

**ABINGTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY**

October 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 in the conference room at the Abington Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant on October 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent: Mike Bisignani, Engineer

**Mr. Rinaldi a motion to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2022 meeting, seconded by Mr. Snyder, unanimously passed.**

**Executive Session (Litigation Discussion):**

Start: 6:32 PM

End: 6:53 PM

**Directors Report:**

Ms. Elliot presented her directors report including the Sludge Holding Tank Blower, 2023 Draft Budget and PA SARS-CoV-2 Wastewaters Testing.

Ms. Elliot discussed that the sludge holding tank blower #3 was rebuilt by North End Electric. The cost for this rebuild was \$4,023.76 and the invoice is included in this months bills.

Ms. Elliot reported that she has received all anticipated EDU counts from the municipalities and prepared a draft 2023 Budget for review. She noted that Clarks Summits obligation increased by \$5,536/quarter or \$22,184/year, South Abington obligation increased \$14,960/quarter or \$59,840/year and Clarks Greens obligation increased by \$1,781/quarter or \$7,124/year.

**Mr. Murphy made a motion to accept the 2023 Draft Budget as presented, seconded by Mr. Pullo, unanimously passed.**

Ms. Elliot discussed that The Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) is currently establishing the Pennsylvania Wastewater Surveillance System (PaWSS) to monitor concentrations of SAR-CoV2, the virus that causes COVID-19 in Pennsylvania Wastewater. DOH is looking to partner with community wastewater treatment facilities who would be willing to collect samples of untreated wastewater influent and ship samples to their partner laboratory for analysis. Shipping Supplies and costs will be covered by DOH. Discussion took place. Mr. Rinaldi added that this will be a benefit that the authority will be doing for the community.

**Mr. Rinaldi made a motion to participate in the Pennsylvania Wastewater Surveillance System (PaWSS) to monitor concentrations of SAR-CoV2, the virus that causes COVID-19 in Pennsylvania Wastewater, seconded by Mr. Pullo, unanimously passed.**

Ms. Elliot presented the Operational Data for September 2022, reporting an average daily influent flow of 3.65 MGD. Average daily effluent flow was 2.28 MGD.

Ms. Elliot presented the rain vs flow chart.

Ms. Elliot presented Anthony Luongo Operations and Maintenance report highlighting the reinstallation of the sludge holding tank blower #3 that was repaired, staff disassembled and removed rags and debris from return pumps 2 and 3. Pumps were reassembled with new housing gaskets and drive couplings, staff replaced corroded HVAC temperature controller in gravity belt thickener room, PICA HVAC was onsite to inspect all building boilers and repaired frayed wire on Biosolids building boiler and staff worked on removal plan of corroded hydraulic cylinders for the UV Signa System.

