

ABINGTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

May 11, 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 in the conference room at the Abington Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant on May 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent: Frank Besten

Mike Bisignani, Engineer

Mr. Rinaldi made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 13, 2022 meeting, seconded by Mr. Snyder, unanimously passed.

At this time Ms. Elliot opened the Aluminum Sulfate bids. There were 2 (two) bids received. 1) Holland Company at \$1.68/gallon and 2) USALCO at \$1.4954/gallon.

Mr. Rinald made a motion to accept the 1 (one) year bid from USALCO for \$1.4954 for Aluminum Sulfate pending review by the solicitor, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, unanimously passed.

Executive Session started at 6:35 PM- Litigation discussion

Executive Session ended at 6:57 PM

Mr. Thorpe made a motion to approve the Relativity One Software program through Saul Ewing in the amount of \$3,390 to \$3,940 and reoccurring monthly access in the amount of \$320 to \$370 per month, seconded by Ms. Lance, unanimously passed.

Directors Report:

Ms. Elliot presented her directors report including the 2021 Audit and the Aluminum Sulfate Bid Package.

Ms. Elliot discussed that work for the 2021 Audit has completed and a draft copy will be circulated to the finance committee for review prior to the June Meeting. Kohanski and Company will have a representative at the June Board Meeting for presentation.

Ms. Elliot presented the Operational Data for April 2022, reporting an average daily influent flow of 6.46 MGD. Wet events on 4/7/22 (produced 16.7 MGD) and 4/18/22-4/19/22 (1.5 inches of snow and 1.1 inches of rain with an 18.6 MGD). The plant ran in high flow mode for 15 days.

Ms. Elliot presented the rain vs flow chart.

Ms. Elliot presented Anthony Luongo Operations and Maintenance report highlighting the maintenance and calibration on all dissolved oxygen probes for online bioreactors, the inspection, cleaning, and greasing of bearings of Bar Screens 1 and 2, tractor maintenance, replacement of HVAC filters and belts on all building units, and the high flow event on 4/7/22 (produced 16.7 MGD) and 4/18/22-4/19/22 (1.5 inches of snow and 1.1 inches of rain with an 18.6 MGD).

Unpaid Bills 05/11/2022

Abington Regional Wastewater Authority

5/12/2022 8:34 AM

Register: Fidelity Operating Expenses

From 04/14/2022 through 05/12/2022

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
05/11/2022	4362	Amy Waters	Accounts Payable	Recording Secr...	100.00			75.55
05/11/2022	4363	Bartron Supply Inc.	Accounts Payable	1111274024	176.20			-100.65
05/11/2022	4364	Cardmember Service	Accounts Payable	Credit Card	56.17			-156.82
05/11/2022	4365	Convenient Food Mart	Accounts Payable	Gasoline	278.37			-435.19
05/11/2022	4366	Dempsey Uniform	Accounts Payable	Mud Rug Rental	35.86			-471.05
05/11/2022	4367	Fox Ledge, Inc.	Accounts Payable	Bottled Water	42.55			-513.60
05/11/2022	4368	Frontier	Accounts Payable	Telephone and ...	472.84			-986.44
05/11/2022	4369	GHD	Accounts Payable		3,328.00			-4,314.44
05/11/2022	4370	Greenfield Powder E...	Accounts Payable	MG Safety Toe...	125.00			-4,439.44
05/11/2022	4371	HACH	Accounts Payable	021805-001	2,569.48			-7,008.92
05/11/2022	4372	Hawk Mountain Lab...	Accounts Payable		4,540.50			-11,549.42
05/11/2022	4373	Highmark Blue Shield	Accounts Payable	Health Insurance	4,516.47			-16,065.89
05/11/2022	4374	Jensen & Jensen	Accounts Payable	Legal fees	1,218.75			-17,284.64
05/11/2022	4375	Justus Home & Garden	Accounts Payable		200.43			-17,485.07
05/11/2022	4376	Keystone Sanitary La...	Accounts Payable	Sludge Disposal	8,148.41			-25,633.48
05/11/2022	4377	Lackawanna County ...	Accounts Payable	Wireless Intern...	65.00			-25,698.48
05/11/2022	4378	North End Electric	Accounts Payable	NCSS02	47.16			-25,745.64
05/11/2022	4379	OnePoint	Accounts Payable	2226	178.53			-25,924.17
05/11/2022	4380	PA American Water ...	Accounts Payable	Domestic Water	291.78			-26,215.95
05/11/2022	4381	PPL	Accounts Payable	Electric	17,794.09			-44,010.04
05/11/2022	4382	Saul Ewing Arnstein ...	Accounts Payable	Special Counsel	5,569.50			-49,579.54
05/11/2022	4383	Security Fence Comp...	Accounts Payable	Automatic Gate...	697.50			-50,277.04
05/11/2022	4384	TeamLogic IT	Accounts Payable	Hard drive repl...	46.88			-50,323.92
05/11/2022	4385	UGI	Accounts Payable	2379801011-4	1,967.97			-52,291.89
05/11/2022	4386	Uline	Accounts Payable	Paper Towels	104.07			-52,395.96
05/11/2022	4387	United Concordia	Accounts Payable	364001819	424.69			-52,820.65
05/11/2022	4388	United States Treasury	Accounts Payable	941 Changes	614.32			-53,434.97
05/11/2022	4389	USALCO	Accounts Payable	Alum	4,485.03			-57,920.00
05/11/2022	4390	Waste Management .	Accounts Payable	Sludge Hauling	3,059.88			-60,979.88
05/11/2022	4391	Waste Management I...	Accounts Payable	821-90844	93.69			-61,073.57
05/11/2022	4392	Zen Design Firm	Accounts Payable	Monthly web h...	85.00			-61,158.57
05/12/2022			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer			61,334.12	175.55

