

ABINGTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

August 9, 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 August 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent: Michael Bisignani, Engineer

Mr. Thorpe made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2023, seconded by Mr. Snyder, unanimously passed.

Executive Session (Litigation Discussion):

Start: 6:32 PM

End: 7:33 PM

Mr. Thorpe made a motion to authorize Sal Ewing to enter Mediation with Gannet Fleming, seconded by Mr. Snyder, unanimously passed.

The Board request Mr. Bisignani to attend next month's meeting to discuss options to fix the building.

Directors Report:

Ms. Elliot presented her directors report including a Wet Weather Event and Investment update.

Ms. Elliot discussed that there was a Wet Weather Event on July 27, 2023 which produced 1.35 inches of rain in less than an hour. Influent flows peaked at 19.8 MGD. The plant also experienced a power outage during the event. Staff handled the event well and the plant was monitored until the high flows subsided.

Ms. Elliot also reported that following the interest rate discussion at the last meeting she reached out to the investment advisor at Fidelity, Will Fennie. Will stated that with how a security's market value adjusts to interest rate levels, over the maturity time frame, a higher coupon bond of similar risk will not improve the return on the account. If interest rates will fall it would be worthwhile to switch to another similar risk security to earn additional interest over time.

Chairman Pullo suggested reaching out to the Investment Advisor, Will, and discuss the different types of investments and their rate of return.

Ms. Elliot presented the Operational Data for July 2023, reporting an average daily influent flow of 3.24 MGD. Average daily effluent flow was 1.85 MGD. There was one wet weather event on July 27th.

Ms. Elliot presented the rain vs flow chart.

Ms. Elliot presented Anthony Luongo Operations and Maintenance report highlighting the Flushing and cleaning of the effluent weirs and trough of clarifier 3; the replacement of a leaking o ring on the utility water self-flushing filter housing; staff unclogged a purge line on return pump 1 and replaced a filter on the utility water chlorine system; the replacement of the fountain pump; and the high flow event on July 27,2023.

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8/10/2023 9:33 AM

Register: Fidelity Operating Expenses
 From 07/13/2023 through 08/10/2023
 Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
07/13/2023			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer		X	76,801.76	6,065.10
07/14/2023	debit	Mass Mutual	Facility Operating Exp...		5,600.00	X		465.10
08/09/2023	4889	Advanced Auto	Accounts Payable	6473 7020 000...	386.84			78.26
08/09/2023	4890	Amy Waters	Accounts Payable	Recording Secr...	100.00			-21.74
08/09/2023	4891	CCI Waste & Recycli...	Accounts Payable	Sludge Hauling	1,492.95			-1,514.69
08/09/2023	4892	Dempsey Uniform	Accounts Payable	Mud Rug Rental	37.91			-1,552.60
08/09/2023	4893	Elan Financial Services	Accounts Payable	Battery back up...	485.58			-2,038.18
08/09/2023	4894	Fox Ledge, Inc.	Accounts Payable	Bottled Drinkin...	31.80			-2,069.98
08/09/2023	4895	HACH	Accounts Payable	021805-001	2,400.00			-4,469.98
08/09/2023	4896	Hawk Mountain Lab...	Accounts Payable	Contract Lab A...	3,118.00			-7,587.98
08/09/2023	4897	Higher Informaiton ...	Accounts Payable	Printer lease qu...	13.44			-7,601.42
08/09/2023	4898	Highmark Blue Shield	Accounts Payable	Health Insurance	4,039.27			-11,640.69
08/09/2023	4899	Hydrodyne	Accounts Payable	Bagging Casset...	1,095.00			-12,735.69
08/09/2023	4900	ICON Technologies	Accounts Payable	Telephone and ...	66.19			-12,801.88
08/09/2023	4901	Jensen & Jensen	Accounts Payable	Legal services	281.25			-13,083.13
08/09/2023	4902	JGF Funding	Accounts Payable	Printer Lease	84.82			-13,167.95
08/09/2023	4903	Justus Home & Garden	Accounts Payable	Cleaning Suppl...	292.84			-13,460.79
08/09/2023	4904	Keystone Sanitary La...	Accounts Payable	Sludge Disposal	4,448.10			-17,908.89
08/09/2023	4905	Lackawanna County ...	Accounts Payable	wireless interne...	65.00			-17,973.89
08/09/2023	4906	National Water Speci...	Accounts Payable	Annual Backfl...	125.00			-18,098.89
08/09/2023	4907	Nicholson Tire Service	Accounts Payable	Truck Inspection	42.50			-18,141.39
08/09/2023	4908	North End Electric	Accounts Payable	NCSS02	3,859.18			-22,000.57
08/09/2023	4909	PA American Water ...	Accounts Payable	Domestic Water	355.93			-22,356.50
08/09/2023	4910	Polydyne, Inc.	Accounts Payable	974180	3,927.94			-26,284.44
08/09/2023	4911	PPL	Accounts Payable	Electric	16,503.04			-42,787.48
08/09/2023	4912	Saul Ewing Arnstein ...	Accounts Payable	Special Counsel	3,155.90			-45,943.38
08/09/2023	4913	UGI	Accounts Payable	2379801011-4	55.65			-45,999.03
08/09/2023	4914	Uline	Accounts Payable	Paper Towels	121.23			-46,120.26
08/09/2023	4915	United Concordia	Accounts Payable	364001819	192.47			-46,312.73
08/09/2023	4916	USA Blue Book	Accounts Payable	935510	131.99			-46,444.72
08/09/2023	4917	Waste Management I...	Accounts Payable	821-90844	87.84			-46,532.56
08/09/2023	4918	Zen Design Firm	Accounts Payable	Email and Web...	85.00			-46,617.56
08/10/2023			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer			47,082.66	465.10

Motion was made by Mr. Thorpe to approve payment of bills 8/9/23 totaling \$47,082.66, seconded by Mr. Monagan, 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 provided feedback on a connection request for a proposed car wash to be located at 821 Northern Boulevard. The "final" water service connection request paperwork has been received and is estimated to be 36 EDU's. Once final paperwork including the PA DEP Module 3 GHD will review in more detail and provide a formal letter response to ARWA.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed GHD reviewed and provided recommendations for approval of a connection for Building No. 8 at the Nichols Village- Shoppes at South Abington. The building is proposed to be Mavis Tire with a total contribution of six (6) EDU's bringing the total for the site to 19 EDU's for Building's No. 2,3,4,5,6 and 8.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that GHD received water usage data from PAWC for the commercial corridor of Route 11 and is the process of consolidating and making it easier to digest and review. The data could be used to verify existing EDU allocations vs average water usage. Additional data is free and can be requested by providing address lists.

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

Fidelity Bank as of August 9, 2023 = \$4,443.04

Peoples Security Bank Money Market Account as of August 9, 2023 = \$177,588.38 (Done Quarterly)

Requisitions: #572- \$45,000 to Payroll Account
#573- \$1,000 to Treasurers Account

Mr. Lockett made a motion to approve requisition #572- \$45,000 to the Payroll Account and #573 \$1,000 to Treasurer's Account, seconded by Ms. Lance, 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 7:41 PM by Mr. Lockett seconded by Mr. Thorpe unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey Monagan, Secretary