

GLOVERSVILLE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 14, 2022

The Regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held and brought to order at the Filtration Plant, 310 Norboro Road Gloversville, NY on June 14, 2022, at 6:00PM with President Isabella presiding.

Roll Call

Commissioners-----

Isabella	PRESENT
Mauro	PRESENT
Antonucci	PRESENT
Robinson	PRESENT
Capano	PRESENT

Others in Attendance: Water Superintendent; Anthony Mendetta; Clerk of the Water Board; Christine Linart; Chief Plant Operator; Andrew White; Mr. Wayne Harrison; Dr. David Pesses.

Christine explained to the Board that she had an Audit that she had to pull out of our regular audit list. This item must be voted on separately due to a conflict with Commissioner Capano. The Audit #21964 in the amount of \$428.46 payable to Gloversville True Value needed to be voted on with Commissioner Capano having to abstain from voting to approve.

Commissioner Antonucci made a motion to approve Audit #21964 in the amount of \$428.46 payable to Gloversville True Value. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mauro

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Isabella	X			
Mauro	X			
Antonucci	X			
Robinson	X			
Capano				X

Christine explained to the Board that she had an Audit that she had to pull out of our regular audit list. This item must be voted on separately due to a conflict with Commissioner Mauro. The Audit#21949 in the amount of \$44.99 payable to S&J Enterprises needed to be voted on with Commissioner Mauro having to abstain from voting to approve.

Commissioner Antonucci made a motion to approve Audit#21949 in the amount of \$44.99 payable to S&J Enterprises. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Isabella.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Isabella	X			
Mauro				X
Antonucci	X			
Robinson	X			
Capano	X			

Christine explained to the Board that she had an Audit that she had to pull out of our regular audit list. This item must be voted on separately due to a conflict with Commissioner Antonucci. The Audit#21974 in the amount of \$621.84 payable to John Antonucci needed to be voted on with Commissioner Antonucci having to abstain from voting to approve.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve Audit#21974 in the amount of \$621.84 payable to John Antonucci. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mauro.

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Commissioner	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Isabella	X			
Mauro	X			
Antonucci				X
Robinson	X			
Capano	X			

The remaining audited bills were presented and reviewed.

Deborah Clukey	-75.00
Fulton County Treasurer	-183.52
United States Postal Service	-290.00
Florida Blue	-449.20
NYS OTDA- LIHWAP Bureau	-1.24
Donald J Stock	-389.00
Donald J Stock	-75.19
Andrew White	-395.42
Garin S Malagisi	-395.42
Advanced Cleaning & Restoration Services	-6,584.57
Bobcat of Gloversville-Johnstown LLC	-826.00
CDPHP	-22,020.00
Century Linen Service, Inc	-36.75
Christopher R Jablonski	-30.00
Core & Main	-26,833.44
Cranesville Block Company Inc	-219.02
Cushing Stone Company Inc	-3,875.56
Donald J Stock	-464.19
Anna May Yost	-1,020.60
Arlene Smith	-1,020.60
Barbara Hillbrandt	-1,020.60
Charter Communications Holdings LLC	-97.98
Cheryl Kennedy	-1,020.60
Cranesville Block Company Inc	-483.74
Daily Gazette	-428.68
Dominic & Eleanor Donofrio	-2,041.20
Empire BlueCross Retiree Solutions	-13,503.36
Ferguson Enterprises LLC	-1,179.86
Florida Blue	-179.60
Frontier Communications Corporation	-831.19
Fulton County Dept of Waste	-19.47
H & M Equipment Co Inc	-126.82
Hach Company Inc	-82.35
Janice Blodgett	-1,020.60
Jeffrey F Lehner dba JFL Inc of Fulton Co	-635.61
JM Berry Enterprises Inc	-16.00
Joe Liszewski	-1,020.60
Karla Putman	-1,020.60
Kingsboro Lumber Co Inc	-40.95
Mark A Jagielski	-1,020.60

