

ABINGTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

July 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the Abington Regional Wastewater Authority was called to order by Chairman Lockett and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting took place via Zoom conference on July 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Paul Lockett
Gloria Lance
Donald Snyder
John Pullo
Wayne Thorpe

Also Present:

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

Absent:

Robert Kelly
Frank Besten

Chairman Lockett presented a letter of resignation from South Abington Township member Robert Kelly. Mr. Lockett thanked Mr. Kelly for his 11 years of service on the board. Currently, South Abington is reviewing and interviewing potential replacements.

Ms. Lance made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2021 meeting, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, unanimously passed.

Executive Session started at 6:34 PM

Executive Session ended at 6:55 PM

Directors Report:

Ms. Elliot presented her directors report including the Bioreactor Number 3 Piping, Dialog Elite Monitoring Service and the Sewer Inspection Camera.

Ms. Elliot discussed that the staff entered Bioreactor number 3 to do a thorough inspection of the 309 stainless steel compressed gas system piping. Unlike the other two bioreactors, the piping was not pitted at any of the welds. Enviromix has been notified that no damage was detected. The staff asked Enviromix to look into any possible differences that may have occurred during manufacturing. The staff will continue to monitor the piping conditions. Currently there is no need to replace the piping.

Ms. Elliot also discussed that Allied Control Services sent a bill for the equipment alarm monitoring system. The total for 14 months of monitoring is \$1,704.25. The lapse in billing was a clerical error by Allied Control Services. However, ARWA received and used a service they provided so would be responsible for payment of the bill. This was verified with the Solicitor. Service was discontinued

with Dialog Elite and started with Sensaphone. The bill is included in this month's unpaid bills. Mr. Murphy suggested writing on the check that it is the final payment to Allied Control Services.

Ms. Elliot discussed ARWA performed their first official sewer camera inspection on July 1, 2021 in South Abington Township. All went well and the township was billed for the service. Ms. Elliot encouraged board members to take advantage of this as it will result in a significant cost savings.

Ms. Elliot presented the Operational Data for June 2021, reporting an average daily influent flow of 2.56 MGD.

Ms. Elliot presented the rain vs flow chart.

Ms. Elliot presented Anthony Luongo Operations and Maintenance highlighting the replacement of filters and prefilters with brand new filters in all process blowers and the changing of the oil in the Tuthill Clarifier. The report discussed the inspection of bioreactor number 3 and the wet weather event on 6/29/21 that produced 1.35 inches of rain and 6/30/21 having an additional 1.25 inches. Peak flow was 8.00 MGD.

Unpaid Bills Detail:

Unpaid Bills 7/14/2021

Abington Regional Wastewater Authority					7/15/2021 12:50 PM			
Register: Fidelity Operating Expenses								
From 06/10/2021 through 07/15/2021								
Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref								
Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
06/10/2021			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer		X	66,205.02	210.55
07/14/2021	4011	Advanced Auto	Accounts Payable	6473 7020 000...	19.98			190.57
07/14/2021	4012	Allied Control Services	Accounts Payable	Dialog Elite Se...	1,704.25			-1,513.68
07/14/2021	4013	Amy Waters	Accounts Payable	Recording Secr...	100.00			-1,613.68
07/14/2021	4014	Cardmember Service	Accounts Payable	credit card pay...	15.89			-1,629.57
07/14/2021	4015	Convenient Food Mart	Accounts Payable	Gasoline	213.26			-1,842.83
07/14/2021	4016	Dempsey Uniform	Accounts Payable	Mud Rug Rental	35.51			-1,878.34
07/14/2021	4017	Eastern Time	Accounts Payable	Battery Replac...	24.36			-1,902.70
07/14/2021	4018	Fastenal	Accounts Payable	PAJES0512	81.86			-1,984.56
07/14/2021	4019	Fisher Scientific	Accounts Payable	149198-001	81.07			-2,065.63
07/14/2021	4020	Fox Ledge, Inc.	Accounts Payable	Bottled Drinkin...	29.39			-2,095.02
07/14/2021	4021	Frontier	Accounts Payable		443.55			-2,538.57
07/14/2021	4022	Grainger	Accounts Payable	810251959	219.48			-2,758.05
07/14/2021	4023	Greenfield Power Eq...	Accounts Payable	Uniforms	62.98			-2,821.03
07/14/2021	4024	HACH	Accounts Payable	021805-001	2,547.40			-5,368.43
07/14/2021	4025	Hawk Mountain Lab...	Accounts Payable	Contract Lab A...	3,037.50			-8,405.93
07/14/2021	4026	Highmark Blue Shield	Accounts Payable	Health Insurance	4,516.47			-12,922.40
07/14/2021	4027	IWC Group	Accounts Payable	Workers Comp...	2,932.67			-15,855.07
07/14/2021	4028	Jensen & Jensen	Accounts Payable	Legal services	968.75			-16,823.82
07/14/2021	4029	Justus Home & Garden	Accounts Payable	Dumpster Line...	961.68			-17,785.50
07/14/2021	4030	Kappe & Associates	Accounts Payable	UV Signa Bulbs	5,026.00			-22,811.50
07/14/2021	4031	Keystone Sanitary La...	Accounts Payable	Sludge Disposal	9,072.85			-31,884.35
07/14/2021	4032	Kohanski & company	Accounts Payable	Final Audit Bil...	1,800.00			-33,684.35
07/14/2021	4033	Lackawanna County ...	Accounts Payable	Internet Service	65.00			-33,749.35
07/14/2021	4034	Main Pool & Chemic...	Accounts Payable		2,445.75			-36,195.10
07/14/2021	4035	McClure Company	Accounts Payable	HVAC Repairs...	685.00			-36,880.10
07/14/2021	4036	Melborne Electric	Accounts Payable	UV Circuit Bre...	1,798.92			-38,679.02
07/14/2021	4037	NRG	Accounts Payable	Service to HV...	2,830.00			-41,509.02
07/14/2021	4038	PA American Water ...	Accounts Payable	Domestic Water	297.66			-41,806.68
07/14/2021	4039	PICA HVAC	Accounts Payable	Service Call for...	250.00			-42,056.68
07/14/2021	4040	PPL	Accounts Payable	Electric	11,221.27			-53,277.95
07/14/2021	4041	Saul Ewing Arnstein ...	Accounts Payable	Legal Fees	413.50			-53,691.45
07/14/2021	4042	Smith Air Center Inc.	Accounts Payable	Compressor Ai...	274.45			-53,965.90
07/14/2021	4043	TeamLogic IT	Accounts Payable	HVAC Server ...	447.19			-54,413.09
07/14/2021	4044	UGI	Accounts Payable	2379801011-4	97.06			-54,510.15
07/14/2021	4045	United Concordia	Accounts Payable	364001819	849.38			-55,359.53
07/14/2021	4046	USA Blue Book	Accounts Payable	935510	213.23			-55,572.76
07/14/2021	4047	Waste Management I...	Accounts Payable	821-90844	2,748.66			-58,321.42
07/14/2021	4048	Zen Design Firm	Accounts Payable	Web and Email...	85.00			-58,406.42
07/14/2021			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer			58,616.97	210.55

