

ABINGTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

April 10, 2024

The regular meeting of the Abington Regional Wastewater Authority was called to order by Vice Chairman Monaghan and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting took place at the Abington Area Wastewater Treatment Plant on April 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

John Pullo	Lauren Elliot	Paul Lockett
Gloria Lance	Donald Jensen, Esquire	Donald Snyder
Murli Rajan	David Rinaldi, Esquire	Wayne Thorpe
Casey Monagan	Mark Pickering (GHD)	

Absent: Frank Besten

Michael Bisignani, Engineer

Mr. Besten made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on 03/04/2024, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, unanimously passed.

Executive Session: Litigation Discussion

Start: 6:32 PM

End: 7:11 PM

Directors Report:

Ms. Elliot presented her directors report including the Aluminum Sulfate Contract, Form 43 Analysis, Centrifuge Repair and Group Photo.

Ms. Elliot reported that The Aluminum Sulfate contract is up for renewal. A bid package and advertisement were prepared and reviewed by Solicitor Jensen. Bids will be opened at the May meeting.

Mr. Thorpe made a motion to advertise for the Aluminum Sulfate bids, seconded by Mr. Pullo, unanimously passed.

Ms. Elliot reported that the Form 43 Analysis required by the landfill every 5 years was completed and all parameters were in acceptable range and Hawk Mountain Labs invoice was included in unpaid bills.

Ms. Elliot discussed that an emergency repair was completed on the Centrifuge. North End Electric replaced the bowl motor VFD and the VFD power source. Without the centrifuge liquid sludge would need to be disposed of. Cost of the repair was \$8,172.24 and included in the unpaid bills.

Ms. Elliot reported that she has contacted Josiah Lewis Images for an updated group photo and individual headshots. He will be at the May 8th meeting. If interested in headshots, please arrive at 6:00PM and 6:15 PM for group Photo.

Ms. Elliot presented the Operational Data for March 2024, reporting an average daily influent flow of 5.73 MGD. Average daily effluent flow was 3.81 MGD.

Ms. Elliot presented the rain vs flow chart.

Ms. Elliot presented Anthony Luongo Operations and Maintenance report highlighting the rebuilding and reinstallation of Clarifier 1 return pump by North End Electric; Melbourne Electric was on site to replace the three broken dissolved oxygen analyzers and three broken airflow meters at our bioreactor system, SCADA programing was also completed on the units; staff replaced 2(two) burnt out bulbs, a broken sleeve and wiper assembly on the UV Signa system; North End Electric was on site for an emergency repair of the centrifuge, replacing the bowl motor VFD along with programing and a 12 volt battery source; Smith Air was on site to perform the installation of the new enviromix system compressed gas compressor; ARWA high flow events: 3/5/24-3/6/24 with a max influent flow of 19.6 MGD and 1.69 inches of rainfall, 3/9/24 with a max influent flow of 19.9 MGD and 1.3 inches of rainfall and 3/23/24 with a max influent flow of 17 MGD and 0.8 inches of rainfall.

