

ABINGTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

March 4, 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 March 4, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent: Michael Bisignani, Engineer

Mr. Pullo made a motion to approve the minutes from the Emergency Meeting on February 5, 2024 and the regular meeting on 2/14/2024, seconded by Mr. Snyder, unanimously passed.

Executive Session: Litigation Discussion

Start: 6:30 PM

End: 6:43 PM

Mr. Rinaldi made a motion to hire John Palumbo to sign the Certificate of Merit for the pending litigation, seconded by Mr. Snyder, unanimously passed.

Directors Report:

Ms. Elliot presented her directors report including the Workers Compensation Audit.

Ms. Elliot reported that IWC Insurance Group performed and onsite workers compensation audit on February 21, 2024. No deficiencies were discovered.

Ms. Elliot presented the Operational Data for February 2024, reporting an average daily influent flow of 3.25 MGD. Average daily effluent flow was 2.04 MGD.

Ms. Elliot presented the rain vs flow chart.

Ms. Elliot presented Anthony Luongo Operations and Maintenance report highlighting staff reinstalled the recirculating pump for process operations building boiler system; Rite Temp was on site to replace the low water cut off switch and valve on process operations building boiler system; staff installed new

skimmer arms on clarifier 2 skimmer assembly and staff performed inspection and cleaning of grit removal system grit snail was drained and cleared of debris.

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3/4/2024 6:02 PM

Register: Fidelity Operating Expenses

From 02/15/2024 through 03/04/2024

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

| Date | Number | Payee | Account | Memo | Payment C | Deposit | Balance |
|------------|--------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 02/15/2024 | | | Fidelity Income & Inve... | Funds Transfer | | 97,631.74 | -17,887.90 |
| 03/04/2024 | 5127 | Amy Waters | Accounts Payable | Recording Secr... | 100.00 | | -17,987.90 |
| 03/04/2024 | 5128 | CCI Waste & Recycli... | Accounts Payable | Sludge Hauling | 4,976.50 | | -22,964.40 |
| 03/04/2024 | 5129 | Dempsey Uniform | Accounts Payable | Mud Rug Rent... | 77.98 | | -23,042.38 |
| 03/04/2024 | 5130 | Eric M. Allegrucci | Accounts Payable | Reimbursement... | 150.00 | | -23,192.38 |
| 03/04/2024 | 5131 | Hawk Mountain Lab... | Accounts Payable | Contract Lab A... | 2,209.50 | | -25,401.88 |
| 03/04/2024 | 5132 | Higher Informaiton ... | Accounts Payable | Quarterly print... | 11.65 | | -25,413.53 |
| 03/04/2024 | 5133 | Highmark Blue Shield | Accounts Payable | Health Insurance | 4,366.24 | | -29,779.77 |
| 03/04/2024 | 5134 | Industrial Appraisal ... | Accounts Payable | Onsite Industri... | 4,002.00 | | -33,781.77 |
| 03/04/2024 | 5135 | Jensen & Jensen | Accounts Payable | Legal Fees | 968.75 | | -34,750.52 |
| 03/04/2024 | 5136 | JGF Funding | Accounts Payable | Printer lease | 80.02 | | -34,830.54 |
| 03/04/2024 | 5137 | Justus Home & Garden | Accounts Payable | Flashlight, bolt... | 150.97 | | -34,981.51 |
| 03/04/2024 | 5138 | Keystone Sanitary La... | Accounts Payable | Sludge Disposal | 6,955.44 | | -41,936.95 |
| 03/04/2024 | 5139 | Medicus Urgent Care | Accounts Payable | JJ Physical | 125.00 | | -42,061.95 |
| 03/04/2024 | 5140 | PA American Water ... | Accounts Payable | Domestic Water | 156.38 | | -42,218.33 |
| 03/04/2024 | 5141 | Saul Ewing Arnstein ... | Accounts Payable | special counsel | 12,025.88 | | -54,244.21 |
| 03/04/2024 | 5142 | Smith Air Center Inc. | Accounts Payable | Compressor ele... | 531.85 | | -54,776.06 |
| 03/04/2024 | 5143 | Uline | Accounts Payable | Oil absorbant p... | 190.46 | | -54,966.52 |
| 03/04/2024 | 5144 | USALCO | Accounts Payable | Alum | 6,763.67 | | -61,730.19 |
| 03/04/2024 | 5145 | Waste Management I... | Accounts Payable | 821-90844 | 110.67 | | -61,840.86 |
| 03/04/2024 | 5146 | WesTech | Accounts Payable | Skimmer suppo... | 536.43 | | -62,377.29 |
| 03/04/2024 | 5147 | Zen Design Firm | Accounts Payable | Web and Email... | 85.00 | | -62,462.29 |

Motion was made by Ms. Lance to approve payment of bills for 03/04/2024 and the final 2023 Pension contribution for \$18,353 for a total of \$62,927.39, seconded by Mr. Pullo, 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 footing has been poured and initial concrete break results look good, the stem wall and all pipe penetrations are to be poured 3/4/24. Once the concrete has achieved 90% strength the wall will be backfilled with engineered fill and site restoration will start.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that GHD has been progressing on design of the bio solids building improvements. GHD has provided 100% deliverable to the authority on 3/1/24 which includes initial comments from Ms. Elliot and Solicitor Jensen. Intentions are to advertise the project via PennBid once final comments have been addressed, hold a prebid meeting on 3/21/24 and collect bids on 4/8/24 for potential award on 4/10/24.

The board decided to hold off on the bid process and take an extra month to review until 4/10/24.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that ARWA was awarded a \$500,000 grant from the small projects' H2O ARPA funds. A signed contract has been received from PADEP to access funds. GHD is preparing a proposal for Engineering Design Services for the new UV system and plans to present the proposal during the April Board Meeting. All Funds must be used by 9/30/2026.

Mr. Bisignani's Report discussed clarification has been provided on the Grasselli SSI connection request for 10 Skyline Drive, South Abington Twp. The connection will likely be 2-3 EDU's based upon the number of proposed employees who will report to the facility. GHD is preparing a response letter for review by the Authority.

Mr. Bisignani discussed GHD/ARWA has received all necessary feedback from the member municipalities for preparation of the Annual Chapter 94 Wasteload Report. GHD plans to provide a draft for review in the new two weeks with enough time to address comments and deliver the final by end of March.

The Treasurer's Report:

Fidelity Bank as of March 4, 2024 = \$2,577.40

Peoples Security Bank Money Market Account as of March 4 ,2024 = \$93, 190.13 (Done Quarterly)

Requisitions: #592- \$30,000 to Payroll Account

#593- \$1,000 to Treasurers Account

#594- \$32,789.58 to GHD for Biosolids Building

Ms. Lance made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and requisitions #591- \$30,000 to the Payroll Account, #592 \$1,000 to Treasurer's Account #594 to GHD (Biosolids Building) \$32,789.58, seconded by Mr. Pullo, 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:

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

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:39 PM by Mr. Pullo, seconded by Mr. Rajan unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Lance, Assistance Secretary