Motion was made by Mr. Murphy to approve payment of bills for 7/14/2021 in the amount of \$58,616.97, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, passed.

Ms. Elliot presented the budget and statement of balances.

Ms. Elliot discussed 2(two) CD's coming up for renewal in the amount of approx. \$500,000. With the rates low, the authority will wait for rates to come up and decide the best course of action. Mr. Thorpe asked if the authority should pay down debt and Mr. Murphy stated that it is a possibility.

Engineers Report

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed 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. There were no necessary interactions this past month,

Mr. Bisignani's report provided a proposal for engineering services related to the design, bidding, and construction services for the proposed repairs to the Bio-Solids Building for review. GHD is currently waiting on how to proceed or if changes are necessary.

Mr. Bisignani and Ms. Elliot participated in a conference call with Reilly Associates regarding the State Hospital Connection commitment request. The Organic loading challenges were described to Reilly Associates in detail. GHD provided Reilly Associates a table outlining draft costs of a rerate to facilitate preliminary discussions with the state.

Mr. Bisignani's discussed receiving two (2) incomplete planning module connection requests, Preliminary feedback was provided but additional information is required from each in order to complete a formal review and capacity certification. These properties are:

- 205 Oakford Road, Clarks Summit, PA (Suburban Realty)
- 251 East Grove Street, Clarks Green (927 Summit Realty)- New building behind an existing structure

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

Fidelity Bank as of July 14, 2021 = \$3,079.03

Money Market Account as of July 14, 2021 = \$259,505.93 (Done Quarterly)

Requisitions: #517- \$28,000 to Payroll Account
#518- \$1,000 to Treasurer's Account

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and the requisitions #517- \$28,000 to the Payroll Account and #518- \$1,000 to Treasurer's Account, seconded Mr. Thorpe, unanimously passed.

Public Relations Committee: No Report

Personnel Committee: No Report

Litigation Committee: No Report

Finance Committee: No Report

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Jensen discussed a letter he received from a Glenburn Landowner requesting hookup to the sewer. This letter discussed that the landowner was under the impression they could hook up into the system at any time. Ms. Elliot and Solicitor Jensen discussed this property is not in the ARWA coverage. There have been no more communications.

Solicitor Jensen also discussed that Scranton is considering a Regional Stormwater Authority. Solicitor Jensen reviewed the information and believed it would be beneficial for GHD to research some background information before the authority needed to consider it. Mr. Rinaldi and Mr. Murphy don't believe the authority needs to spend money on this. Mr. Bisignani stated he has some experience with this. Mr. Bisignani's question would be what the Authorities roll in a Regional Stormwater Authority would be and at this time he doesn't have an answer.

Board Member Comments:

Mr. Rinaldi remembered Mr. Kelly and was a tremendous asset to the board. He Thanked him for his years of service and wishes him well.

Mr. Murphy suggested sending Mr. Kelly a letter thanking him for his service.

Mr. Lockett remembered he has known Mr. Kelly since he was 5 and worked with him later when he worked on the DPW crew at South Abington Township.

Mr. Pullo thanked Solicitor Jensen for bring up the Regional Stormwater Authority. He discussed that there isn't much funding for stormwater, and this may be a way to fund projects.

Mr. Snyder discussed that he believes that groups are recognized for funding when they are part of a whole. He stated that if the authority is entitled to something that the board should consider it.

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

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:29 PM by Mr. Thorpe seconded by Mr. Murphy unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Besten, Assistant Secretary