**Unpaid Bills 10/12/2022**

Abington Regional Wastewater Authority 10/13/2022 8:49 AM

Register: Fidelity Operating Expenses  
 From 09/15/2022 through 10/13/2022  
 Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
10/12/2022	debit	Mass Mutual	Facility Operating Exp...		5,600.00			-5,424.45
10/12/2022	4530	Admin Partners	Accounts Payable	Annual Admin ...	250.00			-5,674.45
10/12/2022	4531	Advanced Auto	Accounts Payable	6473 7020 000...	26.79			-5,701.24
10/12/2022	4532	Amy Waters	Accounts Payable	Recording Secr...	100.00			-5,801.24
10/12/2022	4533	BDI Industries	Accounts Payable		550.30			-6,351.54
10/12/2022	4534	Chapman Supply Co.	Accounts Payable	Faucet Hose	5.95			-6,357.49
10/12/2022	4535	Convenient Food Mart	Accounts Payable	Gasoline	132.58			-6,490.07
10/12/2022	4536	Dempsey Uniform	Accounts Payable	Mud Rug Rental	37.91			-6,527.98
10/12/2022	4537	Fiegleman's Recyclin...	Accounts Payable	Metal Flats	31.50			-6,559.48
10/12/2022	4538	Fox Ledge, Inc.	Accounts Payable	Bottled Drinkin...	38.95			-6,598.43
10/12/2022	4539	GHD	Accounts Payable	Legal File Req...	700.00			-7,298.43
10/12/2022	4540	HACH	Accounts Payable	021805-001	2,400.00			-9,698.43
10/12/2022	4541	Hawk Mountain Lab...	Accounts Payable	Contract Lab A...	2,448.25			-12,146.68
10/12/2022	4542	IWC Group	Accounts Payable	Workers Comp...	2,514.67			-14,661.35
10/12/2022	4543	Jensen & Jensen	Accounts Payable	Legal Fees	1,187.50			-15,848.85
10/12/2022	4544	Justus Home & Garden	Accounts Payable		148.25			-15,997.10
10/12/2022	4545	Keystone Sanitary La...	Accounts Payable	Sludge Disposal	4,312.76			-20,309.86
10/12/2022	4546	Lackawanna County ...	Accounts Payable	Wireless Internet	65.00			-20,374.86
10/12/2022	4547	Lauren Elliott	Accounts Payable	Reimbursement...	107.00			-20,481.86
10/12/2022	4548	Maryland Biochemic...	Accounts Payable		415.63			-20,897.49
10/12/2022	4549	North End Electric	Accounts Payable	NCSS02	4,157.49			-25,054.98
10/12/2022	4550	OnePoint	Accounts Payable	2226	149.70			-25,204.68
10/12/2022	4551	PA American Water ...	Accounts Payable	Domestic Water	299.39			-25,504.07
10/12/2022	4552	PA Rural Water	Accounts Payable	Annual Membe...	881.00			-26,385.07
10/12/2022	4553	Pennsylvania Paper ...	Accounts Payable	Paper towels, t...	280.94			-26,666.01
10/12/2022	4554	Powell's Rental	Accounts Payable	2900	573.47			-27,239.48
10/12/2022	4555	PPL	Accounts Payable	Electric	14,307.54			-41,547.02
10/12/2022	4556	Saul Ewing Arnstein ...	Accounts Payable	Special Counsel	16,457.30			-58,004.32
10/12/2022	4557	septic professor	Accounts Payable	Spare Hiblow ...	699.95			-58,704.27
10/12/2022	4558	UGI	Accounts Payable	2379801011-4	63.31			-58,767.58
10/12/2022	4559	United Concordia	Accounts Payable	364001819	424.69			-59,192.27
10/12/2022	4560	Waste Management .	Accounts Payable	Sludge Hauling	1,274.95			-60,467.22
10/12/2022	4561	Waste Management L...	Accounts Payable	821-90844	80.32			-60,547.54
10/12/2022	4562	Cardmember Service	Accounts Payable	Credit card	247.14			-60,794.68
10/12/2022	4563	Frontier	Accounts Payable	Telephone and ...	248.78			-61,043.46
10/13/2022			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer			61,219.01	175.55

**Motion was made by Mr. Murphy to approve payment of bills 10/12/2022 totaling \$55,619.01 and the seconded by Mr. Besten, unanimously passed.**

**Mr. Snyder made a motion to approve the ACH to Empower for the Pension Plan for \$5,600, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, unanimously passed.**

**Review of Operating Budget and Administration Budget.** Ms. Elliot reported they did secure a \$250,000 CD at 4.4%.

### **Engineers Report**

Ms. Elliot reviewed Mr. Bisignani's report in his absence.

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. This past month GHD provided a summary report which summarized issues into three categories and appropriated estimated costs to each of the issues. Following submission of the report, GHD participated in three (3) coordination calls with counsel and has a deposition scheduled for Tuesday October 11, 2022 at 10:00 AM in Harrisburg.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that NPDES renewal package was submitted to DEP on September 26, 2022.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that GHD completed a site visit at ARWA on 9/22 and 9/29 to assist with ongoing facility work to replace the hydraulic cylinders on the primary UV system. Discussions were held around removal, support/cribbing, and safe access to the work area.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that GHD plans on participating in a State/Reilly/ARWA coordination call on 10/20/2022.

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

Fidelity Bank as of October 12, 2022 = \$4,441.00

Peoples Security Bank Money Market Account as of October 12, 2022 = \$ 261,594.93 (Done Quarterly)

Requisitions: #550- \$28,000 to Payroll Account  
#551- \$824.75 to Petty Cash

**Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve requisition #550- \$28,000 to the Payroll Account and #551- \$824.75 to Petty Cash, seconded by Mr. Pullo, unanimously passed.**

**Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the Treasurer report, seconded by Mr. Pullo unanimously passed.**

**State Hospital Committee:** Mr. Pullo discussed that the committee received a letter from South Abington Township stating two (2) of the three (3) supervisors didn't wish to go forward with the connection. Mr. Pullo suggested that the next step would be to contact the state and inform them of South Abington Townships decision and that the authority can no longer comply with their requests. He

suggested letting them know that they need to continue with another avenue. He suggested that the authority can help in the operations and maintenance of a new facility. He also suggested sending a formal letter to Clarks Summit and Clarks Green informing them that they will not be moving forward with the study. Mr. Rinaldi suggested including the reasoning in the letter. Discussion took place whether the state can force the authority to allow the State to hook it.

**Mr. Pullo made a motion to contact the Commonwealth and Reilly Associates to inform them they are terminating their effort to connect and as an alternative them that they would be open to a discussion in the operations and maintenance of a new plant if the commonwealth chooses that direction, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, 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 7:40 PM by Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Murphy unanimously passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Frank Besten, Secretary