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John Pullo	Wayne Thorpe	

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ABINGTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

March 9, 2022

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Present:

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

Absent: Mike Bisignani, Engineer

Ms. Lance made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2022 meeting, seconded by Mr. Besten, unanimously passed.

Executive Session started at 6:32 PM- Litigation discussion
Executive Session ended at 6:49 PM

Directors Report:

Ms. Elliot presented her directors report including February Wet Weather Events and UV Signa Hydraulic Cylinder Replacement.

Ms. Elliot discussed that February produced 3(three) significant Wet Weather Events. The 1st event February 3rd and 4th, producing 1.45 inches of rain with a peak influent flow of MGD of 12, was discussed last month. The 2nd event on February 17th and 18th produced .90 inches of rain and had a Peak influent flow of 14.4 MGD. The 3rd event on February 22nd produced .65 inches of rain and a peak influent flow of 14.3 MGD.

Ms. Elliot reported that 1(one) of the 4 (four) hydraulic cylinders on the UV Signa Unit that enables the unit to be lowered and raised has completely rusted and currently cannot lift the unit. Pictures of the unit were provided for reference. The other 3(three) units are also showing signs of corrosion. The cost of replacement for all 4(four) cylinders is \$13,734.05 and there is an option to upgrade to Stainless Steel. Stainless Steel shouldn't ever corrode. The cost to replace with Stainless Steel is \$22,294.00, a difference of \$8,559.95.

Mr. Snyder made a motion to proceed with the replacement of the 4(four) Hydraulic Cylinders with Stainless Steel in the amount of \$22,294.00 seconded by Mr.Pullo, unanimously passed.

Ms. Elliot presented the Operational Data for February 2022, reporting an average daily influent flow of 5.0 MGD.

Ms. Elliot presented the rain vs flow chart.

Ms. Elliot presented Anthony Luongo Operations and Maintenance report highlighting the cleaning of clarifier 3(three) along with the draining and cleaning of UV Signa trough, replacement of 3(three) burnt out bulbs on the UV Signa which had over 13,000 running hours on them, the inspection of the compressed gas system, flushing and cleaning of the chlorine feed system and replacement of inline micron filter and the three wet weather events.

Unpaid Bills 03/09/2022

Abington Regional Wastewater Authority

3/10/2022 8:12 AM

Register: Fidelity Operating Expenses

From 02/10/2022 through 03/10/2022

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
02/28/2022	4291	Amy Waters	Accounts Payable	Recording Secr...	100.00			75.55
02/28/2022	4292	Anthracite Rubber C...	Accounts Payable		1,375.99			-1,300.44
02/28/2022	4293	BDI Industries	Accounts Payable	Return Pump C...	205.47			-1,505.91
02/28/2022	4294	Convenient Food Mart	Accounts Payable	Gas	71.21			-1,577.12
02/28/2022	4295	Dempsey Uniform	Accounts Payable	Mud Rug Rental	35.86			-1,612.98
02/28/2022	4296	Eric M. Allegrucci	Accounts Payable	Reimbursement...	125.00			-1,737.98
02/28/2022	4297	Fox Ledge, Inc.	Accounts Payable	Bottled Drinkin...	28.22			-1,766.20
02/28/2022	4298	GHD	Accounts Payable	NPDES permit ...	1,506.50			-3,272.70
02/28/2022	4299	HACH	Accounts Payable	021805-001	2,400.00			-5,672.70
02/28/2022	4300	Hawk Mountain Lab...	Accounts Payable	Contract Lab A...	2,314.75			-7,987.45
02/28/2022	4301	Highmark Blue Shield	Accounts Payable	Health Insurance	4,885.49			-12,872.94
02/28/2022	4302	IWC Group	Accounts Payable	Workers Comp...	785.00			-13,657.94
02/28/2022	4303	Jensen & Jensen	Accounts Payable	Legal fees	1,343.75			-15,001.69
02/28/2022	4304	Justus Home & Garden	Accounts Payable		312.86			-15,314.55
02/28/2022	4305	Keystone Sanitary La...	Accounts Payable	Sludge Disposal	7,629.47			-22,944.02
02/28/2022	4306	North End Electric	Accounts Payable	NCSS02	1,467.76			-24,411.78
02/28/2022	4307	PA American Water ...	Accounts Payable	Domestic Water	304.18			-24,715.96
02/28/2022	4308	PA Dept of Environ...	Accounts Payable	Storage Tank R...	125.00			-24,840.96
02/28/2022	4309	Pena-Plas	Accounts Payable	PVC Fittings a...	480.97			-25,321.93
02/28/2022	4310	Polydyne, Inc.	Accounts Payable	974180	2,999.43			-28,321.36
02/28/2022	4311	Saul Ewing Arnstein ...	Accounts Payable	Special Counsel	671.50			-28,992.86
02/28/2022	4312	Sunshine Filters, Inc.	Accounts Payable	HVAC prefilters	351.33			-29,344.19
02/28/2022	4313	UGI	Accounts Payable	2379801011-4	3,139.53			-32,483.72
02/28/2022	4314	Uline	Accounts Payable	Oil absorbant p...	275.89			-32,759.61
02/28/2022	4315	United Concordia	Accounts Payable	364001819	424.69			-33,184.30
02/28/2022	4316	USA Blue Book	Accounts Payable	935510	327.74			-33,512.04
02/28/2022	4317	USALCO	Accounts Payable	Alum	4,481.05			-37,993.09
02/28/2022	4318	Waste Management I...	Accounts Payable	821-90844	81.67			-38,074.76
02/28/2022	4319	Zen Design Firm	Accounts Payable	Web and email ...	85.00			-38,159.76
03/09/2022	4320	PPL	Accounts Payable	Electric	13,698.72			-51,858.48
03/09/2022	4321	Cardmember Service	Accounts Payable	credit card bill	35.00			-51,893.48
03/09/2022	4322	Frontier	Accounts Payable	Telephone and ...	236.79			-52,130.27
03/09/2022	4323	Lackawanna County ...	Accounts Payable	wireless interne...	65.00			-52,195.27
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