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Michael J Clukey	-1,020.60
Michael LaPorta	-1,020.60
Nancy Waffle	-1,020.60
National Grid	-2,727.75
Patricia Jagielski	-1,020.60
Phyllis Ecker	-1,020.60
Richard Kennedy	-1,020.60
Robert E & Sandra Jackson	-2,041.20
Robert Renda	-1,020.60
Samuel Hillabrandt	-1,020.60
Ted Penney	-1,020.60
Thomas Jackson	-1,020.60
William Blodgett	-1,020.60
WW Grainger Inc	-535.90
WB Mason Co Inc	-525.99
Fulton County Clerk	-60.00
Fidelis Care	-891.00
Bobcat of Gloversville-Johnstown LLC	-50.00
Commissioner of Finance	-2,015.91
Cranesville Block Company Inc	-43.78
Data West Corporation Inc	-175.00
Emmons Metro LLC	-33,465.00
Ferguson Enterprises LLC	-236.73
H & M Equipment Co Inc	-45.99
Holland Company Inc	-6,467.60
JH Consulting Group Inc	-1,136.00
National Grid	-21.23
Runnings Supply Inc	-591.47
Security Supply Corp	-31.76
Telecon Wireless	-403.59
Chris Ashbey	-50.00
Anthony Mendetta	-150.00
Deluxe Small Business Sales Inc	-172.95
Payroll Account NBT Bank	-18,214.29
Payroll Account NBT Bank	-1,326.23
Payroll Account NBT Bank	-19,766.96
Payroll Account NBT Bank	-1,445.04
Payroll Account NBT Bank	-19,957.79
Payroll Account NBT Bank	-1,459.61
Frontier Communications Corporation	-311.01
Morgan White Administrators	-634.09
Morgan White Administrators	-634.09
Frontier Communications Corporation	-311.01
Payroll Account NBT Bank	-19,728.80
Payroll Account NBT Bank	-1,442.08
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CAPITAL PROJECT AUDIT:

C.T. Male Associates - \$ 1,520.50

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A motion was made by Commissioner Mauro that the remaining audited bills are ordered paid. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Isabella.

Commissioner	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Isabella	X			
Mauro	X			
Antonucci	X			
Robinson	X			
Capano	X			

The minutes of the last meeting were presented. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Commissioner Isabella. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mauro.

Commissioner	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Isabella	X			
Mauro	X			
Antonucci	X			
Robinson	X			
Capano	X			

Clerk's Report:

The Clerk of the Water Board discussed the following issues with the Board

- 1) **Ambulance Service Past Due Water Bills:** Christine told the Board that the Ambulance Service with the Service Address of 8 Frontage Road has not paid their Water bill in some time. She explained that they have prior bills that have not been paid. The commissioner's told Christine that it is no longer the Ambulance Service and that they must be leasing the building to another party. Christine wanted the Board's permission to have the water shut off for non-payment.

Commissioner Mauro made a motion to shut the water off to 8 Frontage Road immediately for non-payment of overdue Water/Sewer bills. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Antonucci.

Commissioner	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Isabella	X			
Mauro	X			
Antonucci	X			
Robinson	X			
Capano	X			

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Mendetta discussed the following issues with the Board:

- 1) **Fluoride Equipment:** Anthony informed the Board that we recently sent an e-mail concerning the Fluoride Machine not working properly which triggered a site visit from the manufacturer of the Fluoride machine from California. The technician from Koester came and they figured out along with Andrew and Anthony, that they installed the wrong gear box on the machine. The current gear box was a high-speed unit, and we needed a low-speed model. We were able to get a replacement in approximately one week and got the machine back up and running. Commissioner Capano stated that this was alarming that the wrong box was installed, because we were feeding way too much Fluoride into our water supply. Anthony and Andrew

