

ABINGTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

October 11, 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 at the Abington Area Wastewater Treatment Plant on October 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

John Pullo	Lauren Elliot	Paul Lockett
Gloria Lance (Call in)	Donald Snyder	Donald Jensen, Esquire
Frank Besten	Murli Rajan	David Rinaldi, Esquire
Wayne Thorpe	Casey Monagan	Michael Bisignani, Engineer

Guest: Dave Sandy-GHD

Mr. Thorpe made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2023, seconded by Mr. Snyder, unanimously passed.

Chairman Pullo accepted the resignation of Clarks Summit Board Member Paul Murphy and welcomed his replacement Murli Rajan.

Executive Session:

Start: 6:33PM

End: 7:43 PM

Directors Report:

Ms. Elliot presented her directors report including 2024 Draft Budget, Return Pump #1 Rebuild and Flood Update.

Ms. Elliot reported that all anticipated EDU counts from the municipalities were received, and a draft budget was prepared for 2024 Calendar Year. The draft budget was distributed for approval. Ms. Elliot reported that Clarks Summit's EDU Count decreased by 7 EDU's for a decrease of \$697/quarter or \$2,788/year, South Abington's EDU Count increased by 35 EDU's resulting in an increase of \$1,071/qt or \$4284/year and Clarks Green's EDU count decreased by 2 EDU's for a decrease of \$548/qt or \$2,192/year. Chairman Pullo stressed that the authority needs to consider completed the capital management plan. Mr. Rajan questioned the accounts the authority has their money invested in. He suggested reviewing these. Mr. Rinaldi wanted Ms. Elliot to keep in mind that salaries may change in the result salary increases due to annual reviews.

Mr. Snyder made a motion to approve the 2024 Draft Budget as presented, seconded by Mr. Monagan, unanimously passed.

Ms. Elliot discussed the necessary rebuild of Return Pump #1 due to leaking seals and worn bearings. North End Electric has provided a quote for the removal, rebuild and return. The quote was for \$5,773.02.

As replacement pump is \$23,000, so a rebuild is the more economical approach. Next time it will need to be replaced.

Mr. Snyder made a motion to approve the Removal, Rebuild and Return of the Return Pump #1 by North End Electric in the amount of \$5,773.00, seconded by Mr. Rinaldi, unanimously passed.

Ms. Elliot updated the board on the recent flooding. She discussed that the creek wall has been temporarily repaired and the surrounding area has been back filled. GHD is engineering the design for wall replacement which should be done soon. Ms. Elliot discussed that she would obtain contractor quotes when she received it. Pricing quotations have been submitted to the insurance adjuster for all flood damaged equipment and repairs. Funds will be received from insurance for the board room carpet. Ms. Elliot discussed putting down an epoxy floor and putting an area rug down in the center of the room where the board table sits. The cost of Epoxy would be approximately \$5,125. The board approved to move forward with the Epoxy.

Ms. Elliot presented the Operational Data for September 2023, reporting an average daily influent flow of 5.41 MGD. Average daily effluent flow was 3.43 MGD. There was 1 significant wet weather event on September 9, 2023.

Ms. Elliot presented the rain vs flow chart.

Ms. Elliot presented Anthony Luongo Operations and Maintenance report highlighting the replacement of dry rotted scrapers on clarifiers; repair of a leak on the Aluminum Sulfate peristaltic pump 2 and seals/diaphragm were also inspected; the service of all trash pumps and repaired broken mechanical seal in 2 inch trash pump; the cleaning and calibrating of all dissolved oxygen probes in bioreactors 1 and 2; Flood clean up continued throughout the month along with equipment maintenance and repairs; ARWA Experienced numerous high flow events including 9/9/23- 9/10/23 with a max influent flow of 20.0 MGD and a rainfall total of 3.67 inches, 9/24/23 with a max influent flow of 15.6 MGD and 2.5 inches of rain, 9/25/23 with a max influent flow of 15.4 MGD and 2.32 inches of rain; Throughout the month good treatment was achieved and the authority remained in compliance of the NPDES permit.

