

ABINGTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

November 8, 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 at the Abington Area Wastewater Treatment Plant on November 8, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

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

Guest: Attorney Bill Warren

Ms. Lance made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2023, seconded by Mr. Rajan, unanimously passed.

Executive Session:

Start: 6:31 PM

End: 8:06 PM

Directors Report:

Ms. Elliot presented her directors report including Flood Update, NASSCO Recertification, Employee Evaluations, and Insurance Renewal.

Ms. Elliot reported ARWA and GHD held a pre-bid meeting for the retaining wall repairs on November 3rd. Several interested contractors attended, and bids requested to be in by November 10th at 2:00 PM. Once pricing is obtained, they cost will be submitted to the insurance company.

Ms. Elliot discussed that Eric Allegrucci, Mike Ganz and herself are all NASSCO PACP, LACP and MACP certified. The certification allows them to assess the condition of underground infrastructure and is valuable when cameraing the collection system or viewing collection system video. Ms. Elliot stated that the certification expires February 17, 2024. The cost for a virtual led training would be \$675.00 per person.

Certification would be for 3 years.

Ms. Lance made a motion to approve the Virtual Led NASSCO training for Eric Allegrucci, Mike Ganz and Lauren Elliott at the cost of \$675/person, seconded by Mr. Rajan.

Ms. Elliot discussed that she has begun Employee Evaluations and will have the completed soon. She also discussed she has received the health care renewal information from Creative Benefits and

distributed to the personnel committee for review. The committee can make their recommendation at the December 2023 meeting.

Ms. Elliot discussed the Insurance renewal process has begun with Knowles Insurance. All policy applications have been completed and submitted. Once a quote is received it will be forwarded to the board.

Ms. Elliot presented the Operational Data for October 2023, reporting an average daily influent flow of 4.08 MGD. Average daily effluent flow was 2.59 MGD.

Ms. Elliot presented the rain vs flow chart.

Ms. Elliot presented Anthony Luongo Operations and Maintenance report highlighting staff oiled and inspected the recirculating pumps in the process operations building and control; building; the grit snail and bar screens were cleaned and inspected and the bearings were greased and the conveyor belt tightened; staff drained and cleaned the influent and effluent trough on the UV Signa System; Pica HVAC was on site to replace a nonfunctioning automatic gas line valve on boiler in biosolids building; Staff started heaters in domestic water line vault along with all above ground water line heat traces; ARWA experienced numerous high flow events including 10/7/23 with a max influent flow of 19.5 MGD and a total rainfall of 1.16 inches, 10/20/23 with a max influent flow of 17.1 MGD and a total rainfall of 0.65 inches, 10/29/23 with a max influent flow of 19.4 MGD and a total rainfall of 0.85 inches. Throughout the month good treatments was achieved and the plant remained in compliance with the NPDES permit limits.

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11/9/2023 8:58 AM

Register: Fidelity Operating Expenses
 From 10/12/2023 through 11/09/2023
 Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
11/08/2023	4985	Amy Waters	Accounts Payable	Recording Secr...	100.00			365.10
11/08/2023	4986	CCI Waste & Recycli...	Accounts Payable	Sludge Hauling	3,483.55			-3,118.45
11/08/2023	4987	Dempsey Uniform	Accounts Payable	Mud Rug Rental	38.99			-3,157.44
11/08/2023	4988	Elan Financial Services	Accounts Payable	Credit Card- M...	305.85			-3,463.29
11/08/2023	4989	Fox Ledge, Inc.	Accounts Payable	Bottled drinkin...	25.55			-3,488.84
11/08/2023	4990	GHD	Accounts Payable		5,589.13			-9,077.97
11/08/2023	4991	Greenfield Powder E...	Accounts Payable	Uniforms	418.75			-9,496.72
11/08/2023	4992	HACH	Accounts Payable	021805-001	2,400.00			-11,896.72
11/08/2023	4993	Hawk Mountain Lab...	Accounts Payable	Contract Lab A...	3,073.00			-14,969.72
11/08/2023	4994	Highmark Blue Shield	Accounts Payable	Health Insurance	4,039.27			-19,008.99
11/08/2023	4995	IWC Group	Accounts Payable	Workers Comp...	1,601.34			-20,610.33
11/08/2023	4996	Jensen & Jensen	Accounts Payable	Legal services	1,062.50			-21,672.83
11/08/2023	4997	JGF Funding	Accounts Payable	Printer lease	80.02			-21,752.85
11/08/2023	4998	Justus Home & Garden	Accounts Payable		930.15			-22,683.00
11/08/2023	4999	Keystone Sanitary La...	Accounts Payable	Sludge Disposal	6,356.90			-29,039.90
11/08/2023	5000	Lauren Elliott	Accounts Payable	Reimbursement...	36.68			-29,076.58
11/08/2023	5001	Mike Ganz	Accounts Payable	Reimbursement...	22.27			-29,098.85
11/08/2023	5002	PA American Water ...	Accounts Payable	Domestic Water	464.08			-29,562.93
11/08/2023	5003	PICA HVAC	Accounts Payable		3,000.00			-32,562.93
11/08/2023	5004	Polydyne, Inc.	Accounts Payable	974180	3,927.94			-36,490.87
11/08/2023	5005	PPL	Accounts Payable		28,497.95			-64,988.82
11/08/2023	5006	Saul Ewing Arnstein ...	Accounts Payable	Special Counsel	3,037.40			-68,026.22
11/08/2023	5007	The Scranton Times	Accounts Payable	230389	114.94			-68,141.16
11/08/2023	5008	UGI	Accounts Payable	2379801011-4	514.76			-68,655.92
11/08/2023	5009	United Concordia	Accounts Payable	364001819	461.30			-69,117.22
11/08/2023	5010	Zen Design Firm	Accounts Payable	Web and email ...	85.00			-69,202.22
11/08/2023			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer			69,667.32	465.10

Motion was made by Mr. Thorpe to approve payment of bills 11/08/2023 totaling \$69,667.32, 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. Minimal services were provided this month.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that GHD and ARWA hosted a pre-bid meeting on 11/3/2023 @11:00 AM for the invited contractors to provide quoted for the permanent construction of a retaining wall along ILeggets Creek to replace the damaged wall from the September Flash Floods. Quotes are due November 10, 2023 @ 2:00 PM.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that GHD submitted a proposal for 2024 Retained Engineering Services for the Authorities Consideration. The proposal increased 3% from the previous year.

Mr. Thorpe made a motion to retain GHD as the Engineer for the Authority as presented, seconded by Mr. Lockett, unanimously passed.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that GHD has hosted an internal kick-off meeting and plans to conduct a site visit for the bio-solids building façade and roof replacement project on 11/10/2023 at 10:00 AM, both GHD architects and structural engineers will be present for the site visit.

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

Fidelity Bank as of November 8, 2023 = \$3,648.04

Peoples Security Bank Money Market Account as of November 8, 2023 = \$177,991.65 (Done Quarterly)

Requisitions: #578- \$30,000 to Payroll Account
#579- \$1,000 to Treasurers Account
#580- \$547.58 to Petty Cash

Mr. Thorpe made a motion to approve requisition #578- \$30,000 to the Payroll Account and #579 \$1,000 to Treasurer's Account and #580 \$547.58 to Petty Cash, seconded by Mr. Rinaldi, 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 8:24 PM by Mr. Thorpe seconded by Ms. Lance, unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey Monagan, Secretary