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agreed stating that this was the main reason we had to stop feeding fluoride all together for some time now. We are currently feeding fluoride into the water with the new gear box installed but are not at the optimal level yet. We are working on it. We do now have a new auger as well that is a straight flight solid auger as the old auger, we had was not breaking up the material good enough. Commissioner Antonucci also wanted to know what the manufacturer had to say about our employees having to climb up to the machine and dump the bags of fluoride into the hopper. The manufacturer agreed that this is not an ideal way to load the machine and that we should have a door loading machine where you set the bag on the door, put a metal rod through it and then close the door. Anthony did receive calls from the Chief doctor from the DOH dental division, Dr Harrison, and a call from a oral surgeon from Rochester concerning the possible removal of Fluoride from our Water. We also have representatives from Rural Water who are involved in this issue. At this time, we are again feeding Fluoride. However, we are not yet back to the optimal levels. Commissioner Isabella asked if these officials are contacting other municipalities who currently do not have Fluoride in their water to encourage them to add Fluoride? Anthony is not sure. We are going to continue to research and look at all of the facts including the possible negative effects of Fluoride. We also have a presentation to be given by representatives on behalf of the Department of Health encouraging the Board not to remove Fluoride from our water. Commissioner Capano also questioned that if Fluoride is so important, then why isn't it mandated across the board to all communities. Anthony then went over the process for removing Fluoride from the water which is: We would have to issue a statement in writing to DOH of our intentions to remove Fluoride from the drinking water, the statement would be reviewed by the Dept. of Health, we need to set up a public comment period for 30 days and respond to all the comments in writing, all written responses will be reviewed by the Dept. of Health, and finally the Water Board would make the final decision with no requirement of a public referendum. Anthony told the Board that we may want to call for a referendum anyway and leave the decision up to the public. Anthony and Andrew also produced a questionnaire that we could send out to our residents to see if people are in favor or against fluoride in the drinking water. We also would like to add the survey to our website, add it to all upcoming bills, and to our Facebook page.

At this time Mr. Wayne Harrison and Dr. Pesses joined the meeting to make a presentation about the benefits of Fluoride in community drinking water. The major points were addressed with questions and comments from the Board as follows:

- Mr. Harrison introduced himself as a practicing dentist for 40 years. When he first came to Gloversville was Dr. Harrison was told we have the best water in the state which was true then and true today. He thanked the Board including Anthony and Andrew for all that we have done to keep our outstanding water quality over the years. Mr. Harrison explained that he became involved when DOH contacted the NYS Dental Association of whom Mr. Harrison is the trustee of. Mr. Harrison's direct contact with DOH concerning our possible removal of Fluoride was on May 10, 2022. After finding out we were considering removing Fluoride, Mr. Harrison volunteered to come to one of our Board meetings to see what was going on. Since that time Mr. Harrison has spoken to a retired oral surgeon from Rochester to a pediatric dentist in Virginia and was told that a Dentist from London has sent an e-mail and will write a letter in support of Fluoridation in our drinking water.
- Mr. Harrison then handed out packets of information to the Board to include an ADA Fluoride Fact sheet based on peer reviewed scientific evidence which was developed using over 400 scientific articles.
- Mr. Harrison then went on to detail the process of tooth decay and went on to explain how Fluoridated water gets into the tooth and especially helps teeth that are developing as with kids. Dr. Harrison stated that Fluoride creates a layer of protection for the enamel that makes the tooth more resistant to tooth decay.
- Commissioner Capano asked that if Fluoride is so important, why hasn't it been mandated by the State? Mr. Harrison then commented that he did not know why it has not been mandated and was not sure if it can be. However, he wanted to show the Board that it has been mandated by the military as all military bases now have to have a fluoridated water supply.
- Commissioner Mauro made the comment that we also add Fluoride to everything else to include toothpaste, mouthwash, and even in mechanically processed foods. Commissioner Mauro then stated that Fluoride can affect your bones and skeletal structure negatively if taken continually. Mr. Harrison stated that this is addressed in the Fluoride Facts packet which states that there is no substantial scientific evidence that Fluoride effects bones in a negative way.

