

ABINGTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

August 11, 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 August 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Paul Lockett
Gloria Lance
Donald Snyder
Paul Murphy
Wayne Thorpe
John Pullo

Also Present:

Lauren Elliot
David Rinaldi, Esquire
Donald Jensen, Esquire
Mike Bisignani, Engineer
Frank Besten
Casey Monagan

Absent:

Guest: Joe Durkin from Reilly Associates

Chairman Lockett welcomed new board members Casey Monagan who is replacing Robert Kelly as South Abington Township representative.

At this time Mr. Monagan gave a brief background. He mentioned he works for UGI as is a Licensed Civil Engineer. Before working for UGI he worked for an Engineering Consulting Firm. He has been in the field for approximately 20 years.

Ms. Lance made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2021 meeting, seconded by Mr. Snyder, unanimously passed.

At this time Mr. Durkin and Mike Bisignani discussed the State Hospital Project. Mr. Durkin started with a brief background on the project for new members. He discussed that the Sewer plant on the State Hospital Property needs to be replaced and or needs to close, build a pumping station and hook into the ARWA System. He discussed that the State is looking for a motion from ARWA showing they are on board with the project. This motion was also requested from the member municipalities. He discussed that ARWA had concerns about the organic loads that would come into the plant if the State Hospital and schools connected to ARWA. Mr. Durkin discussed that Mr. Bisignani and GHD would work to do a study to show the plant could accept more biological loading that it currently accepts and have the permits altered to accept the additional organic load. Mr. Durkin discussed that GHD gave an estimate of \$60,000 to complete this study and plan. Mr. Durkin discussed that DGS would pay for the plan and study, but if ARWA wanted to increase the organic capacity above the necessary requirement of the State Hospital hook up if there is an excess, then DGS would ask that ARWA share the costs. Mr. Bisignani stated that the next step would be for the Authority to make a motion or agreement to move forward with the study. Board members presented their questions and concerns on the

project and the study. Mr. Durkin fielded the questions. Solicitor Jensen asked when ARWA would be responsible for paying. Mr. Durkin discussed that there would be cost sharing on the study only if ARWA decided to capture the capacity, proportionate to the benefit they would be receiving. Mr. Bisignani discussed that they would only be charged if ARWA chose to capture loads above what the State Hospital needed. Solicitor Jensen stated that the state is the one that approached ARWA on this project and doesn't believe that Authority needs to pay for the study. He stated that the man hours would be the same as updating for 300 or 1000 organic loading. Mr. Durkin asked if the authority would put in writing their proposal back. Members of the authority discussed that the authority doesn't need this study and shouldn't have to pay for anything. Mr. Durkin clarified that the authority isn't interested in cost sharing. Mr. Snyder just wanted to make it clear that the Authority isn't mad at Newton Township, just wanted it known that they already had agreements with the State Hospital. Mr. Durkin stated that he will go back to DGS and put together a more detailed presentation and agreement.

Executive Session started at 7:38 PM- Litigation discussion

Executive Session ended at 7:42 PM

Directors Report:

Ms. Elliot presented her directors report including wet events, and WETT sampling.

Ms. Elliot that the month of July had a total of 8(eight) inches of rainfall surpassing the normal 2 (two) inches. ARWA experienced 6 (six) high flow events with peak flows of 19.2 MGD. Staff members were onsite during these events until flows subsided.

Ms. Elliot reported that the annual WETT testing was completed and the bill, to Cove Environmental for \$2,950.00 was included in this month's bills. The results will be reported to PADEP in the next DMR submittal.

Ms. Elliot presented the Operational Data for July 2021, reporting an average daily influent flow of 4.38 MGD.

Ms. Elliot presented the rain vs flow chart.

Ms. Elliot presented Anthony Luongo Operations and Maintenance highlighting the full service on all clarifier skimmer systems including bearing and motor inspection, replacement of belts on rooftop ventilation units, the annual backflow assembly test on July 30th, service on the UV Signa system and the 6 (six) wet weather events.

