

**ABINGTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY**

February 14, 2024

The regular meeting of the Abington Regional Wastewater Authority was called to order by Chairman Besten and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting took place at the Abington Area Wastewater Treatment Plant on February 15, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent: Michael Bisignani, Engineer

**Mr. Monagan made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2024, seconded by Ms. Lance, unanimously passed.**

**Executive Session:**

Start: 6:33 PM

End: 6:43 PM

**Directors Report:**

Ms. Elliot presented her directors report including Signature Cards, Retaining Wall Repair, NASSCO Certification and Onsite Industrial Appraisal.

Ms. Elliot reported that she obtained new signature cards from the banks for the newly elected officers.

Ms. Elliot reported that Sproul Construction began work on the retaining wall on February 6<sup>th</sup> and she will keep the board updated on the progress.

Ms. Elliot reported that Michael Ganz, Eric Allegrucci and herself successfully completed the coursework and exams to recertify them in PACP, LACP and MACP. Certifications are good for three years.

Ms. Elliot discussed that an onsite industrial appraisal is scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. The appraisal should be done in a week.

Ms. Elliot reminded the board that the March Meeting will take place Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

Ms. Elliot presented the Operational Data for January 2023, reporting an average daily influent flow of 4.88 MGD. Average daily effluent flow was 3.22 MGD.

Ms. Elliot presented the rain vs flow chart.

Ms. Elliot presented Anthony Luongo Operations and Maintenance report highlighting staff removed a leaking recirculating pump from the process operations building boiler system and sent to North End Electric for Rebuild; ARWA worked with North East Technical Sales on the manhole flowmeter relocation; The centrifuge system diverter gate was cleaned and a clogged drain tube replaced; Rodgers was onsite 1/4/24 for main influent interceptor pipe jetting and hydrovac of both bar screen influent chambers; Staff performed full service on the Bobcat skid steer (oil, oil filter, air filters), hydraulic fluid was checked and new tires were mounted at 543.5 running hours; ARWA experienced the following high flow events: 1/9/24 with a max influent flow of 16.5 MGD and a rainfall total of 1.22 inches and 1/24/24 with a max influent flow of 14.2 MGD and a rainfall total of 0.62 inches.

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Abington Regional Wastewater Authority						2/15/2024 8:30 AM		
Register: Fidelity Operating Expenses								
From 01/11/2024 through 02/15/2024								
Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref								
Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
01/11/2024			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer		X	129,697.21	465.10
02/14/2024	5089	Amy Waters	Accounts Payable	Recording Secr...	200.00			265.10
02/14/2024	5090	Atlas Copco	Accounts Payable	Service call for...	1,090.00			-824.90
02/14/2024	5091	Bartron Supply Inc.	Accounts Payable	1111274024	613.10			-1,438.00
02/14/2024	5092	CCI Waste & Recycli...	Accounts Payable	Sludge hauling	4,976.50			-6,414.50
02/14/2024	5093	Commonwealth of Pe...	Accounts Payable	NPDES permit ...	3,750.00			-10,164.50
02/14/2024	5094	Convenient Food Mart	Accounts Payable	Fuel	78.35			-10,242.85
02/14/2024	5095	Dempsey Uniform	Accounts Payable	Mud Rug Rental	38.99			-10,281.84
02/14/2024	5096	Fidelity Deposit & D...	Accounts Payable	Annual Trustee...	5,500.00			-15,781.84
02/14/2024	5097	Fox Ledge, Inc.	Accounts Payable	Bottled drinkin...	37.55			-15,819.39
02/14/2024	5098	GHD	Accounts Payable	Litigation Assi...	1,631.70			-17,451.09
02/14/2024	5099	Hawk Mountain Lab...	Accounts Payable	Contract Lab A...	3,157.00			-20,608.09
02/14/2024	5100	Highmark Blue Shield	Accounts Payable	Health Insurance	4,370.74			-24,978.83
02/14/2024	5101	ICON Technologies	Accounts Payable	Telephone and ...	66.19			-25,045.02
02/14/2024	5102	Jensen & Jensen	Accounts Payable	Legal Fees	3,656.25			-28,701.27
02/14/2024	5103	JGF Funding	Accounts Payable	Printer Lease	80.02			-28,781.29
02/14/2024	5104	Justus Home & Garden	Accounts Payable	Work Gloves, ...	43.97			-28,825.26
02/14/2024	5105	Keystone Sanitary La...	Accounts Payable	Sludge Disposal	14,288.52			-43,113.78
02/14/2024	5106	Lackawanna County ...	Accounts Payable	Wireless Internet	65.00			-43,178.78
02/14/2024	5107	Lauren Elliott	Accounts Payable	Reimbursement...	206.85			-43,385.63
02/14/2024	5108	Nicholson Tire Service	Accounts Payable	Skid Steer Tires	1,060.00			-44,445.63
02/14/2024	5109	North End Electric	Accounts Payable	NCSS02	812.43			-45,258.06
02/14/2024	5110	PA American Water ...	Accounts Payable	Domestic Water	168.07			-45,426.13
02/14/2024	5111	PA Rural Water	Accounts Payable		450.00			-45,876.13
02/14/2024	5112	PMAA Life Insurance	Accounts Payable	Employee Life ...	3,627.00			-49,503.13
02/14/2024	5113	Polydyne, Inc.	Accounts Payable	974180	3,927.94			-53,431.07
02/14/2024	5114	PPL	Accounts Payable	Electric	14,277.86			-67,708.93
02/14/2024	5115	Rite Temp	Accounts Payable	Boiler service a...	1,399.73			-69,108.66
02/14/2024	5116	Rogers Services	Accounts Payable	Jetting and vac ...	6,958.50			-76,067.16
02/14/2024	5117	Saul Ewing Arnstein ...	Accounts Payable	Special Counsel	7,303.40			-83,370.56
02/14/2024	5118	Sunshine Filters, Inc.	Accounts Payable	Blower Filters	685.96			-84,056.52
02/14/2024	5119	Susquehanna Fire Eq...	Accounts Payable	Fire Exhinguis...	151.45			-84,207.97
02/14/2024	5120	TeamLogic IT	Accounts Payable	Share drive sup...	140.63			-84,348.60
02/14/2024	5121	The Scranton Times	Accounts Payable	230389	796.41			-85,145.01
02/14/2024	5122	Travelers Insurance	Accounts Payable	Treasurers Bond	1,297.00			-86,442.01
02/14/2024	5123	UGI	Accounts Payable	2379801011-4	3,315.58			-89,757.59
02/14/2024	5124	United Concordia	Accounts Payable	364001819	461.30			-90,218.89
02/14/2024	5125	USALCO	Accounts Payable	Alum	6,771.19			-96,990.08
02/14/2024	5126	Waste Management L...	Accounts Payable	821-90844	176.56			-97,166.64
02/15/2024			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer			97,631.74	465.10

