

**ABINGTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY**

March 10, 2021

The regular meeting of the Abington Regional Wastewater Authority was called to order by Chairman Jenkins and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting took place via Zoom conference on March 10, 2021 at 6:33 p.m.

Present:

Wayne Thorpe  
Frank Besten  
Harry Jenkins  
Gloria Lance  
Donald Snyder  
Paul Lockett

Also Present:

Lauren Elliot  
David Rinaldi, Esquire  
Donald Jensen, Esquire  
Mike Bisignani, Engineer  
Paul Murphy

Absent: Robert Kelly

Guests: Jim Ridolfi and Joe Durkin from Riley Associates (Representing Clarks Summit State Hospital)

**Ms. Lance made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2021 meeting, seconded by Mr. Rinaldi, unanimously passed.**

Mr. Ridolfi and Mr. Durkin of Riley Associates representing the Clarks Summit State Hospital discussed plans to upgrade the sewer plant and/or connect to ARWA. Mr. Ridolfi stated that currently Abington Heights School District has 2 schools connected to the Clarks Summit State Hospital treatment plant. He discussed the connection plan which includes an I & I Study (including the lines to the Abington Heights School District) and a pump station. Mr. Durkin stated that tonight they were attending to present an agreement required by the State before moving forward with any planning.

Mr. Thorpe asked if DEP is favoring the plan. Mr. Durkin stated that DEP is favoring the connection to ARWA. Mr. Thorpe also asked if the line would run down Winola Road or the Morgan Highway. Mr. Durkin said they looked at both options, but they prefer Winola Road due to being on state roads. Mr. Snyder remarked that both Morgan Highway and Winola Road are State Roads.

Mr. Lance asked about the reference to Newton Township connections. Mr. Durkin discussed that it was part of the original agreement with Newton Township and currently there are no residential hook ups. There is one new development, Summit Hill, that had showed interest. This will be defined in the Act 537 plan.

Mr. Murphy asked how many approximate EDU's this connection would be. Mr. Durkin stated it would be approximately 60,000 gallons-90,000 gallons or approximately 260 EDU's.

Mr. Rinaldi discussed how the agreement with Newton Township states they will take up to 200,000 gallons/day. The Clarks Summit State Hospital Plant currently doesn't have extra capacity available. Mr. Durkin stated that is a correct statement. However, they do not anticipate that they would utilize that capacity due to the financial costs/responsibility on the township with a connection of that size. Mr. Ridolfi stated they could handle the additional flow hydraulically, but the treatment plant can't meet the effluent limits. Mr. Rinaldi asked if there were any more potential developments that didn't approach Newton Township yet. Mr. Durkin stated no. He also stated that the state isn't paying for anything other than their own facility.

At this time Ms. Elliot opened up the Sludge Hauling Bids. (24-month Contract)

- 1) Waste Management- \$254.99/20 cubic yard dumpster
- 2) JP Mascaro- \$273.95/20 cubic yard dumpster

**Mr. Rinaldi made a motion to accept the bid from Waste Management in the amount of \$254.99 for a 20 cubic yard dumpster for a 24-month contract, pending review by solicitor Jensen, seconded by Mr. Snyder, unanimously Passed.**

Executive Session started at 7:03 PM

Executive Session ended at 7:53 PM

### **Directors Report:**

Ms. Elliot presented her directors report including the NASSCO Pipeline Assessment Certification and Sandvik Materials Technology Update.

Ms. Elliot discussed that Michael Ganz and Eric Allegrucci successfully completed their certification for PACP, MACP and LACP on February 25, 2021. Ms. Elliot also reported she successfully completed her recertification on February 17, 2021.

Ms. Elliot discussed that she received a phone call from Guzek Associates stating that Sandvik has started their new batch treat system. A letter was attached. Ms. Elliot also has a drawing of the treatment process. Sandvik will be doing additional monitoring to ensure this new treatment will not negatively impact ARWA's treatment process. Ms. Elliot also stated Sandvik will be sharing those monitoring results with ARWA. Ms. Elliot also stated she has been monitoring Nitrate results at the plant and has seen no changes.

Ms. Elliot presented the Operational Data for February 2020, reporting an average daily influent flow of 3.68 MGD.

Ms. Elliot presented the rain vs flow chart.

Ms. Elliot presented Anthony Luongo's Operations and Maintenance report highlighting the installation and rebuild of the recirculating pump for the heating system in the Biosolids building, Melborne Electric on site to calibrate the PLC card associated with the Influent flow in the SCADA

system, the rebuild if the impeller seal on #2 utility water pump, and the continuous snow and ice removal.