The PPL Bill is high due to the 15 days in high flow mode.

Motion was made by Mr. Murphy to approve payment of bills for 05/11/2022 totaling \$61,334.12 and the seconded by Mr. Pullo, unanimously 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. GHD received a subpoena with data requests that are due on May 20, 2022. GHD's internal legal council is actively coordinating with Attorney Warren in preparation of a response. A copy of the response will be provided to the authority.

Mr. Bisignani discussed that GHD participated in the 3/10/2022 meeting with Reilly Associates and the various State member groups. The meeting was well received and documents via committee meeting minutes. Following meeting, GHD helped to prepare an action plan schedule, information request lists and participated in two internal committee meetings to keep discussion moving forward. A meeting was held on 5/5/2022 with DGS/DHS following the data submission, a set of minutes will be distributed to the board.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that NPDES sampling continues to be underway with the results as received being provided to GHD for review. Upon review a number of deficient items have been identified and coordinated with Lauren. The retained laboratory (Hawk Mountain) is actively working to correct the lab reports. At this time no additional sampling is being anticipated but further data review is required.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed a proposal for the re-development of a facility wide 10-year capital plan has been previously provided.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that at the April Board Meeting, GHD reviewed the current infrastructure act funding atmosphere. A summary of known funding sources was provided. These programs continue to develop and become defined. GHD will continue to stay in tune with the funding environment and provide regular updates as they become available. PennVest and several grants were listed. Ms. Elliot discussed that funding would be available if the municipalities applied from the funds and allocated it to the Authority. Mr. Rinaldi stated that municipalities do this all the time.

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

Fidelity Bank as of May 11, 2022 = \$3,641.00

Money Market Account as of May 11, 2022 = \$ 175,574.57 (Done Quarterly)

Requisitions: #540- \$44,000 to Payroll Account
#541- \$1,000 to Treasurer's Account
#542- \$693.54 to Petty Cash

Ms. Lance made a motion to approve the requisitions #540- \$44,000 to the Payroll Account and #541- \$1,000 to Treasurer's Account and #542- \$693.54 to Petty Cash, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, unanimously passed.

State Hospital Committee: Mr. Pullo discussed that the State Hospital will keep pushing forward to connecting to ARWA until they have been told no. At this time, the authority needs to move forward with the buildout study to determine if they should move forward with the rerate study. If a rerate study is decided there are several items would need to be finalizing such updating 537 plans, in addition to the intermunicipal agreements that would need to be executed. At this time Newton Township doesn't want to be included. To move forward a letter needs to be sent to the municipalities to engage them in the process.

President Lockett asked what the time frame is for the I & I Study. Mr. Pullo stated the I & I Study will be complete by 5/13/2022 and a copy to ARWA by the end of the month.

Solicitor Jensen asked that since the State Hospital and DGS knows that the Authority is using the Stage Gate approach if he believes they are pressuring for a decision. Mr. Pullo said he believes they are pressuring but understand the situation. Mr. Pullo explained that the reason for the hold back is the old data the Authority and the Act 537 plans have.

The letter will be sent to the municipalities.

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:

Mr. Lockett briefly discussed the 10-year capital plan. The plan would cost \$35,000 for GHD produce this plan. Mr. Murphy stated that the Authority has enough money in reserves to handle any issues the authority may have in the next 5 years. Board members discussed doing things as needed. Mr. Lockett asked the Board Members to review the proposal from GHD for discussion next month. It was also discussed to scale back the plans or do one themselves. It was determined that a plan is needed but can be something that can be done for a smaller cost. The Finance Committee will discuss and come up with a recommendation.

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

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:42 PM by Mr. Thorpe seconded by Mr. Snyder, unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey Monagan , Assistant Secretary