**Motion was made by Mr. Pullo to approve payment of bills for 2/14/2024 for \$97,631.74, seconded by Mr. Rajan, 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. Minimal services were provided this month.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that GHD continues to support the Leggets Creek retaining wall reconstruction providing construction administration and part time construction oversight. The work has commenced with the existing wall removed and foundation and rebar work is expected to take place this week with all work completed in the next 3(three) weeks.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that GHD has been progressing on design of the bio solids building improvements. Solicitor Jensen and Ms. Elliot have provided comments on the legal frontend construction contract. GHD plans to provide a 100% deliverable copy to the Authority by the end of February followed by advertisement and anticipated award of the contract at the April Board Meeting.

Solicitor Jensen discussed that Mr. Bisignani asked if the repair of the Biosolids Building would Affect the pending Litigation.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that ARWA was awarded a \$500,000 grant from the small projects' H2O ARPA funds. GHD and ARWA held an introduction meeting with the DEP grant administrator, received preliminary paperwork and are awaiting an executed grant agreement, and plans to provide ARWA a proposal for engineering services for review at the March Board Meeting. All funds must be spent by 9/30/2026.

#### **The Treasurer's Report:**

Fidelity Bank as of February 14, 2024 = \$4,443.04

Peoples Security Bank Money Market Account as of February 14 ,2024 = \$178,389.75 (Done Quarterly)

Requisitions: #587- \$30,000 to Payroll Account  
#588- \$1,000 to Treasurers Account  
#589- \$718.52 to Petty Cash  
#590- \$5,125 Kavulich Construction

#591- \$36,300 GHD -Flood Response

**Mr. Pullo made a motion to approve requisition #587- \$30,000 to the Payroll Account, #588 \$1,000 to Treasurer's Account, #589 \$718.52 to Petty Cash, #590 \$5,125 Kavulich Construction and #591- \$36,300 GHD -Flood Response seconded by Mr. Snyder unanimously passed.**

**Ms. Lance made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, unanimously passed.**

**Biosolids Committee:** No Report

**Public Relations Committee:** No Report

**Personnel Committee:** Mr. Thorpe reported that they offered Jeff Jarrow the open position at the Authority at the rate of \$21.25/hour.

**Mr. Snyder made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to hire Jeff Jarrow at the rate of \$21.25/hour, seconded by Mr. Pullo, unanimously passed.**

**Litigation Committee:** No Report

**Finance Committee:** No Report

**Solicitor's Report:** No Report

**Board Member Comments:**

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

**Motion to adjourn was made at 7:03 PM by Mr. Thorpe, seconded by Mr. Snyder unanimously passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Wayne Thorpe, Secretary