

**ABINGTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY**

August 10, 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 August 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent: Mike Bisignani, Engineer

Donald Snyder  
Paul Murphy

**Mr. Rinaldi made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2022 meeting, seconded by Mr. Thorpe unanimously passed.**

**Executive Session (Litigation Discussion):**

Start: 6:32 PM

End: 7:04 PM

**Mr. Besten made a motion to retain GHD and Mr. Bisignani as an expert witness in the Biosolids Building Litigation at his current 2022 fee structure, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, unanimously passed.**

**Mr. Thorpe made a motion to send Solicitor Jensen to the Pretrial Conference to provide an update to ARWA, Ms. Lance, unanimously passed.**

**Directors Report:**

Ms. Elliot presented her directors report including the Dry Weather and SAT Response to ARWA Request.

Ms. Elliot discussed that the month of July has been extremely dry with several days of Effluent flow averaging below one million gallons per day. Staff has been working to keep the treatment process functioning as it should. The dry weather allowed staff to clean the influent channels before each Mechanical Bar Screen. Staff manually removed approximately two (2) yards of grit and debris from the channels. She reported that grease has been an issue with the low flows, causing a layer of grease on the bioreactors, requiring staff to skim daily. To keep flow moving in the grit chambers a two (2) inch hose was set up to run utility water during working hours.

Ms. Elliot discussed that SAT responded to the ARWA request. The response was attached. Was discussed during the State Hospital Committee Report.

Ms. Elliot presented the Operational Data for July 2022, reporting an average daily influent flow of 2.28 MGD. Average daily effluent flow was 1.13 MGD.

Ms. Elliot presented the rain vs flow chart.

Ms. Elliot presented Anthony Luongo Operations and Maintenance report highlighting the centrifuge inspection by Westfalia, the inspection and replacement of the biosolids and control building air conditioning filters, the cleaning of the bioreactor fans and replacement of belts and aligning of pulley in the biosolids blower room, the cleaning of the clarifier tank and tightening of the conveyor belt on the grit snail system and staff performing camera work for South Abington Township on Bailey and Leach Streets for upcoming road paving.

## Unpaid Bills 08/10/2022

Abington Regional Wastewater Authority						8/11/2022 8:23 AM		
Register: Fidelity Operating Expenses								
From 07/14/2022 through 08/11/2022								
Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref								
Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
07/14/2022			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer		X	87,111.04	175.55
08/10/2022	4466	Amrex Chemical Co.	Accounts Payable		4,724.00			-4,548.45
08/10/2022	4467	Amy Waters	Accounts Payable	Recording Secr...	100.00			-4,648.45
08/10/2022	4468	Cardmember Service	Accounts Payable	Credit Card- GL...	453.68			-5,102.13
08/10/2022	4469	Chapman Supply Co.	Accounts Payable	Toilet Rebuild ...	95.03			-5,197.16
08/10/2022	4470	Dempsey Uniform	Accounts Payable	Mud Rug Rental	36.86			-5,234.02
08/10/2022	4471	Fox Ledge, Inc.	Accounts Payable	Bottled Drinkin...	36.95			-5,270.97
08/10/2022	4472	Frontier	Accounts Payable	Telephone and ...	246.17			-5,517.14
08/10/2022	4473	GHD	Accounts Payable		10,682.50			-16,199.64
08/10/2022	4474	HACH	Accounts Payable	021805-001	2,400.00			-18,599.64
08/10/2022	4475	Hawk Mountain Lab...	Accounts Payable	Contract Lab A...	3,733.00			-22,332.64
08/10/2022	4476	Highmark Blue Shield	Accounts Payable	Health Insurance	369.02			-22,701.66
08/10/2022	4477	Jensen & Jensen	Accounts Payable	Legal fees	937.50			-23,639.16
08/10/2022	4478	JS Instrumentation &...	Accounts Payable	Annual Lab Ba...	540.00			-24,179.16
08/10/2022	4479	Justus Home & Garden	Accounts Payable		277.98			-24,457.14
08/10/2022	4480	Keystone Sanitary La...	Accounts Payable	Sludge Disposal	3,271.40			-27,728.54
08/10/2022	4481	Kohanski & company	Accounts Payable	Final Audit Bil...	1,800.00			-29,528.54
08/10/2022	4482	Lackawanna County ...	Accounts Payable	Wireless Internet	65.00			-29,593.54
08/10/2022	4483	Melborne Electric	Accounts Payable	Service calls fo...	1,363.32			-30,956.86
08/10/2022	4484	Nicholson Tire Service	Accounts Payable	Truck Inspection	62.75			-31,019.61
08/10/2022	4485	North End Electric	Accounts Payable	NCSS02	1,086.96			-32,106.57
08/10/2022	4486	OnePoint	Accounts Payable	2226	74.06			-32,180.63
08/10/2022	4487	PA American Water ...	Accounts Payable	Domestic Wate...	630.61			-32,811.24
08/10/2022	4488	Pena-Plas	Accounts Payable	Tubing	36.00			-32,847.24
08/10/2022	4489	PICA HVAC	Accounts Payable	Control Buildi...	250.00			-33,097.24
08/10/2022	4490	PPL	Accounts Payable	Electric	15,946.36			-49,043.60
08/10/2022	4491	Saul Ewing Arnstein ...	Accounts Payable	Special Counsel	8,286.42			-57,330.02
08/10/2022	4492	septic professor	Accounts Payable	Hiblow Blower...	699.95			-58,029.97
08/10/2022	4493	Smith Air Center Inc.	Accounts Payable	Compressor filt...	1,271.88			-59,301.85
08/10/2022	4494	UGI	Accounts Payable	2379801011-4	84.81			-59,386.66
08/10/2022	4495	Waste Management .	Accounts Payable	Sludge Hauling	1,274.95			-60,661.61
08/10/2022	4496	Waste Management L...	Accounts Payable	821-90844	82.15			-60,743.76
08/10/2022	4497	Zen Design Firm	Accounts Payable		170.00			-60,913.76
08/11/2022			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer			61,089.31	175.55

