

ABINGTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

July 13, 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 July 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Paul Lockett
Gloria Lance
Paul Murphy
John Pullo

Lauren Elliot
Frank Besten
Wayne Thorpe

Donald Jensen, Esquire
David Rinaldi, Esquire

Absent: Mike Bisignani, Engineer
Casey Monagan
Donald Snyder

Guest: Mark Pickering from GHD

Mr. Thorpe made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2022 meeting, seconded by Mr. Pullo unanimously passed.

Executive Session (Litigation Discussion):

Start: 6:33PM
End: 6:58PM

Directors Report:

Ms. Elliot presented her directors report including the WETT Sampling and Retirement.

Ms. Elliot discussed that the annual Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing (WETT) was performed the week of June 27 and results were received from Cove Environmental. Tests were successful. The bill is included in this month's bills.

Ms. Elliot discussed that Peoples Security was on site to introduce the authority's new financial advisor, Vincent Kubilus. During the visit Mr. Kubilus discussed the investments with staff. One Retirement Plan Consulting Program (RPCP) document for each plan needs to be signed due to the change in financial advisor to allow the new advisor to speak on the authority's behalf. The authority was also informed that Mass Mutual is transitioning to Empower Retirement.

Ms. Elliot presented the Operational Data for June 2022, reporting an average daily influent flow of 3.58 MGD. Average daily effluent flow was 2.09 MGD.

Ms. Elliot presented the rain vs flow chart.

Ms. Elliot presented Anthony Luongo Operations and Maintenance report highlighting the replacement of in ground sensors on Biosolids building parking lot, the addition of diamond plate modification to the sludge dumpster garage bay on Biosolids Building, the replacement of Bioreactor Blower 2 coupling by North End Electric, the wet weather event on June 1, 2022 resulting in a peak flow of 20.0 MGD and rainfall total of 2.1 inches and the wet weather event on June 9, 2022 resulting in a peak flow of 19.6 MGD and total rainfall of 1.17 inches.

Unpaid Bills 07/13/2022

Abington Regional Wastewater Authority

7/14/2022 8:38 AM

Register: Fidelity Operating Expenses

From 06/09/2022 through 07/14/2022

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
07/13/2022	debit	Mass Mutual	Facility Operating Exp...		5,600.00			-5,424.45
07/13/2022	4428	Admin Partners	Accounts Payable	Pension Admin...	139.02			-5,563.47
07/13/2022	4429	Advanced Auto	Accounts Payable	6473 7020 000...	17.79			-5,581.26
07/13/2022	4430	Amy Waters	Accounts Payable	Recording Secr...	100.00			-5,681.26
07/13/2022	4431	Anthracite Rubber C...	Accounts Payable	Hose and nozzles	262.22			-5,943.48
07/13/2022	4432	Bartron Supply Inc.	Accounts Payable	1111274024	279.08			-6,222.56
07/13/2022	4433	BDI Industries	Accounts Payable	HVAC Filters	239.85			-6,462.41
07/13/2022	4434	Cardmember Service	Accounts Payable	Credit Card	15.89			-6,478.30
07/13/2022	4435	Chapman Supply Co.	Accounts Payable	Toilet rebuild	108.00			-6,586.30
07/13/2022	4436	Commonwealth of Pe...	Accounts Payable	Operator Certif...	150.00			-6,736.30
07/13/2022	4437	Convenient Food Mart	Accounts Payable	Gasoline	253.63			-6,989.93
07/13/2022	4438	Cove Environmental	Accounts Payable	Annual WET a...	3,750.00			-10,739.93
07/13/2022	4439	Dempsey Uniform	Accounts Payable	Mud Rug Rental	36.86			-10,776.79
07/13/2022	4440	Department of Envir...	Accounts Payable	License Renew...	60.00			-10,836.79
07/13/2022	4441	Fiegleman's Recyclin...	Accounts Payable	Aluminum Dia...	1,250.00			-12,086.79
07/13/2022	4442	Fox Ledge, Inc.	Accounts Payable	Bottled Drinkin...	36.95			-12,123.74
07/13/2022	4443	Frontier	Accounts Payable	Telephone and ...	487.47			-12,611.21
07/13/2022	4444	GHD	Accounts Payable	Summit Park ...	857.50			-13,468.71
07/13/2022	4445	HACH	Accounts Payable	021805-001	2,400.00			-15,868.71
07/13/2022	4446	Hawk Mountain Lab...	Accounts Payable	Contract Lab A...	2,300.75			-18,169.46
07/13/2022	4447	Highmark Blue Shield	Accounts Payable	Health Insurance	4,700.98			-22,870.44
07/13/2022	4448	IWC Group	Accounts Payable	Workers Comp...	2,514.67			-25,385.11
07/13/2022	4449	Jensen & Jensen	Accounts Payable	Legal Fees	406.25			-25,791.36
07/13/2022	4450	Justus Home & Garden	Accounts Payable		886.89			-26,678.25
07/13/2022	4451	Keystone Sanitary La...	Accounts Payable	Sludge Disposal	9,374.65			-36,052.90
07/13/2022	4452	Lackawanna County ...	Accounts Payable	Wireless Intern...	130.00			-36,182.90
07/13/2022	4453	Melborne Electric	Accounts Payable	Troubleshoot B...	420.00			-36,602.90
07/13/2022	4454	National Water Speci...	Accounts Payable	Annual Backfl...	125.00			-36,727.90
07/13/2022	4455	Newell Fuel Service	Accounts Payable	Off Road Diese...	1,085.09			-37,812.99
07/13/2022	4456	PA American Water ...	Accounts Payable	Domestic Water	317.63			-38,130.62
07/13/2022	4457	Pennsylvania Paper ...	Accounts Payable	Paper Towels	54.00			-38,184.62
07/13/2022	4458	Polydyne, Inc.	Accounts Payable	974180	3,927.94			-42,112.56
07/13/2022	4459	PPL	Accounts Payable	Electric	14,979.17			-57,091.73
07/13/2022	4460	Saul Ewing Arnstein ...	Accounts Payable	Special Counsel	19,848.95			-76,940.68
07/13/2022	4461	UGI	Accounts Payable	2379801011-4	453.49			-77,394.17
07/13/2022	4462	United Concordia	Accounts Payable	364001819	849.38			-78,243.55
07/13/2022	4463	USALCO	Accounts Payable	Alum	6,057.04			-84,300.59
07/13/2022	4464	Waste Management .	Accounts Payable	Sludge Hauling	2,549.90			-86,850.49
07/13/2022	4465	Zen Design Firm	Accounts Payable	Web and Email...	85.00			-86,935.49
07/14/2022			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer			87,111.04	175.55

