

ABINGTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

May 10, 2023

The regular meeting of the Abington Regional Wastewater Authority was called to order by Chairman Pullo and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting took place in the conference room at the Abington Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant on May 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent: Mike Bisignani, Engineer, Wayne Thorpe, Casey Monagan

Guest: Mark Pickering representing GHD

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2023, seconded by Mr. Rinaldi, unanimously passed.

Ms. Elliot opened the Aluminum Sulfate Bids. The current provider is USALCO from Baltimore at the rate of \$1.4954/gallon.

Bids were as follows: 1) USALCO 1.6706/gallon 2) AMREX Chemical 2.91/gallon 3) Holland Company \$1.95/gallon

Ms. Lance made a motion accept the Aluminum Sulfate bid from USALCO in the amount of 1.6706/gallon pending review by Solicitor Jensen, seconded by Mr. Snyder, unanimously passed.

Executive Session (Litigation Discussion):

Start: 6:37 PM

End: 7:05 PM

Directors Report:

Ms. Elliot presented her directors report including Digester 1 Cleaning.

Ms. Elliot discussed that she received 3 quotes for the Digester 1 Cleaning. The quotes were from 1) Rogers Services out of Hunlock Creek in the amount of \$6,610.00 2) CWN Environmental for \$10,890.00 and 3) Wind River Environmental in the amount of \$11,305.00. The bids do not include disposal and disposal would be billed directly by Keystone Landfill. All quotes were based on an 8-hour day. Ms. Elliot noted that this may take more than 1(one) 8(eight) hour day.

Mr. Lockett made a motion to use Rogers Services for the Digester 1 Cleaning in the amount of \$6,610 estimate for an 8hr day, seconded by Mr. Rinaldi, unanimously passed.

Ms. Elliot presented the Operational Data for April 2023, reporting an average daily influent flow of 2.91 MGD. Average daily effluent flow was 2.07 MGD. Ms. Elliot noted that the Biosolids building took on a significant amount of water during the high flow event on 4/30/23.

Ms. Elliot presented the rain vs flow chart.

Ms. Elliot presented Anthony Luongo Operations and Maintenance report highlighting the removal of sump pumps from Process Operations basement for repair by North End Electric, pump was rebuilt, installed and is running in scum pit, pump 2 could not be rebuilt and a replacement was ordered; Staff replaced several stuck relays in the Enviromix compressed gas cabinet for bioreactors 1 and 2, heating elements were shut off and inspected all pressure solenoids; Staff performed camera work for South Abington Township throughout several days locating several lateral lines; Gravity belt Thickener drive motor was replaced and new electrical wires were run through conduit from panel to the motor, a short was found; ARWA was staffed overnight 4/30/23 to monitor high flow event with a max influent flow of 15.9 MGD and a total rainfall of 2.53 inches.