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- President Isabella then wanted to give Mr. Harrison a little back round concerning the issue of Fluoride in our water and how the Board came to consider the removal of it. Mr. Isabella explained that this whole issue started when we had to replace Fluoride Equipment that was 30 years old. The State came to us and said they had grant money to help upgrade our Fluoride Equipment. The Board members voted unanimously to move forward with no question. What then happened is that the equipment that was installed has not worked properly since it was installed. Anthony and Andrew have been in contact with the State from the time we installed the new Equipment trying to correct the problem. Mr. Isabella stated that it was not the idea that the Board just wanted to get rid of Fluoride. As time has gone on the State has approached us about taking out the newly installed equipment and replacing it with a different system again. Mr. Isabella explained that now the Board is questioning whether or not this still makes sense. Do we continue to try and make this Fluoride Equipment/System work and if they cannot make it work at what expense do we stop? This is the reason the Board started to consider the removal of Fluoride. Mr. Isabella also stated that we have been in contact with the Dept. of Health all throughout this process. He also noted that the some of the City Council members jumped down our throats because we did not tell them of this situation, however we had been issuing information to the City via our Board meeting minutes that are sent over to the mayor on a regular basis. Mr. Isabella wanted to explain that the Board did not come into this just wanting to remove Fluoride just because they don't like it. Mr. Isabella explained that he is willing to listen to all the information before making a decision. He also explained that he also sees another problem when our employees have to take a 50 lb. bag of Fluoride, while wearing a respirator and lift it over their head to load it into the machine. Mr. Isabella is also concerned with the safety of our employees. Andrew then explained the latest discovery with the gear box being the wrong size and how we are still working toward getting the equipment back to optimal levels. Anthony and Andrew stated that in order to convert our current equipment with a door loading system would be a lot of money or we could go with a new saturation system which uses liquid Fluoride. The Board is frustrated with engineering of these systems.
- Mr. Harrison then stated that his perspective as a practicing dentist is that the end game should not be to get rid of the Equipment or Fluoride as he believes it would not be beneficial to the residents of Gloversville. Mr. Isabella responded that yes there may be some benefits of Fluoride to some of the community, however how much can we afford to undertake as a department especially when the cost of Fluoride has doubled in price from last year.
- Commissioner Capano commented that he is more concerned about the employees who have to handle this chemical. He feels we may be putting our employees under a health risk.
- President Isabella then stated that we will consider everything and knowing that our neighboring community such as Johnstown does not fluoridate their water and seem to be ok, maybe something to look at.
- Mr. Harrison then explained that about 20-25 years ago Johnstown wanted to put Fluoride in the water. At that time Johnstown had a public forum and one of the residents stated that they were one of the largest employers in Johnstown and it effects his tanning process. This person did not reveal that he had a tanning plant in Gloversville also that did not affect his tanning process.
- Commissioner Mauro commented that he feels that you are going to find some people who want fluoride and some that do not.
- Mr. Harrison went on to explain more about how Fluoride works. It is a natural occurring mineral which when added to the tooth structure prevents tooth decay. Fluoride is occurring in all water, but in fluoridating the water you want to get to the optimal level which is .7 parts per million due to the other sources of Fluoride. Mr. Harrison then went on to explain that the other sources of Fluoride do not do what community water fluoridation does. The biggest benefit Mr. Harrison sees is with children that are developing.
- Mr. Harrison went on to explain that 70% of community water systems in the United States have Fluoridated water systems.
- Commissioner Capano addressed Mr. Harrison about a conversation they had at his store in regard to this issue. In the conversation Commissioner Capano stated that he thought it would be best if the citizens of the City of Gloversville decided what they think we should do and asked Mr. Harrison if he agreed. Mr. Harrison stated that he did not agree.

