

ABINGTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

January 12, 2022

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 January 12, 2022, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Paul Lockett	Lauren Elliot	Donald Jensen, Esquire
Gloria Lance	Frank Besten	David Rinaldi, Esquire
Paul Murphy	Casey Monagan	Donald Snyder
Wayne Thorpe	John Pullo	

Absent: Mike Bisignani, Engineer

Mr. Rinaldi and the Reorganization Committee recommended Paul Lockett as Chairman of the Abington Regional Wastewater Authority for 2022. No other nominations came to the board. **Mr. Snyder made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Reorganization Committee to appoint Paul Lockett as Chairman of the Abington Area Wastewater Authority for 2022, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, unanimously passed.**

Mr. Rinaldi and the Reorganization Committee recommended John Pullo as Vice Chairman of the Abington Regional Wastewater Authority for 2022. No other nominations came to the board. **Mr. Rinaldi made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Reorganization Committee to appoint John Pullo as Vice Chairman of the Abington Area Wastewater Authority for 2022, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, unanimously passed.**

Mr. Rinaldi and the Reorganization Committee recommended Paul Murphy as Treasurer of the Abington Regional Wastewater Authority for 2022. No other nominations came to the board. **Mr. Rinaldi made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Reorganization Committee to appoint Paul Murphy as Treasurer of the Abington Area Wastewater Authority for 2022, seconded by Mr. Pullo, unanimously passed.**

Mr. Rinaldi and the Reorganization Committee recommended Frank Besten as Secretary of the Abington Regional Wastewater Authority for 2022. No other nominations came to the board. **Mr. Murphy made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Reorganization Committee to appoint Frank Besten as Secretary of the Abington Area Wastewater Authority for 2022, seconded by Mr. Pullo unanimously passed.**

Mr. Rinaldi and the Reorganization Committee recommended Casey Monagan as Assistant Secretary of the Abington Regional Wastewater Authority for 2022. No other nominations came to the board. **Mr. Lockett made the motion to nominate Casey Monagan Assistant Secretary of the Abington Regional Wastewater Authority for 2022, seconded by Mr. Snyder, unanimously passed.**

Mr. Rinaldi and the Reorganization Committee recommended Attorney Don Jensen as Solicitor of the Abington Regional Wastewater Authority for 2022. No other nominations came to the board. **Mr. Rinaldi made a motion to nominate Attorney Don Jensen as Solicitor of the Abington Regional Wastewater Authority for 2022, seconded by Ms. Lance, unanimously passed.**

Mr. Rinaldi and the Reorganization Committee recommended Michael Bisignani and GHD as the Engineering Firm of the Abington Regional Wastewater Authority for 2022. No other nominations came to the board. **Mr. Rinaldi made a motion to accept the recommendation of Michael Bisignani and GHD as the Engineering Firm of the Abington Regional Wastewater Authority for 2022, seconded by Mr. Pullo, unanimously passed.**

Mr. Rinaldi and the Reorganization Committee recommended Amy Waters as Recording Secretary of the Abington Regional Wastewater Authority for 2022. No other nominations came to the board. **Mr. Rinaldi made the motion to nominate Amy Waters as Recording Secretary of the Abington Regional Wastewater Authority for 2022, seconded by Mr. Murphy, unanimously passed.**

2022

Chairman-	Paul Lockett
Vice Chairman –	John Pullo
Treasurer -	Paul Murphy
Secretary-	Frank Besten
Assistant Secretary-	Casey Monagan
Engineer-	Michael Bisignani and GHD
Recording Secretary-	Amy Waters
Solicitor-	Don Jensen

This concludes the 2022 reorganization.

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2021 meeting, seconded by Mr. Snyder, unanimously passed.

Executive Session started at 6:40 PM- Litigation discussion
Executive Session ended at 6:43 PM

Directors Report:

Ms. Elliot presented her directors report including Electricity Supply Agreement, Sludge Holding Tank Airflow Meter and Level Transducer Replacement.