Unpaid Bills Detail:
Unpaid Bills 8/11/2021

Abington Regional Wastewater Authority

8/12/2021 8:13 AM

Register: Fidelity Operating Expenses

From 07/15/2021 through 08/12/2021

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
07/22/2021	4049	American Arbitration...	Accounts Payable	Filing Fee	5,000.00			210.55
08/11/2021	4050	Amrex Chemical Co.	Accounts Payable	Sodium Perma...	498.25			-287.70
08/11/2021	4051	Amy Waters	Accounts Payable	Recording Secr...	100.00			-387.70
08/11/2021	4052	BDI Industries	Accounts Payable	RAS Couplings	148.71			-536.41
08/11/2021	4053	Cardmember Service	Accounts Payable	Credit Card Pa...	169.59			-706.00
08/11/2021	4054	Chapman Supply Co.	Accounts Payable	Plumbing Supp...	3.18			-709.18
08/11/2021	4055	Commonwealth of Pe...	Accounts Payable	Operator Certif...	150.00			-859.18
08/11/2021	4056	Convenient Food Mart	Accounts Payable	Gasoline	86.15			-945.33
08/11/2021	4057	Cove Environmental	Accounts Payable	WETT Testing ...	2,950.00			-3,895.33
08/11/2021	4058	Dempsey Uniform	Accounts Payable	Mud Rug Rental	35.51			-3,930.84
08/11/2021	4059	Fox Ledge, Inc.	Accounts Payable	Bottled Drinkin...	23.89			-3,954.73
08/11/2021	4060	Frontier	Accounts Payable	Telephone and ...	238.86			-4,193.59
08/11/2021	4061	Grainger	Accounts Payable	810251959	129.22			-4,322.81
08/11/2021	4062	HACH	Accounts Payable	021805-001	2,400.00			-6,722.81
08/11/2021	4063	Hawk Mountain Lab...	Accounts Payable	Contract Lab A...	2,244.00			-8,966.81
08/11/2021	4064	Highmark Blue Shield	Accounts Payable	Health Insurance	4,516.47			-13,483.28
08/11/2021	4065	Jensen & Jensen	Accounts Payable	Legal Services	312.50			-13,795.78
08/11/2021	4066	Justus Home & Garden	Accounts Payable	Cleaning Suppl...	454.06			-14,249.84
08/11/2021	4067	Kappe & Associates	Accounts Payable	UV Bulb Sleeves	2,274.00			-16,523.84
08/11/2021	4068	Keystone Sanitary La...	Accounts Payable	Sludge Disposal	6,089.03			-22,612.87
08/11/2021	4069	Lackawanna County ...	Accounts Payable	Internet	65.00			-22,677.87
08/11/2021	4070	Main Pool & Chemic...	Accounts Payable	Sodium Perma...	1,205.00			-23,882.87
08/11/2021	4071	McClure Company	Accounts Payable		518.50			-24,401.37
08/11/2021	4072	Melborne Electric	Accounts Payable	Surge Protectio...	1,550.48			-25,951.85
08/11/2021	4073	Nicholson Tire Service	Accounts Payable	Truck Inspection	35.85			-25,987.70
08/11/2021	4074	North End Electric	Accounts Payable	NCSS02	32.21			-26,019.91
08/11/2021	4075	OnePoint	Accounts Payable	2226	290.14			-26,310.05
08/11/2021	4076	PA American Water ...	Accounts Payable	Domestic water	297.99			-26,608.04
08/11/2021	4077	PA Rural Water	Accounts Payable	EA Class	125.00			-26,733.04
08/11/2021	4078	PMAA Life Insurance	Accounts Payable	Employee Life ...	111.90			-26,844.94
08/11/2021	4079	PPL	Accounts Payable	Electric	13,301.25			-40,146.19
08/11/2021	4080	Saul Ewing Arnstein ...	Accounts Payable	Construction D...	5,214.00			-45,360.19
08/11/2021	4081	UGI	Accounts Payable	2379801011-4	118.33			-45,478.52
08/11/2021	4082	USALCO	Accounts Payable	Alum	4,469.08			-49,947.60
08/11/2021	4083	Waste Management I...	Accounts Payable	821-90844	2,166.81			-52,114.41
08/11/2021	4084	Zen Design Firm	Accounts Payable	Web and Email...	85.00			-52,199.41
08/12/2021			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer			52,409.96	210.55

Ms. Elliot discussed that the bills include a retroactive payment for the American Arbitration Association for \$5,000 .

Motion was made by Mr. Murphy to approve payment of bills for 8/11/2021 in the amount of \$52,409.96 and the retroactive payment of \$5,000 to the American Arbitration Association, seconded by Mr. Pullo, passed.

Ms. Elliot presented the budget and statement of balances.

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 received feedback from Reilly Associates (representative for PA DGS) in support of the sewer system consolidation work that is being performed for the state hospital. An update regarding their desire to move forward with a paper-rerate of the facility was presented by Joe Durkin of Reilly Associated during the beginning of the Board Meeting.

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

Fidelity Bank as of August 11, 2021 = \$2,579.03

Money Market Account as of August 11, 2021 = \$174,323.86 (Done Quarterly)

Requisitions: #519- \$28,000 to Payroll Account
#520- \$1,000 to Treasurer’s Account

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented, seconded Mr. Snyder, unanimously passed.

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the requisitions #519- \$28,000 to the Payroll Account and #520- \$1,000 to Treasurer’s Account, seconded by Ms. Lance, unanimously passed.

Public Relations Committee: No Report

Personnel Committee: No Report

Litigation Committee: No Report

Finance Committee: No Report

Solicitor's Report -Mr. Jensen was approached by South Abington Township regarding the Authority's Meeting still being virtual. He discussed that he researched this and there is no language requiring having meetings in person. He has researched this in length including looking at case law. He believes the authority is ok with their virtual meeting if they are correctly advertised. He discussed a potential Hybrid meeting where guests can attend in person or virtually which would require 1(one) person to be at the authority. Mr. Jensen discussed that it's not totally clear what is allowed.

Chairman Lockett discussed that he discussed this in June, and it was to be decided to discuss at a later meeting. He suggested maybe a Hybrid Meeting and opened for discussion. It was decided to stay as is.

Board Member Comments:

Mr. Rinaldi wanted to mention that former County Commissioner, Ray Alberigi passed away as well as Former Clarks Green Mayors, Bill Thorburn's 9-year-old grandson.

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

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:08 PM by Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Snyder unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Besten, Assistant Secretary