**Motion was made by Mr. Thorpe to approve payment of bills 08/10/2022 totaling \$61,089.31 and the seconded by Mr. Pullo, unanimously passed.**

Ms. Elliot presented the budget and statement of balances. Ms. Elliot noted that two (2) CD have been renewed, one being with Beal Bank for 2.95% and Goldman Sacs for 3.5%. Another @250,000 was secured with a rate of 3.45%.

### **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. Multiple rounds of correspondence have been taking place between GHD and ARWA. GHD is on track for on time submission.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that a deficient response has been provided by South Abington. GHD suggests correspondence or participation in a following-up board meeting to help better explain the need. GHD would be glad to support and participate in a discussion/meeting.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed they provided feedback on Phase 2 and Phase 3 WIP supplements from GHD. This only impacts ARWA if nutrient credits are purchased pr sold for compliance with TN and TP Cap Loads. Typically pounds of nutrients reductions are converted to credits using the delivery of ratio based on the watershed segment and distance from the Bay. Fewer credits are calculated per pound of nutrient with the new Phase 3 delivery ratios. Since ARWA doesn't purchase credits, there should be no impact to ARWA.

Mr. Pullo asked if anything was done with the capital plan. Ms. Elliot stated she has completed three (3) buildings. The spreadsheet includes the piece of equipment, date installed, current condition of machine, replacement cost and expected life span.

**The Treasurer's Report** was presented by Ms. Elliott as follows:

Fidelity Bank as of August 10, 2022 = \$4,841.00

Peoples Security Bank Money Market Account as of August 10, 2022 = \$ 175,994.83(Done Quarterly)

Requisitions: #547- \$45,000 to Payroll Account  
#548- \$1,000 to Treasurer's Account

**Ms. Lance made a motion to approve the Treasurer report and requisitions #547- \$45,000 to the Payroll Account and #548- \$1,000 to Treasurer's Account, seconded by Mr. Pullo unanimously passed.**

**State Hospital Committee:** Mr. Pullo discussed that the Authority received a response from South Abington Township. The letter discussed 2 major issues, 1) the cost of updating the Act 537 Plan and build out study and who is responsible and 2) the condition of the lines in Clarks Summit. Mr. Pullo discussed that the State had funds set aside for the I & I study, but the municipalities would be responsible for the cost to rewrite the Act 537 Plan. Mr. Pullo suggested responding to the letter with what the authority knows such as, no funding to rewrite the plan as far as they know. Mr. Pullo will draft a response for the authority's reviewed. Solicitor Jensen suggested that someone should attend a meeting with South Abington Township. Mr. Pullo stated he was not available for the last work session. Ms. Elliot stated that the authority asked to attend the meeting with Reilly Associates and South Abington Township, and they were told they were not needed. Mr. Pullo stated that the committee is currently waiting on more data to move forward.

**Public Relations Committee:** No Report

**Personnel Committee:** No Report

**Litigation Committee:** No Report

**Finance Committee:** No Report

**Solicitor's Report** –Solicitor Jensen discussed the research he has done on the recommendation to raise the board members stipend from \$100 to \$125. He stated that the only the Municipalities governing body can set the stipend. If the stipend would be to be changed by the municipality, it would start at the being of the term. The board can set the stipend for the officers.

**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,

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Frank Besten, Secretary