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10/12/2023 9:01 AM

Register: Fidelity Operating Expenses

From 09/14/2023 through 10/12/2023

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
09/14/2023			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer		X	72,542.05	465.10
10/09/2023	4956	Admin Partners	Accounts Payable	Compliance M...	132.37			332.73
10/09/2023	4957	Amy Waters	Accounts Payable	Recording Secr...	100.00			232.73
10/09/2023	4958	Bartron Supply Inc.	Accounts Payable	1111274024	59.18			173.55
10/09/2023	4959	CCI Waste & Recycli...	Accounts Payable	Sludge Hauling	1,990.60			-1,817.05
10/09/2023	4960	Convenient Food Mart	Accounts Payable	Gasoline	315.21			-2,132.26
10/09/2023	4961	Dempsey Uniform	Accounts Payable	Mud Rug Rental	38.99			-2,171.25
10/09/2023	4962	Elan Financial Services	Accounts Payable	Computer and ...	1,296.86			-3,468.11
10/09/2023	4963	Fox Ledger, Inc.	Accounts Payable	Bottled Drinkin...	33.30			-3,501.41
10/09/2023	4964	HACH	Accounts Payable	021805-001	2,400.00			-5,901.41
10/09/2023	4965	Hawk Mountain Lab...	Accounts Payable	Contract Lab A...	2,809.50			-8,710.91
10/09/2023	4966	Highmark Blue Shield	Accounts Payable	Health Insurance	4,039.27			-12,750.18
10/09/2023	4967	ICON Technologies	Accounts Payable	Telephone and ...	66.19			-12,816.37
10/09/2023	4968	Jensen & Jensen	Accounts Payable	Legal Fees	875.00			-13,691.37
10/09/2023	4969	JGF Funding	Accounts Payable	Printer Lease	80.02			-13,771.39
10/09/2023	4970	Justus Home & Garden	Accounts Payable	Safety Fence, p...	715.56			-14,486.95
10/09/2023	4971	Keystone Sanitary La...	Accounts Payable	Sludge Disposal	3,721.95			-18,208.90
10/09/2023	4972	Lackawanna County ...	Accounts Payable	Wireless Intern...	130.00			-18,338.90
10/09/2023	4973	North End Electric	Accounts Payable	NCSS02	1,035.00			-19,373.90
10/09/2023	4974	OnePoint	Accounts Payable	2226	220.58			-19,594.48
10/09/2023	4975	PA American Water ...	Accounts Payable	Domestic Water	336.37			-19,930.85
10/09/2023	4976	PA Rural Water	Accounts Payable	Annual Membe...	925.00			-20,855.85
10/09/2023	4977	Pennsylvania Paper ...	Accounts Payable	paper towels, t...	198.10			-21,053.95
10/09/2023	4978	Rite Temp	Accounts Payable	HVAC compre...	280.00			-21,333.95
10/09/2023	4979	Saul Ewing Arnstein ...	Accounts Payable	Special Counsel	4,933.40			-26,267.35
10/09/2023	4980	UGI	Accounts Payable	2379801011-4	100.74			-26,368.09
10/09/2023	4981	United Concordia	Accounts Payable	364001819	230.65			-26,598.74
10/09/2023	4982	USA Blue Book	Accounts Payable	935510	564.00			-27,162.74
10/09/2023	4983	USALCO	Accounts Payable	Alum	7,148.97			-34,311.71
10/09/2023	4984	Waste Management L...	Accounts Payable	821-90844	109.56			-34,421.27
10/11/2023	debit	Mass Mutual	Facility Operating Exp...		5,600.00			-40,021.27
10/11/2023			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer			40,486.37	465.10

There was no PPL Bill as on the meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Rinaldi to approve payment of bills 10/11/2023 totaling \$34,886.37 and the quarterly ACH to Empower for the Pension Payment for \$5,600, seconded by Mr. Besten, unanimously passed.

Review of Operating Budget and Administration Budget.

Statement of balances

Engineers Report

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed GHD continues provide support on an as needed/requested basis in support of the ongoing litigation. No services were provided this month.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that GHD initiated design services for the emergency repairs to the outfall retaining wall damaged during the September 9, 2023 flash flood. Services include site visit, drawing development, confirmation of permit approvals from DEP, PennDOT, the county Conservation District, and correspondence with ARWA Staff.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that GHD is preparing a professional services proposal to assist ARWA in the design, bidding, and construction oversight of the repairs to the BioSolids Building. Proposal was submitted to Ms. Elliot prior to meeting and was included in the packet. The proposal was broken down into phases. Mr. Monagan asked if this was a to not to exceed proposal and Mr. Bisignani said it was a to not to exceed proposal. Chairman Pullo asked if there was an overlap of task 1 and task 2. Mr. Biaignani said no it would not have an overlap, but there is an overlap between Task 3 and task 4. The board would need to approve each task individually, but the proposal can be approved as a whole.

Mr. Rinaldi made a motion to approve GHD's Proposal to move forward with the BioSolids Handling Facility Improvements as presented in the amount not to exceed \$192,000, seconded by Mr. Snyder, unanimously passed.

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

Fidelity Bank as of October 11, 2023 = \$4,048.04

Peoples Security Bank Money Market Account as of October 11, 2023 = \$263,184.02 (Done Quarterly)

Requisitions: #576- \$30,000 to Payroll Account
#577- \$1,000 to Treasurers Account

Mr. Rinaldi made a motion to approve requisition #576- \$30,000 to the Payroll Account and #577 \$1,000 to Treasurer's Account, seconded by Mr. Lockett, unanimously passed.

Biosolids Committee: No Report

Public Relations Committee: No Report

Personnel Committee: No Report

Litigation Committee: Chairman Pullo replaced Mr. Murphy with Mr. Monagan on the finance committee and asked the Finance committee meet in reference to a settlement proposal for the Biosolids Building.

Finance Committee: Mr. Rajan was appointed to the Finance Committee by Chairman Pullo.

Solicitor's Report: No Report

Board Member Comments:

Mr. Rinaldi discussed that there was surcharge on one of the lines in Clarks Green Borough and wanted to thank Ms. Elliot for her assistance in handling the issue and coming out to the field with the Borough Manager. He also thanked GHD for assisting with questions on procedure due to the fact they couldn't get ahold of their engineer.

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

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:23 PM by Ms. Lance seconded by Mr. Lockett, unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey Monagan, Secretary