

**ABINGTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY**

September 13, 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 virtually via Zoom on September 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent: Michael Bisignani, Engineer

Guest: Mark Pickering-GHD

**Ms. Lance made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2023, seconded by Mr. Snyder, unanimously passed.**

**Directors Report:**

Ms. Elliot presented her directors report including 2024 Budget, WETT Sampling, Industrial Appraisal and Flooding/ Wet Weather Event.

Ms. Elliot reported that on September 5<sup>th</sup> the EDU update letter requests were delivered to the three member municipalities with responses due October 4<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Elliot stated she has started the 2024 budget.

Ms. Elliot discussed the annual WETT Sampling was performed the week of August 13, 2023. Results have been received from Cove Environmental and tests were successful.

Ms. Elliot reported that the last onsite industrial appraisal conducted was in 2015 and annually reevaluated since but overextended periods of time valuations are likely distorted. Ms. Elliot reached out to Knowles Insurance and asked their thoughts on having an onsite appraisal done and they felt based on the inflationary impact on building values it would be prudent. If the authority decided to do an onsite appraisal it wouldn't occur until sometime in 2024 based on the appraiser's availability. Cost of an appraisal would be \$6,670.00.

**Mr. Thorpe made a motion to schedule an onsite industrial appraisal for 2024 in the amount of \$6,670.00, seconded by Mr. Snyder, unanimously passed.**

Ms. Elliot discussed that there was a Wet Weather Event on September 9-10 subsided which resulted in over 6 inches of rain. The plant experienced substantial flooding and resulted in extensive property damage. The treatment process hasn't been disrupted and a claim was initiated. Clean-up has begun. ServePro was on site helping with drying out with the clean up of the conference room. Clarks Green Borough helped with clean up by loaning DPW workers and equipment. South Abington Township also

assisted in clean up and will offer some more assistance in the coming days. Ms. Elliot Thanked the Municipalities for their assistance in the clean-up. Mr. Besten Thanked the ARWA workers for risking their lives to get to the plant during the flooding to man the plant for the storm. Mr. Pullo and the board members also thanks the Employees of the Plant for all their hard work and dedication to the plant.

Ms. Elliot presented the Operational Data for August 2023, reporting an average daily influent flow of 3.9 MGD. Average daily effluent flow was 2.33 MGD. There was one wet weather event on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Elliot presented the rain vs flow chart.

Ms. Elliot presented Anthony Luongo Operations and Maintenance report highlighting the service of both compressed gas compressors with oil change, oil, air filters and moisture separator assembly and high-pressure valve replaced; Staff cleaned, greased all fittings, and inspected bar screens and grit snail systems; North End electric was onsite to repair high voltage short in junction box on bio reactor blowers 2 and 3; Multiple high flow events took place on 8/12/23 with a max influent flow of 19.6 MGD and a rainfall total of .44 inches, 8/14/23 with a max influent flow of 19.5 MGD and a rainfall total of 1.51 inches, 8/18/23 with a max influent flow of 16.2 MGD and a rainfall total of .75 inches, 8/25/23 with a max influent flow of 20.0 MGD and a rainfall total of 1.89 inches, 8/30/23 with a max influent flow of 19.6 MGD and a rainfall total of .75 inches.