Unpaid Bills Detail:  
Unpaid Bills 03/10/2021

Abington Regional Wastewater Authority

3/11/2021 10:22 AM

Register: Fidelity Operating Expenses  
From 02/11/2021 through 03/11/2021  
Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
02/11/2021			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer		X	78,449.06	155.24
03/10/2021	3881	Amy Waters	Accounts Payable	Recording Secr...	100.00			55.24
03/10/2021	3882	Cardmember Service	Accounts Payable	Credit card pay...	115.98			-60.74
03/10/2021	3883	Commonwealth of Pe...	Accounts Payable	Compressor Va...	332.65			-393.39
03/10/2021	3884	Convenient Food Mart	Accounts Payable	Gas	86.84			-480.23
03/10/2021	3885	County Waste	Accounts Payable	Refuse Hauling...	278.78			-759.01
03/10/2021	3886	Dempsey Uniform	Accounts Payable	Mud Rug Rental	35.51			-794.52
03/10/2021	3887	Eric M. Allegrucci	Accounts Payable	Reimbursement...	125.00			-919.52
03/10/2021	3888	Fiegleman's Recyclin...	Accounts Payable	Metal for plow ...	31.01			-950.53
03/10/2021	3889	Fox Ledge, Inc.	Accounts Payable	Bottled Drinkin...	56.10			-1,006.63
03/10/2021	3890	Frontier	Accounts Payable		706.78			-1,713.41
03/10/2021	3891	HACH	Accounts Payable	021805-001	2,082.66			-3,796.07
03/10/2021	3892	Hawk Mountain Lab...	Accounts Payable	Contract Lab A...	2,017.75			-5,813.82
03/10/2021	3893	Highmark Blue Shield	Accounts Payable	Health Insurance	4,516.47			-10,330.29
03/10/2021	3894	Jensen & Jensen	Accounts Payable	Legal Fees	687.50			-11,017.79
03/10/2021	3895	JP Mascaro & Sons	Accounts Payable		2,772.00			-13,789.79
03/10/2021	3896	Justus Home & Garden	Accounts Payable	Dumpster, rock...	1,270.06			-15,059.85
03/10/2021	3897	Keystone Sanitary La...	Accounts Payable	Sludge Disposal	8,704.09			-23,763.94
03/10/2021	3898	Melborne Electric	Accounts Payable	Flowmeter and ...	630.00			-24,393.94
03/10/2021	3899	OnePoint	Accounts Payable	2226	71.50			-24,465.44
03/10/2021	3900	PA American Water ...	Accounts Payable	Domestic Water	291.51			-24,756.95
03/10/2021	3901	PA Dept of Envniro...	Accounts Payable	Storage Tank P...	125.00			-24,881.95
03/10/2021	3902	Polydyne, Inc.	Accounts Payable	974180	2,690.08			-27,572.03
03/10/2021	3903	Saul Ewing Arnstein ...	Accounts Payable	Special Counsel	21,972.00			-49,544.03
03/10/2021	3904	The Scranton Times	Accounts Payable	230389	205.20			-49,749.23
03/10/2021	3905	UGI	Accounts Payable	2379801011-4	1,238.11			-50,987.34
03/10/2021	3906	United Concordia	Accounts Payable	364001819	424.69			-51,412.03
03/10/2021	3907	USA Blue Book	Accounts Payable	935510	827.09			-52,239.12
03/10/2021	3908	Zen Design Firm	Accounts Payable	Email and Web...	85.00			-52,324.12
03/11/2021			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer			52,479.36	155.24

**Mr. Murphy made a motion to authorize the last ACH quarterly payment in the amount of \$15,361 to Mass Mutual, seconded by Mr. Rinaldi, unanimously passed.**

**Motion was made by Mr. Thorpe to approve payment of bills for 03/10/2021 seconded by Mr. Murphy, unanimously passed.**

Ms. Elliot presented the budget and statement of balances.

### **Engineers Report**

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that GHD continues to coordinate with retained special council Mr. William Warren on an as needed basis fielding phone calls, providing descriptions and feedback as requested. A separate billing will be opened up to track the litigation expenses.

Mr. Bisignani discussed Fred Mihal (SCADA Programmer with Melborne Electric) performed PLC card calibration associated with the influent flow meter. The calibration appears to have helped with WWTP flow balancing but there is still a gap. The same effort will be completed on the effluent meter in the coming weeks.

Mr. Bisignani discussed GHD has commenced preparation of the ARWA Chapter 94 Annual Waste Load Management Report and has now received all member community supporting documentation.

**The Treasurer's Report** was presented by Mr. Murphy as follows:

Fidelity Bank as of March 10, 2021 = \$2,979.03

Money Market Account as of March 10, 2021 = \$88,272.12 (Done Quarterly)

Requisitions: #507- \$38,000 to Payroll Account  
#508- \$1,000 to Treasurers Account  
#509- \$75,295.60 CUES

**Motion was made by Mr. Murphy to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and the requisitions #507 \$38,000 to Payroll Account and #508 \$1,000 to Treasurer's Account and #509 \$75,295.60 to CUES, seconded Mr. Rinaldi, unanimously passed.**

**Public Relations Committee:** No Report

**Personnel Committee:** No Report

**Litigation Committee:** No Report

**Finance Committee:** No Report

**Solicitor's Report:** No Report

**Board Member Comments: None**

**There were no members of the public present and no public comment.**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Thorpe and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM, unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Frank Besten, Assistant Secretary