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- Dr. Pesses then stated that if you look at the voting record in Groversville, 5 percent of the people normally vote. He did not agree that we should let the citizens decide. Dr. Pesses stated that it is the Board's responsibility to make this decision as the voting record in Groversville is terrible. Also, kids cannot vote and are the ones who most benefit from Fluoride. Dr. Pesses agreed that if everyone brushed their teeth 3 times daily with Fluoride toothpaste, maybe we would not need Fluoride in the water but that is not happening in Groversville. Dr. Pesses stated that he has seen kids with severe tooth decay at the age of 5. He also pointed out that if you look at our early history most people did not have teeth past their teenage years. Dr. Pesses commented that he did not want to see us go backwards.
- Mr. Harrison then stated that he and Dr. Pesses as professionals did not want to see Groversville take a step backwards. He then went on to say that he believes that the best, most economical, and most effective way to prevent tooth decay is community fluoridated water.
- Anthony then asked if Fluoride had to be ingested or is it specifically beneficial through brushing your teeth?
- Commissioner Antonucci then stated that it was not supposed to be ingested.
- Mr. Harrison then went on to explain that community fluoridated water is ingested. He went on to explain that in communities that do not fluoridate their water, physicians and dentist will sometimes give prescriptions for fluoridated vitamins. Fluoride also helps adults as many older individuals may be on medications that may affect their saliva production making them more susceptible to decay. Sealants may also be used. Mr. Harrison then stated that he believes the most effective way to prevent tooth decay is Fluoridated water.
- Commissioner Mauro also pointed out that the effectiveness of community fluoridation also depends on whether or not kids are actually drinking tap water. Commissioner Mauro estimated that possibly 75% of the kids do not even drink tap water or water at all. A lot of our youth are drinking soda, Gatorade, etc.....
- Commissioner Antonucci also pointed out that bottled water use in our community is also extremely high. Mr. Harrison pointed out that bottled water does not have Fluoride, however if they go to the drinking fountain at school at this time they would benefit from the Fluoride in our water.
- Commissioner Mauro and Commissioner Antonucci told Dr. Harrison that Commissioner Antonucci had talked to Price Chopper in Groversville who alone sells 2400 cases of bottled water in 1 week.
- Mr. Harrison pointed out that Groversville is somewhat of an impoverished community, and some may not get good health/dental care. What can happen as a result is that the tooth can become abscessed. Mr. Harrison gave an example that he got a call from a principal of one of the schools stating that a student was falling asleep in school as he could not sleep being in so much pain. Furthermore, an abscessed tooth can lead to a brain abscess and can cause someone to die.
- Commissioner Capano then asked if one of our employees could die getting Fluoride on them or breathing it in. Dr. Harrison was not aware of any documented cases where that has happened.
- Mr. Harrison has done some research and found that the Medicaid rates in our County can also affect our property taxes.
- Mr. Harrison contacted Jeffrey Peck from the Nathan Littauer Hospital who is Vice President of Community Health, and he also supports community fluoridation. Mr. Harrison also again pointed out that he has several others who are in favor of Fluoride as well.
- Mr. Harrison then went on to illustrate (2) studies that were done to show what happens when community fluoridation is stopped in a community. These studies were done in Canada, and they showed that the decay rate went up.

