by Commissioner Hartman, seconded by Commissioner White to accept the bid of \$5,102 on the 2015 Chevrolet.

Commissioner	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
White	X			
Hartman	X			
Antonucci	X			
Capano			X	
Holly	X			

There being no further public comments, Public Session was closed at 6:10 p.m.

Commissioner Hartman reviewed the General Fund audits totaling \$233,708.84 for the period covering September 13, 2025 – October 10, 2025 prior to the meeting.

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A motion was made by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Holly to approve said audits. A copy of the Audits is attached to these minutes.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
White	X			
Hartman	X			
Antonucci	X			
Capano			X	
Holly	X			

Minutes:

Minutes for the September 17, 2025 meeting were not finalized prior to the meeting.

Superintendent's Report:

Vehicle Updates:

The 2022 Dodge Ram was sold and delivered to Wally's Chrysler Dodge in Amsterdam on September 29, 2025 as approved by the Board at the September meeting. Proceeds from the sale were \$21,229. These proceeds, in addition to the proceeds from the sale of the 2015 Truck purchased by Josh Tesi, will be used toward the purchase of a new dump truck in the Spring. Eric asked the Board if they would like to lower the minimum bid for 2017 dump truck and put back out for sealed bids or sell the vehicle to Wally's for the \$2,500 purchase price offered in August. Eric stated another option for the dump truck would be to use it as a trade in on the purchase of the new truck.

After discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Holly, seconded by Commissioner Antonucci to put the 2017 Ford back out for sealed bids for one week.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
White	X			
Hartman	X			
Antonucci	X			
Capano			X	
Holly	X			

Primo Water/Blue Triton:

On Sunday, September 28, 2025, Alpha Geo Science and Primo Brands brought a drilling machine for the Dixon site. More test wells for the springs were installed the following week. Ferguson and Foss are currently surveying the pipeline and wetlands. Our watershed team have been assisting with locating and flagging the existing pipeline. Next week our transmission and distribution team will be sent with the excavator to assist with the excavation from the drill site down to County Highway 146. Blue Triton is still speaking with owners for potential purchase of their property, but nothing has been finalized at this point.

Niagara Bottling:

Eric attended a Zoom meeting with Niagara, Boehler engineering firm, and other organizations that are participating in the planning and design and development of the new bottling plant. Since the original scope of the project was submitted to us,

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Niagara has upgraded their max peak flows, and the site of the plant has been changed to a new location which is now 30 feet higher in elevation. These modifications change some engineering work with CT Male, and with the elevation change there are now concerns with water pressure for fire protection. After consulting with Jake Gordon of C.T. Male, our recommendation would be to upgrade the 8" line and the booster pumps. Jake is looking at the Tryon tank, which is currently offline, and what impact it would have if we were to get that back in service. Niagara is also considering installing their own on-site storage tank as a cheaper option. Eric informed the Board that Jake has been instrumental in coordinating all of this for us. As mentioned at the last meeting, our attorney, Ed Skoda, sent Niagara the contract with our changes. We have not had any correspondence with Niagara in the last few weeks. Currently, we have not received a signed Water Agreement.

Negotiations:

Eric reminded the Board that the CSEA contract will end on December 31, 2025. He suggested that dates be set up to meet with the negotiating team which will be the union president and one person from each department.

Insurance:

We met with our insurance broker and have the rates for 2026. We are changing our open enrollment period for 2026 to align with fiscal year end instead of March 31st as it has been in the past. The Board was provided with reports outlining the different insurance plan options available. This would need to be discussed between the Board and the contract negotiation team to determine what plan we will be offering by November so employees can be enrolled in December.

Harrison Street Bridge:

Eric and Jesse met with members of GPI, Vince DeSantis and DPW Director, Deanna, on October 8th to discuss the unpaid invoices for expenses associated with the damage caused during the City's Harrison Street replacement project. The City has asked that we agree to accept \$20,000 on our outstanding bill until the matter is resolved with the contractor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holly, seconded by Commissioner Hartman, to accept payment in the amount of \$20,000.00 on the outstanding bill for the City until the matter is resolved with their contractor.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
White	X			
Hartman	X			
Antonucci	X			
Capano			X	
Holly	X			

At 6:36 p.m. a motion was made by Commissioner White, seconded by Commissioner Holly to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
White	X			
Hartman	X			
Antonucci	X			
Capano			X	
Holly	X			

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Motion was made by Commissioner Antonucci, seconded by Commissioner Holly, to come out of Executive Session at 6:57 p.m.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
White	X			
Hartman	X			
Antonucci	X			
Capano			X	
Holly	X			

Motion was made by Commissioner Holly, seconded by Commissioner Hartman to increase the Clerk's rate of pay by 1 ½% for the remainder of 2025, retroactive to June 1, 2025.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
White	X			
Hartman	X			
Antonucci	X			
Capano			X	
Holly	X			

Chief Water Treatment Plant Operator Report:

Fluoridation of Public Water Supply:

Andrew informed the Board that he emailed the Division of Health and Family Services the DOH section regarding fluoridation of water. In order to discontinue adding fluoride to our drinking water we would have to have a consultation with them as well as health care professionals. If we approved the removal of fluoride from our drinking water, we would need to complete another 120 lead and copper samples. Each sample costs approximately \$40. It was Andrew's suggestion that we hold a public discussion on the removal of the fluoride with the health care professionals. He will keep the Board updated with any new information.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Hartman, seconded by Commissioner White to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
White	X			
Hartman	X			
Antonucci	X			
Capano			X	
Holly	X			

The next Regular meeting is scheduled to be held on November 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.