Ms. Elliot discussed the Electricity Supply Agreement was signed on December 14, 2021 with Constellation New Energy. The best option was a fixed rate of \$0.07117 for 36-month term. The previous contract which expired on December 31, 2021 was a 36-month term at a fixed rate of \$0.4904.

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the Electricity Supply Agreement with Constellation New Energy at the fixed rate of \$0.07117 for 36 months, seconded by Mr. Snyder, unanimously passed.

Ms. Elliot reported that LRM was onsite to install the thermal mass flowmeter for the sludge holding tank #1 on December 21st. This purchase was approved at the October 13, 2021 meeting and the bill is included in the unpaid bills.

Ms. Elliot reported that the scum pump level sensor failed in December. The sensor triggers a pump to send liquid/scum to the sludge holding tanks. The transducer was ordered and installed by Melbourne Electric on December 17, 2021 and the bill is included in the unpaid bills detail.

Ms. Elliot presented the Operational Data for December 2021, reporting an average daily influent flow of 3.10 MGD.

Ms. Elliot presented the rain vs flow chart.

Ms. Elliot presented Anthony Luongo Operations and Maintenance report highlighting the airflow meter replacement, the replacement of the malfunctioning transducer for the clarifier scum pit and Kappe Associates onsite to replace bulbs on the UV4000 system bank A.

Unpaid Bills 01/12/2022

Abington Regional Wastewater Authority

1/12/2022 2:26 PM

Register: Fidelity Operating Expenses

From 12/09/2021 through 01/13/2022

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
12/31/2021	4216	Fox Ledge, Inc.	Accounts Payable	Bottled Drinkin...	17.22	X		10,271.67
12/31/2021	4217	Lackawanna County ...	Accounts Payable	Internet	65.00	X		10,206.67
12/31/2021	4218	PPL	Accounts Payable	Electric	10,031.12	X		175.55
12/31/2021	4219	Admin Partners	Accounts Payable	Compliance M...	194.97			-19.42
12/31/2021	4220	Advanced Auto	Accounts Payable	6473 7020 000...	142.70			-162.12
12/31/2021	4221	BDI Industries	Accounts Payable	Compressor Oil	510.65			-672.77
12/31/2021	4222	Cardmember Service	Accounts Payable	Credit Card	1,492.76			-2,165.53
12/31/2021	4223	Convenient Food Mart	Accounts Payable	Gasoline	322.38			-2,487.91
12/31/2021	4224	Dempsey Uniform	Accounts Payable	Mud Rug Rent...	33.86			-2,521.77
12/31/2021	4225	Fox Ledge, Inc.	Accounts Payable	Bottled Drinkin...	23.39			-2,545.16
12/31/2021	4226	HACH	Accounts Payable	021805-001	2,400.00			-4,945.16
12/31/2021	4227	Hawk Mountain Lab...	Accounts Payable	Contract Lab A...	2,949.00			-7,894.16
12/31/2021	4228	Jensen & Jensen	Accounts Payable	Legal fees	843.75			-8,737.91
12/31/2021	4229	Justus Home & Garden	Accounts Payable	Cleaning Suppl...	294.09			-9,032.00
12/31/2021	4230	Keystone Sanitary La...	Accounts Payable	Sludge Disposal	7,320.68			-16,352.68
12/31/2021	4231	Koberlein Incorporated	Accounts Payable	Wet well vac a...	2,995.00			-19,347.68
12/31/2021	4232	LRM Inc.	Accounts Payable	Thermal Mass ...	6,352.12			-25,699.80
12/31/2021	4233	Melborne Electric	Accounts Payable	Motor Bearings...	3,512.69			-29,212.49
12/31/2021	4234	OnePoint	Accounts Payable	2226	310.95			-29,523.44
12/31/2021	4235	PA American Water ...	Accounts Payable	Domestic Water	296.27			-29,819.71
12/31/2021	4236	Polydyne, Inc.	Accounts Payable	974180	2,999.43			-32,819.14
12/31/2021	4237	PPL	Accounts Payable	Electric	11,210.93			-44,030.07
12/31/2021	4238	Saul Ewing Arnstein ...	Accounts Payable	Special Counsel	16,471.50			-60,501.57
12/31/2021	4239	UGI	Accounts Payable	2379801011-4	2,334.93			-62,836.50
12/31/2021	4240	USA Blue Book	Accounts Payable	935510	144.79			-62,981.29
12/31/2021	4241	Waste Management L...	Accounts Payable	821-90844	73.51			-63,054.80
12/31/2021	4242	Xylem	Accounts Payable	Return Pump G...	115.81			-63,170.61
01/12/2022	4243	Admin Partners	Accounts Payable	Admin Fees	200.00			-63,370.61
01/12/2022	4244	Amy Waters	Accounts Payable	Recording Secr...	100.00			-63,470.61
01/12/2022	4245	Highmark Blue Shield	Accounts Payable	Health Insurance	4,700.98			-68,171.59
01/12/2022	4246	Jim Pisa	Accounts Payable	Reimbursement...	125.00			-68,296.59
01/12/2022	4247	Knowles Associates ...	Accounts Payable	Annual Insuran...	35,642.24			-103,938.83
01/12/2022	4248	Lackawanna County ...	Accounts Payable	Wireless Intern...	65.00			-104,003.83
01/12/2022	4249	O'Hora Silk Screening	Accounts Payable	Uniforms	519.00			-104,522.83
01/12/2022	4250	PMAA	Accounts Payable	Annual Membe...	2,200.00			-106,722.83
01/12/2022	4251	The Seranton Times	Accounts Payable	230389	173.80			-106,896.63
01/12/2022	4252	United Concordia	Accounts Payable	364001819	424.69			-107,321.32
01/12/2022	4253	Zen Design Firm	Accounts Payable	Web and Email...	85.00			-107,406.32
01/12/2022	4254	IWC Group	Accounts Payable	Workers Comp...	3,233.00			-110,639.32
01/12/2022	4255	Travelers Insurance	Accounts Payable	Treasurer Bond	1,307.00			-111,946.32