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- President Isabella asked if there was a difference in the decay rate from Johnstown to Groversville. Mr. Harrison said yes if you talk to local dentists, they will tell you that decay rates in Johnstown, Amsterdam, and Mayfield are higher than Groversville's. Mr. Harrison gave an example of a patient who grew up in Groversville mother had great teeth, moved to Johnstown had a child there and the child came to the office with several cavities. He admitted that there may have been other factors involved with the decay. Mr. Harrison also stated that in speaking to other colleagues he only knows of one other local dentist that is not in favor of Fluoride.
- Dr. Harrison then quoted a passage from his slideshow presentation; " Community water fluoridation benefits transcend racial, ethnic, social, economic, and regional differences." " Its unique benefit is that it reaches all members of the community, young, middle aged, and older."
- Dr. Harrison then thanked Anthony and Andrew for giving them a tour of the Water Plant and outlining their frustrations with the current Fluoride Equipment.
- Commissioner Antonucci then gave some information he collected concerning some negative effects from Fluoride to Dr. Harrison and Dr. Pesses for them to review from 2020.
- President Isabella then reiterated that they are trying to do what is right for the community and make smart decisions. The Board has talked about from the beginning that we need to get public input if we need to make this decision. Mr. Isabella stated that the way we were treated by some of the City Council members when this issue came up at the last Council meeting was very disconcerting. The city council members could have very easily with a phone call or by stopping by the office and talking to Anthony found that we are doing everything we can to make this work. We have been in contact with the Dept of Health every step of the way. Mr. Isabella stated that it is very frustrating that we are getting push back when we have been trying to do the right thing all along. We want to do the right thing for the community and our taxpayers. We need to weight all of our options.
- Commissioner Mauro then commented that he has been on the Board for several years and the one thing we always try to do is the right thing. We will try to do our homework and make the best decision we can.
- Dr. Harrison then quoted former Senator Patrick Moynahan who said, "everyone is entitled to the wrong opinion, they are not entitled to the wrong facts." The Fluoride facts document tells us that Fluoride is the right answer. Dr. Harrison understood our frustration and admitted that this is why he wanted to help us out. Mr. Harrison stated that we are in a good spot right now and as Dr. Pesses mentioned if we stop Fluoridating, we will be going backwards in his opinion. He then went on to say that he raised his 3 kids in Groversville and honestly believes they had no decay not only because he was a dentist, but because of the Fluoride in the water.
- Dr. Harrison then went on to say that if we try to have a public forum it is will not be very pretty. Mr. Harrison was at the public forum in Johnstown and again there was a large employer there who spoke out against it, and it was struck down even though the President of the Water Board was in favor of it. Unfortunately, the employer was not honest. Mr. Harrison also believes the same thing happened in Amsterdam.
- Dr. Harrison went on to explain that he spoke with Sarah Nowalk of the Dept. of Health concerning our minutes of a prior meeting where it was indicated that she was all right with us removing fluoride from the water. Dr. Harrison said that when he spoke to her, she said she knows she did not say that. Mr. Harrison stated that he does not know anyone at the State Health Department that would support not fluoridating the water.
- President Isabella then stated that he wished that Sarah, someone from the State Health Dept, or Dr. Harrison would go to a community like Johnstown and try to get them to Fluoridate water as much as they are pushing us to keep Fluoride in the water. He then wanted to mention another bigger factor as the problems they have in Johnstown where they may have to purchase water from Groversville. It would be more beneficial to us and the community of Johnstown if they could buy our water with Fluoride. Only in an emergency situation, does Johnstown buy water from us as needed. Mr. Isabella then supported the Health Department going to the Johnstown Water Board and giving them a presentation on the benefits of Fluoride.

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- Andrew then asked Dr. Harrison if he had a chance to find out if there is any benefit to fluoridation at a level below .6 parts per million? Andrew pointed out that the range for Fluoride used to be from .6 to 1.2 parts per million and now it has been raised to a .7. Andrew also pointed out that anything over a 1.5 can cause staining of the teeth. Dr. Harrison agreed that higher levels of fluoride can cause fluorosis. Some cities have over 1.2 parts per million in there water and may experience this staining, but they don't have decay. Dr. Harrison stated that .6 is still beneficial but not optimal.
- Andrew also asked the question that when they perform these studies, how do we know how much water an individual will consume? Are they basing these studies on everyone drinking 2 liters per day or are they basing it off the recommended daily allowance of 64 oz per day etc. Dr. Pesses explained that they are probably basing these studies on population studies as it would be impossible to measure exactly how much is being consumed. Dr. Pesses outlined a study for instance that was done in NY between Newburgh versus Kingston where one was fluoridated, and one was not, and the incidents of cavities was higher in the community without Fluoridated water. Dr. Pesses then went on to point out that there are multiple studies showing the same for other communities. Dr. Harrison pointed out that this study was done in 1956. Dr. Pesses did say that there were some minor studies done that show an IQ difference of 1 point, however he said the design of these studies were terrible and should not be considered.
- Dr. Pesses then pointed out that if you consider the cost of a dental decay over a lifetime is \$6,000 per cavity by preventing more cavities the savings to the average taxpayer with no cavities would be fantastic.
- Dr. Harrison stated that they ask that the Board support Fluoridation as it is in the best interest of our citizens. The percentage of decay between Kingston versus Newburgh are higher than the more recent studies of today because of the other sources of fluoride we have today such as toothpaste, mouthwash, and some foods. However, he does not believe these provide fluoride at the optimal level as it does on a community wide level.
- Anthony wanted to address the prior comment made by Dr. Harrison concerning the meeting minutes that he mentioned where Sarah Nowalk supposedly said that she was ok with us removing fluoride from our water. Anthony stated that this was taken out of context . When Anthony spoke with Sarah and he was explaining the Board/s possible intentions to remove fluoride, Sarah stated that she could not force the Board to keep Fluoride in the water all the Dept. of Health could do was educate us on the benefits of Fluoride and encourage us to keep it in the water. Mr. Harrison then reiterated that he now understood that what Sarah was trying to do was to advise the Board on what we would need to do if the Board decided to remove Fluoride from the water. Anthony was incredibly open with her on our frustrations and with all of the discussions the Board has had in regard to the possible removal of Fluoride from our water.
- Mr. Harrison then complimented the condition of our Water Treatment Plant and commented that we have a wonderful facility.'