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5/11/2023 9:42 AM

Register: Fidelity Operating Expenses
 From 04/13/2023 through 05/11/2023
 Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
04/13/2023			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer		X	110,237.53	465.10
05/10/2023	4787	Amy Waters	Accounts Payable	Recording secr...	100.00			365.10
05/10/2023	4788	CCI Waste & Recycli...	Accounts Payable	Sludge hauling	5,971.80			-5,606.70
05/10/2023	4789	Chapman Supply Co.	Accounts Payable	sump pump co...	39.31			-5,646.01
05/10/2023	4790	Dempsey Uniform	Accounts Payable	Mud Rug Rental	37.91			-5,683.92
05/10/2023	4791	Elan Financial Services	Accounts Payable	Credit Card Ha...	339.24			-6,023.16
05/10/2023	4792	Fox Ledge, Inc.	Accounts Payable	Bottled Drinkin...	36.95			-6,060.11
05/10/2023	4793	Frontier	Accounts Payable	Final Payment ...	68.57			-6,128.68
05/10/2023	4794	GHD	Accounts Payable	Quarterly Retai...	2,812.50			-8,941.18
05/10/2023	4795	HACH	Accounts Payable	021805-001	2,400.00			-11,341.18
05/10/2023	4796	Hawk Mountain Lab...	Accounts Payable	Contract Lab A...	2,072.25			-13,413.43
05/10/2023	4797	Higher Informaiton ...	Accounts Payable	Printer overage	24.15			-13,437.58
05/10/2023	4798	Highmark Blue Shield	Accounts Payable	Health Insurance	4,039.27			-17,476.85
05/10/2023	4799	Jensen & Jensen	Accounts Payable	Legal Fees	312.50			-17,789.35
05/10/2023	4800	JGF Funding	Accounts Payable	Printer Lease	84.82			-17,874.17
05/10/2023	4801	Justus Home & Garden	Accounts Payable		1,240.00			-19,114.17
05/10/2023	4802	Keystone Sanitary La...	Accounts Payable	sludge disposal	13,614.54			-32,728.71
05/10/2023	4803	Lackawanna County ...	Accounts Payable	Wireless Internet	65.00			-32,793.71
05/10/2023	4804	Melborne Electric	Accounts Payable	GBT drive mot...	567.30			-33,361.01
05/10/2023	4805	North End Electric	Accounts Payable	NCSS02	929.24			-34,290.25
05/10/2023	4806	PA American Water ...	Accounts Payable	Domestic Water	339.24			-34,629.49
05/10/2023	4807	Pa Department of La...	Accounts Payable	Boiler and Co...	779.61			-35,409.10
05/10/2023	4808	Pena-Plas	Accounts Payable	Sampler Tubing	30.20			-35,439.30
05/10/2023	4809	Polydyne, Inc.	Accounts Payable	974180	3,927.94			-39,367.24
05/10/2023	4810	PPL	Accounts Payable	Electric	15,268.93			-54,636.17
05/10/2023	4811	Saul Ewing Arnstein ...	Accounts Payable	Special Counsel	13,700.40			-68,336.57
05/10/2023	4812	UGI	Accounts Payable	2379801011-4	1,169.11			-69,505.68
05/10/2023	4813	United Concordia	Accounts Payable	364001819	192.47			-69,698.15
05/10/2023	4814	Waste Management I...	Accounts Payable	821-90844	75.93			-69,774.08
05/10/2023	4815	Zen Design Firm	Accounts Payable		170.00			-69,944.08
05/11/2023			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer			70,409.18	465.10

Keystone Landfill is still high and will be until Digester is cleaned.

Motion was made by Mr. Lockett to approve payment of bills 5/10/23 totaling, \$70,409.18 seconded by Mr. Murphy, unanimously passed.

Review of Operating Budget and Administration Budget.

Statement of balances

Engineers Report

Mark Pickering presented Mr. Bisignani's Report in his absence.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed GHD continues provide support on an as needed/requested basis in support of the ongoing litigation. GHD prepared a memo of recommended building repairs and associated costs that is intended to be used for additional negotiations.

Mr. Pickering discussed the Chapter 94 Report. He discussed that the report looked over the past 5 (five) years and compared. There was nothing significant found.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that GHD prepared the 2021 and 2022 Annual Report and has provided a copy to the board for review. Mr. Pickering presented the report to the board. He discussed that they both have similar information. Financially the authority is stable. He discussed that a 10(ten) year plan was presented, and he acknowledged that Ms. Elliot was working on some of the items on the plan. The report discussed the possible grant money. Flows and loading were good. The UV system is the biggest item in need of being replaced and if the grant is received, that would pay for ½ the new system and ARWA would match the grant.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed GHD has provided additional details as needed in support of the two grant applications that have on going review. If any updates are received GHD will provide notification to the board immediately.

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

Fidelity Bank as of May 10, 2023 = \$2,741.00

Peoples Security Bank Money Market Account as of May 10, 2023 = \$177,197.05(Done Quarterly)

Requisitions: #563- \$30,000 to Payroll Account
#564- \$1,000 to Treasurers Account

Mr. Lockett made a motion to approve requisition #563- \$30,000 to the Payroll Account and #564 \$1,000 to Treasurer's Account, seconded by Mr. Besten, unanimously passed.

Biosolids Committee: No Report

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: No Report

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

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:24 PM by Mr. Rinaldi seconded by Ms. Lance, unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Besten, Vice Chairman