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4/11/2024 9:01 AM

Register: Fidelity Operating Expenses
 From 03/05/2024 through 04/11/2024
 Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
03/05/2024			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer		X	62,927.39	2,088.71
04/10/2024	5148	Admin Partners	Accounts Payable	Pension Plan A...	126.04			1,962.67
04/10/2024	5149	Amy Waters	Accounts Payable	Recording Secr...	100.00			1,862.67
04/10/2024	5150	CCI Waste & Recycli...	Accounts Payable	Sludge Hauling	7,464.75			-5,602.08
04/10/2024	5151	Chapman Supply Co.	Accounts Payable	Ball Valves	43.27			-5,645.35
04/10/2024	5152	Commonwealth of Pe...	Accounts Payable	Compressor Va...	388.81			-6,034.16
04/10/2024	5153	Convenient Food Mart	Accounts Payable	Gasoline	94.51			-6,128.67
04/10/2024	5154	Dempsey Uniform	Accounts Payable	Mud Rug Rental	39.57			-6,168.24
04/10/2024	5155	Elan Financial Services	Accounts Payable	Workers comp ...	693.20			-6,861.44
04/10/2024	5156	Fox Ledge, Inc.	Accounts Payable	Bottled drinkin...	105.85			-6,967.29
04/10/2024	5157	GHD	Accounts Payable	Litigation assis...	384.00			-7,351.29
04/10/2024	5158	Greenfield Powder E...	Accounts Payable	Uniform pants	107.98			-7,459.27
04/10/2024	5159	Greenfield Power Eq...	Accounts Payable	LE safety toe b...	134.95			-7,594.22
04/10/2024	5160	Hawk Mountain Lab...	Accounts Payable	Contract Lab A...	6,100.50			-13,694.72
04/10/2024	5161	Highmark Blue Shield	Accounts Payable	Health Insurance	4,366.24			-18,060.96
04/10/2024	5162	ICON Technologies	Accounts Payable		132.38			-18,193.34
04/10/2024	5163	Industrial Appraisal ...	Accounts Payable	Remaining pay...	2,668.00			-20,861.34
04/10/2024	5164	IWC Group	Accounts Payable	Workers Comp...	1,768.32			-22,629.66
04/10/2024	5165	Jensen & Jensen	Accounts Payable	Legal fees	3,000.00			-25,629.66
04/10/2024	5166	JGF Funding	Accounts Payable	Monthly printe...	80.02			-25,709.68
04/10/2024	5167	Justus Home & Garden	Accounts Payable	Marking wand,...	299.74			-26,009.42
04/10/2024	5168	Keystone Sanitary La...	Accounts Payable	Sludge disposal	15,747.03			-41,756.45
04/10/2024	5169	Lackawanna County ...	Accounts Payable	wireless interne...	130.00			-41,886.45
04/10/2024	5170	North End Electric	Accounts Payable	NCSS02	14,345.26			-56,231.71
04/10/2024	5171	PA American Water ...	Accounts Payable	Domestic Water	304.13			-56,535.84
04/10/2024	5172	Pennsylvania Paper ...	Accounts Payable	Nitrile Gloves, ...	151.65			-56,687.49
04/10/2024	5173	PMAA Life Insurance	Accounts Payable	Add JJ	182.32			-56,869.81
04/10/2024	5174	Polydyne, Inc.	Accounts Payable	974180	3,927.94			-60,797.75
04/10/2024	5175	PPL	Accounts Payable	Electric	1,660.48			-62,458.23
04/10/2024	5176	Red valve company	Accounts Payable	Digester Diffus...	5,856.32			-68,314.55
04/10/2024	5177	Saul Ewing Arnstein ...	Accounts Payable	VOID: Special ...		X		-68,314.55
04/10/2024	5178	Sensaphone	Accounts Payable	Equipment Ala...	444.56			-68,759.11
04/10/2024	5179	Smith Air Center Inc.	Accounts Payable	Compressor Oi...	489.44			-69,248.55
04/10/2024	5180	Soccer Plus	Accounts Payable	Uniforms	628.00			-69,876.55
04/10/2024	5181	The Scranton Times	Accounts Payable	230389	225.10			-70,101.65
04/10/2024	5182	UGI	Accounts Payable	2379801011-4	4,967.06			-75,068.71
04/10/2024	5183	United Concordia	Accounts Payable	364001819	578.98			-75,647.69
04/10/2024	5184	USA Blue Book	Accounts Payable	935510	152.44			-75,800.13
04/10/2024	5185	Zen Design Firm	Accounts Payable	Monthly email ...	85.00			-75,885.13
04/10/2024	5186	PPL	Accounts Payable	Electric	16,657.65			-92,542.78

Included in this month's bills are 2 PPL invoices, one including \$16,657.65 and United Concordia for \$346.76.

Mr. Rinaldi made a motion to approve payment of bills excluding Sal Ewings invoice for \$12,122.40 for 04/10/2024 totaling \$107,100.65, seconded by Mr. Rajan, unanimously passed.

Review of Operating Budget and Administration Budget.

Statement of balances

Engineers Report

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 and stem wall has been poured and concrete break results look good, achieving close to 90% of the design strength. Backfill is slated to start on Thursday 4/4/24 and last about 2 weeks.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that GHD has been progressing on design of the bio solids building improvements masonry and roof. GHD has provided 100% deliverable to the authority and has received comments on the front-end contract from Mr. Warren. Intentions are to advertise the project via PennBid once final comments have been addressed. GHD is seeking instructions on timing of the advertisement. The board decided to table this until next month when the revised package is completed.

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 presented.

Mr. Bisignani's Report discussed clarification has been provided on the Grasselli SSI connection request for 10 Skyline Drive, South Abington Twp. GHD has prepared and issued a response letter.

Mr. Bisignani discussed GHD/ARWA has received all necessary feedback from the member municipalities for preparation of the Annual Chapter 94 Wasteload Report which was electronically submitted on 3/36/2024. Hard copies can be provided upon request.

Mr. Bisignani's Report discussed that a connection request was received for Rainbow Land Corp for a Pre-school located along SR0011 Northern Blvd (the former site of the Rainbow Market). The letter was deficient information, and a response was provided to the Authority.

The Treasurer's Report:

Fidelity Bank as of April 10, 2024 = \$2,077.40.

Peoples Security Bank Money Market Account as of April 10,2024 = \$263,985.65 (Done Quarterly)

Requisitions: #595- \$45,000 to Payroll Account
#596- \$1,000 to Treasurers Account
#597- \$46,565 to Melbourne Electric
#598- \$23,792.16 to Smith Electric
#599- \$53,000 to Sproul Construction

#600- \$2,670 to North End Electric

#601- \$13,698.17 to GHD

Ms. Lance made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and requisitions #595- \$30,000 to the Payroll Account, #596 \$1,000 to Treasurer's Account, #597- \$46,565 to Melbourne Electric, 598- \$23,792.16 to Smith Electric, #599- \$53,000 to Sproul Construction, #601- \$13,698.17 to GHD, seconded by Mr. Pullo, unanimously passed.

Mr. Rinaldi made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as read, seconded by Mr. Snyder, 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,

Wayne Thorpe, Secretary