At this time Mr. Harrison and Dr. Pesses then thanked the Board for allowing them to make the presentation on the benefits of Fluoridation in drinking water and excused themselves from the meeting.

Superintendent's Report: Continued

Superintendent Mendetta discussed the remaining issues with the Board:

- 2) **Jackson Summitt Spillway Project:** Anthony informed the Board that we went out to bid on the project and only received (1) bid . The base bid from J.H. Maloy came in at \$1,734,830.00 with alternate #1 for repair/patching of the Wingwalls coming in at \$\$73,110.00 and alternate#2 for the full replacement of the wingwalls coming in at \$573,837.00. With this total bid to complete the Jackson Summit Spillway project we would be at a total of 1 million dollars over budget. Anthony recommended after talking to Nick Zabawski from the City who is in charge of our CDBG grant funding for this project that we split this project and call for partial completion in 2022 and call for the remainder of the project to be completed in the spring/summer of 2023. This will allow us to go out to bid again to facilitate further more competitive bids from more than just one contractor. After speaking with other potential bidders, they did not put in a bid due to the current project completion date in November being so restrictive. Anthony

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explained that the original reason for the November completion date was that we did not want the contractors to be pouring concrete in the middle of Winter and also that our CDBG funding is due to run out on December 31, 2022. Anthony has since talked to Nick Zabawsky, and he stated that if we revise the bid specs to specifically layout some work to be completed this year and then extend the project out for final completion in the Spring of next year, we will not lose our CDBG Funding. Anthony feels in talking with the other contractors who originally requested bid packets, that they would turn in bids with the extended completion date. Anthony then laid out the scope of work to be done this year to include, stump removal, drainage work, weir box installation, and order of materials to be on hand so we can start the main construction of the Spillway in early spring of 2023. Nick stated that if we do this, he does not believe the State would pull the grant money while we are in the middle of the project. We would have to request an extension as he has done in the past. However, we cannot request this until 30 days prior to the funding running out. Anthony told the Board that after re-bidding the project, we should be opening the new bids by mid-July, and we can award the contract at the August meeting.

Water Board President James Isabella presented the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-12

RESOLUTION OF THE GLOVERSVILLE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS WITH AN ADDRESS OF 67-73 S. MAIN STREET, GLOVERSVILLE NEW YORK 12078 REJECTING ANY AND ALL BIDS OPENED ON JUNE 8, 2022, AT 2:00PM FOR THE JACKSON SUMMIT RESERVOIR DAM SPILLWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. WITH THE BOARD ALSO TO AUTHORIZE THE RE-ADVERTISEMENT OF A NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR THE GLOVERSVILLE WATER DEPARTMENT'S JACKSON SUMMIT RESERVOIR DAM SPILLWAY RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Gloversville Water Works own and operates a water supply, treatment, and distribution system for the City of Gloversville, New York; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gloversville's Water Works, Jackson Summit Reservoir Dam Spillway Reconstruction Project involves the reconstruction of the existing water service spillway, stump removals, site grading, and installation of weir boxes. The proposed actions will address the deficiencies identified in the engineering assessment and previous NYSDEC inspection letters.