Ms. Elliot added 2(two) late bills, one from IWC(the Workmans Compensation) in the amount of \$3,233 and Travelers (Treasurer's Bond) in the amount of \$1,307.

Motion was made by Mr. Murphy to approve payment of bills for 12/31/2021 totaling \$63,346.16 and 01/12/2022 totaling \$48,775.71, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, 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.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed the DRAFT agreement from PA DGS associated with the sewer system consolidation and ARWA WWTP paper re-rate. GHD participated in the committee meetings on 11/24/21, 12/1/21 and 12/21/21 to provide feedback on discussion items and have also reviewed, prepared, and submitted questions to DGS via their representatives Reilly Associates. GHD will be preparing a memo response to the feedback that was received from RA to the committee for review and ultimate delivery to RA.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that GHD has received authorization and has commenced work on the ARWA NPDES permit renewal and will provide a detailed list of questions and sampling protocol and procedures in the month of January.

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

Fidelity Bank as of January 12, 2022 = \$3,479.03

Money Market Account as of January 12, 2022 = \$260,353.69 (Done Quarterly)

Requisitions: #531- \$28,000 to Payroll Account
#532- \$1,000 to Treasurer's Account
#533- \$823.20 to Petty Cash

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the requisitions #531- \$28,000 to the Payroll Account and #532- \$1,000 to Treasurer's Account and #533 - \$823.20 to Petty Cash, seconded by Mr. Pullo, unanimously passed.

State Hospital Committee: Mr. Pullo discussed that the committee reviewed the response provided by GHD and found that the response was lacking the information necessary to decide. The committee believes that moving forward they need to work on a step-by-step approach, starting with a rerate study. Mr. Bisignani from GHD will formulate a response to Reilly Associates and DGS asking for a meeting.

Mr. Pullo asked for a motion from the board to have GHD respond and set up an in-person meeting with DGS and Reilly Associates. The committee will review the response prior to the sending it.

Mr. Thorpe made a motion to approve GHD to draft a response to DGS and Reilly Associates and Set up a meeting to discuss the issue further, seconded by Mr. Snyder, 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 at 7:12 PM by Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Thorpe, unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Besten, Secretary