Motion was made by Mr. Thorpe to approve payment of bills with the addition of the ACH Withdrawal for the Pension to Mass Mutual for \$5,600 for 07/13/2022 totaling \$87,111.04 and the seconded by Mr. Besten, unanimously passed.

Ms. Elliot presented the budget and statement of balances. Two (2) CDs were reinvested into two (2) \$250,000 18-month CDS.

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. No services were provided this month.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that NPDES sampling continues to be underway with the results as received being provided to GHD for review. Two rounds of review, questions and clarifications were provided in the past month. Additional sampling was recommended to fill remaining data gaps.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that several responses were received from member municipalities on the State Hospital Connection. GHD suggests a letter acknowledgement be provided which clarifies for those member municipalities which have indicated the desire for additional EDU allocation that ARWA cannot confirm its ability to approve additional EDUs but acknowledges the request.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed the further clarification and advice as it relates to the Shoppes at South Abington tapping connection fee that a one-time fee should be collected for ALL associated EDUs. The Shoppes at South Abington requested partial tapping fees, but it is not recommended.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed a proposal for the re-development of a facility wide 10-year capital plan has been previously provided. GHD appreciates the opportunity to provide these services and look forward to continuing to provide consulting to ARWA. The report discussed one potential cost savings, collaborative approach as being ARWA staff collecting onsite data instead of GHD such as equipment, make/model/runtimes, etc. This would be a cost saving of approximately \$6,000.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that they would continue to provide updates on federal funding for capital planning. These were attached in the report. Additionally, a publicly available training is scheduled for the month of August which GHD plans on participating in and will provide a summary update to ARWA.

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

Fidelity Bank as of July 13, 2022 = \$4,341.00

Peoples Security Bank Money Market Account as of July 13, 2022 = \$ 261,184.88(Done Quarterly)

Requisitions: #545- \$30,000 to Payroll Account
#546- \$1,000 to Treasurer's Account

Mr. Rinaldi made a motion to approve the Treasurer report and requisitions #545- \$30,000 to the Payroll Account and #546- \$1,000 to Treasurer's Account, seconded by Mr. Pullo unanimously passed.

Mr. Murphy made a recommendation to raise the board member rate from \$100 to \$125 per meeting.

Solicitor Jensen suggested researching the rules. Ms. Lance said she researched it in municipal law, and it discusses that it is up to the authority. It was recommended that Mr. Jensen research this and report back.

State Hospital Committee: Mr. Pullo discussed that the last meeting was on June 21, 2022. The primary issues discussed were data requests. ARWA received responses on the buildout projections from Clarks Summit and Clarks Green, which reflected earlier projections captured in their Act 537 reports. He reported that South Abington is still discussing their response. The biggest issue is the I & I study and the significant increase in flow. Reilly Associates admits that I & I is an issue and no matter which route they take they will have to do something with I & I prior. The report wasn't received yet.

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:

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

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:41 PM by Ms. Lance seconded by Mr. Besten unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Besten, Secretary