WHEREAS, the City of Gloversville Water Works wishes to reject the bid submitted by J.H. Maloy on June 8, 2022, at 2:00PM for our Jackson Summit Reservoir Dam Spillway Reconstruction Project

WHEREAS, the City of Gloversville Water Works wishes to re-advertise for bids to complete the Jackson Summit Reservoir Dam Spillway Reconstruction Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby

RESOLVED, that the acting Board of Water Commissioners reject the one (1) and only bid for the Jackson Summit Reservoir Dam Spillway Project submitted by J.H. Maloy on June 8, 2022, at 2:00PM in the amount of \$1,734,830.00 to further the purposes of competitive bidding.

RESOLVED, that the Water Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to re- advertise a legal notice to bidders for the Gloversville Water Department's Jackson Summit Reservoir Dam Spillway Reconstruction Project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Isabella seconded by Commissioner Antonucci , that the above resolution be adopted.

Votes Taken:

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	Yes	No
Commissioner Antonucci	X	
Commissioner Isabella	X	
Commissioner Mauro	X	
Commissioner Robinson	X	
Commissioner Capano	X	

Adopted : June 14, 2022

- 3) **GIGP Meter Project** : Anthony informed the Board that the Meter Project Contract was submitted to EFC. We ran into a couple of roadblocks with it. We have standardization of Neptune meters with a prior resolution as passed by the Board and we had prior e-mail correspondence with EFC in regard to giving us permission to award the contract to Ti-Sales as our sole source provider for this project. When the contract was submitted, we got questioned from the Engineer on the legality of moving forward without going out to bid. We are working through this to see what will be required. EFC did tell us that we are required to have the contract stamped by an engineer. Therefore, because we had the original contract drawn up by Ti-Sales we now have to have C.T. Male re-submit the contract in their format so it can be certified and stamped by them. We will keep the Board updated.

- 4) **Filtration Plant Painting Upgrades**: The Filtration plant and steps have all been painted. Anthony wanted to commend all the employees and their efforts to make the plant look so much better. It has been a total transformation.

- 5) **WIIA Grant – Treatment Plant Infra Upgrades**: Anthony sent in the paperwork to the State accepting the funds and we are waiting the hear back for any updates. Anthony spoke to Jake Gordon from C.T. Male who spoke to their grant writer, and he seems to think we could list this project again being there is so much funding out there and possibly get more aid to cover more of the infrastructure upgrades and valve replacements at the plant. Anthony feels this may help us cover the extra costs of materials due to inflation as we are planning this project almost a year in advance of actual project completion.

- 6) **Lead Line Service Project** : Anthony informed the Board that we have begun replacing Lead Services again this year and things are going very well. Anthony also included the need to replace more Lead Services in our current engineering report to be added to the project to be listed on the new IUP for the State. Anthony wanted to do this just in case as our current funding runs out in March of 2024 and we do not feel we will be done with all of our lead services by then. Our goal is to get as many as we can done in house. However, Anthony would like to, if we get additional funding , target specific areas, and possibly put it out to bid to outside contractors. Anthony feels that it will take to long for us to complete all of our lead services on our own.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mauro to enter into an executive session to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Capano.

Commissioner	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Isabella	X			
Mauro	X			
Antonucci	X			
Robinson	X			
Capano	X			

A motion was made by Commissioner Mauro to leave executive session. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson.

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Commissioner	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Isabella	X			
Mauro	X			
Antonucci	X			
Robinson	X			
Capano	X			

A motion was made by Commissioner Isabella to promote Zachary Palmer to the position of Assistant Foreman effective upon official approval from the Fulton County Personnel Department. With the position to be at a rate of \$26.17 per the current CSEA Contract and subsequent Memorandum of Agreements. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mauro.

Commissioner	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Isabella	X			
Mauro	X			
Antonucci	X			
Robinson	X			
Capano	X			

A motion was made by Commissioner Antonucci to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Capano.

Commissioner	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Isabella	X			
Mauro	X			
Antonucci	X			
Robinson	X			
Capano	X			

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday July 12, 2022, at 6:00pm at our office.