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9/14/2023 8:43 AM

Register: Fidelity Operating Expenses

From 08/10/2023 through 09/14/2023

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
08/10/2023			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer		X	47,082.66	465.10
09/13/2023	4919	Advanced Auto	Accounts Payable	6473 7020 000...	52.21			412.89
09/13/2023	4920	Amy Waters	Accounts Payable	Recording Secr...	100.00			312.89
09/13/2023	4921	Anthracite Rubber C...	Accounts Payable	Canvas Hoses	179.52			133.37
09/13/2023	4922	Bartron Supply Inc.	Accounts Payable	1111274024	210.43			-77.06
09/13/2023	4923	CCI Waste & Recycli...	Accounts Payable	Sludge Hauling	3,483.55			-3,560.61
09/13/2023	4924	Convenient Food Mart	Accounts Payable	Gasoline	111.20			-3,671.81
09/13/2023	4925	Cove Environmental	Accounts Payable	Annual WETT ...	3,750.00			-7,421.81
09/13/2023	4926	Dempsey Uniform	Accounts Payable	Mud Rug Rental	37.91			-7,459.72
09/13/2023	4927	Elan Financial Services	Accounts Payable	Credit Card- Fi...	156.62			-7,616.34
09/13/2023	4928	Fox Ledge, Inc.	Accounts Payable	Bottled Drinkin...	26.05			-7,642.39
09/13/2023	4929	GHD	Accounts Payable	Litigation Assi...	495.00			-8,137.39
09/13/2023	4930	HACH	Accounts Payable	021805-001	2,400.00			-10,537.39
09/13/2023	4931	Hawk Mountain Lab...	Accounts Payable	Contract Lab A...	2,544.25			-13,081.64
09/13/2023	4932	Highmark Blue Shield	Accounts Payable	Health Insurance	4,039.27			-17,120.91
09/13/2023	4933	ICON Technologies	Accounts Payable	Telephone and ...	66.19			-17,187.10
09/13/2023	4934	Industrial Appraisal ...	Accounts Payable	Annual Revalu...	435.00			-17,622.10
09/13/2023	4935	Jensen & Jensen	Accounts Payable	Legal Fees	812.50			-18,434.60
09/13/2023	4936	JGF Funding	Accounts Payable	Printer Lease	80.02			-18,514.62
09/13/2023	4937	JS Instrumentation &...	Accounts Payable	Annual Flowm...	580.00			-19,094.62
09/13/2023	4938	Justus Home & Garden	Accounts Payable	Cleaning suppli...	179.85			-19,274.47
09/13/2023	4939	Kershner Environme...	Accounts Payable	O rings and nut...	114.99			-19,389.46
09/13/2023	4940	Keystone Sanitary La...	Accounts Payable	Sludge Disposal	6,320.69			-25,710.15
09/13/2023	4941	Maryland Biochemic...	Accounts Payable	Defoamer	210.34			-25,920.49
09/13/2023	4942	North End Electric	Accounts Payable	NCSS02	332.50			-26,252.99
09/13/2023	4943	PA American Water ...	Accounts Payable	Domestic water	360.36			-26,613.35
09/13/2023	4944	PA Rural Water	Accounts Payable		405.00			-27,018.35
09/13/2023	4945	PPL	Accounts Payable	Electric	15,049.04			-42,067.39
09/13/2023	4946	Rite Temp	Accounts Payable	HVAC Unit Re...	1,024.20			-43,091.59
09/13/2023	4947	Saul Ewing Armstein ...	Accounts Payable	Special Counsel	1,891.90			-44,983.49
09/13/2023	4948	Smith Air Center Inc.	Accounts Payable		2,552.42			-47,535.91
09/13/2023	4949	Trojan Technologies	Accounts Payable		11,433.91			-58,969.82
09/13/2023	4950	UGI	Accounts Payable	2379801011-4	51.98			-59,021.80
09/13/2023	4951	United Concordia	Accounts Payable	364001819	459.73			-59,481.53
09/13/2023	4952	USALCO	Accounts Payable	alum	7,215.19			-66,696.72
09/13/2023	4953	Waste Management L...	Accounts Payable	821-90844	105.66			-66,802.38
09/13/2023	4954	Zen Design Firm	Accounts Payable		170.00			-66,972.38
09/13/2023	4955	Servpro	Accounts Payable	Water restorati...	5,104.57			-72,076.95
09/14/2023			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer			72,542.05	465.10

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A bill for ServePro was included in this months bills for \$5,104.57.

**Motion was made by Mr. Thorpe to approve payment of bills 9/13/23 totaling \$72,542.05, 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 provided recommendation for approval of a connection for Building No. 1 at the Nicholas Village – Shoppes of South Abington. The building is proposed to be a Wendy's with a total contribution of seven (7) EDU's bringing the total site to 26 EDU's for Building No. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 and 8.

Mr. Pickering of GHD discussed the timeline for the Biosolids Building Repairs. He discussed that the Design process would take approximately 3-4 months to get to the permit and application process to codes review which is an additional month. Bidding and project completion should be completed in approximately 1 year from start to finish. Ms. Elliot suggested getting an architect out soon. Mr. Pullo asked who would manage the project. Mr. Thorpe stated that GHD should do this. Mr. Pullo stated that we needed to start that process with GHD.

**Mr. Thorpe made a motion to authorize GHD to provide ARWA with a project plan (timeline, estimated costs of the project from design, material, and construction) for the repair of the Biosolids Building; cost for construction management and project oversight, seconded by Mr. Snyder, unanimously passed.**

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

Fidelity Bank as of September 13, 2023 = \$3,248.04

Peoples Security Bank Money Market Account as of September 13, 2023 = \$92,389.22 (Done Quarterly)

Requisitions: #574- \$30,000 to Payroll Account  
#575- \$1,000 to Treasurers Account

**Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve requisition #574- \$30,000 to the Payroll Account and #575 \$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:** Mr. Murphy wanted to let the board know he is resigning from his position from ARWA. He has been in Maryland where his doctors are and will be making that permanently soon.

Mr. Snyder Thanked Mr. Murphy for his service. The board members also Thanked Mr. Murphy for his service on the board.

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

**Motion to adjourn was made at 7:09 PM by Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Lockett, unanimously passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Casey Monagan, Secretary