

ABINGTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

May 8, 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 May 8, 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	Frank Besten	Michael Bisignani, Engineer

Absent:

Mr. Pullo made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on 04/10/2024, seconded by Mr. Snyder, unanimously passed.

Ms. Elliot opened the Aluminum Sulfate Bids. The current provider is USALCO from Baltimore at the rate of \$1.67/gallon.

Bids were as follows: 1) AMREX Chemical \$4.19/gallon 2) USALCO 1.6706/gallon 3) Holland Company \$1.95/gallon

Mr. Rinaldi made a motion accept the Aluminum Sulfate bid from USALCO in the amount of 1.6706/gallon pending review by Solicitor Jensen, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, unanimously passed.

Executive Session: Litigation Discussion

Start: 6:42 PM

End: 7:06 PM

Directors Report:

Ms. Elliot presented her directors report including the Aluminum Sulfate Contract, Grant Writing Services, and Insurance Updates.

Ms. Elliot reported that she reached out to Hailstone Economic to inquire about grant research for ARWA, write grant proposals and applications. Once funds are awarded, they would assist with grant administration. Her proposal is attached for review. We would be using her on an on needed basis of approved at a rate of \$125.00/hour.

Mr. Rinaldi made a motion to hire Hailstone Economics for Grant Services including, research, applications, and administration in the amount of \$125/hour, seconded by Mr. Rajan, unanimously passed.

Ms. Elliot discussed that the insurance claim is completed from the September flooding. All damage to the equipment and within the treatment area was covered. The damage total was \$158,599.20 minus a \$25,000 deductible generated a payment of \$133,599.20. The statement of loss was provided detaining the covered items. Items not covered included the backfill and cleanup of original wall, retaining wall, fencing along the creek, engineering fees associated with the retaining wall. These items totaled \$201,913.67. Fencing final price is still pending.

Ms. Elliot presented the Operational Data for April 2024, reporting an average daily influent flow of 4.47 MGD. Average daily effluent flow was 2.92 MGD.

Ms. Elliot presented the rain vs flow chart.

Ms. Elliot presented Anthony Luongo Operations and Maintenance report highlighting staff drained and cleaned out the UV Signa trough and replaced burnt out bulbs/broken bulb sleeve on bank side A. The hydraulic ram for the wiper system was also replaced; new paper filters in the HVAC system on the control building and biosolids building were installed; New air filters with prefilter covers were installed on all bioreactor blowers located on the roof of the process operations building; Staff cleaned weirs and effluent troughs on all clarifiers, greased flight system and adjusted arms on clarifier 1 and 3; Two relays were replaced in bio reactor 1 enviromix compressed gas system and the heaters were removed from bioreactor cabinets; ARWA experienced the following high flow events: 4/2/24 – 4/4/24 with a max influent flow of 19.5 MGD and 2.3 inches of rainfall.

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5/9/2024 9:37 AM

Register: Fidelity Operating Expenses
 From 04/11/2024 through 05/09/2024
 Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
04/11/2024			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer		X	94,978.25	464.94
05/08/2024	5188	Amy Waters	Accounts Payable	Recording Secr...	100.00			364.94
05/08/2024	5189	Anthony C. Luongo	Accounts Payable	Reimbursement...	40.20			324.74
05/08/2024	5190	BDI Industries	Accounts Payable		544.37			-219.63
05/08/2024	5191	CCI Waste & Recycli...	Accounts Payable	Sludge hauling	3,981.20			-4,200.83
05/08/2024	5192	Commonwealth of Pe...	Accounts Payable	AL Operator C...	60.00			-4,260.83
05/08/2024	5193	Dempsey Uniform	Accounts Payable		77.98			-4,338.81
05/08/2024	5194	Eastern Time	Accounts Payable		1,749.00			-6,087.81
05/08/2024	5195	Elan Financial Services	Accounts Payable	Flags, Log books	281.03			-6,368.84
05/08/2024	5196	Eric M. Allegrucci	Accounts Payable	Reimbursement...	11.39			-6,380.23
05/08/2024	5197	Fox Ledge, Inc.	Accounts Payable	Bottled Drinkin...	60.55			-6,440.78
05/08/2024	5198	GHD	Accounts Payable	Quarterly Retai...	3,000.00			-9,440.78
05/08/2024	5199	Hawk Mountain Lab...	Accounts Payable	Contract Lab A...	1,628.75			-11,069.53
05/08/2024	5200	Higher Informaiton ...	Accounts Payable	Printer overage...	16.53			-11,086.06
05/08/2024	5201	Highmark Blue Shield	Accounts Payable	Health Insurance	6,318.26			-17,404.32
05/08/2024	5202	ICON Technologies	Accounts Payable	Phone and Fax	66.19			-17,470.51
05/08/2024	5203	Jeff Jarrow	Accounts Payable	Reimbursement...	93.99			-17,564.50
05/08/2024	5204	Jensen & Jensen	Accounts Payable	Legal Fees	843.75			-18,408.25
05/08/2024	5205	JGF Funding	Accounts Payable	Monthly Printe...	80.02			-18,488.27
05/08/2024	5206	Justus Home & Garden	Accounts Payable	Soap, Cleaner, ...	813.11			-19,301.38
05/08/2024	5207	K&L Gates	Accounts Payable	Mediator Fees	2,076.25			-21,377.63
05/08/2024	5208	Keystone Sanitary La...	Accounts Payable	Sludge disposal	10,663.23			-32,040.86
05/08/2024	5209	Lauren Elliott	Accounts Payable	Reimbursement...	37.52			-32,078.38
05/08/2024	5210	McCrometer Inc	Accounts Payable	Monthly Flow...	9,600.00			-41,678.38
05/08/2024	5211	PA American Water ...	Accounts Payable	Domestic Water	481.22			-42,159.60
05/08/2024	5212	PA Rural Water	Accounts Payable		285.00			-42,444.60
05/08/2024	5213	Polydyne, Inc.	Accounts Payable	974180	3,927.94			-46,372.54
05/08/2024	5214	Saul Ewing Arnstein ...	Accounts Payable		18,082.80			-64,455.34
05/08/2024	5215	Studio KLP Architec...	Accounts Payable	Cerificate of M...	787.50			-65,242.84
05/08/2024	5216	Trojan Technologies	Accounts Payable	UV Signa Bulbs	6,678.27			-71,921.11
05/08/2024	5217	UGI	Accounts Payable	2379801011-4	1,287.79			-73,208.90
05/08/2024	5218	USALCO	Accounts Payable	Alum	7,081.89			-80,290.79
05/08/2024	5219	Zen Design Firm	Accounts Payable	Monthly Web a...	170.00			-80,460.79
05/08/2024	5222	Josiah Lewis Images	Accounts Payable	Headshots and ...	650.00			-81,110.79
05/08/2024	5223	PPL	Accounts Payable	Electric	14,463.28			-95,574.07
05/08/2024	5247	Josiah Lewis Images	Accounts Payable	VOID: Headsh...		X		-95,574.07
05/08/2024	5248	PPL	Accounts Payable	VOID: Electric		X		-95,574.07
05/09/2024			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer			96,039.01	464.94

Mr. Thorpe made a motion to approve payment of bills for 04/10/2024 totaling \$96,039.01, seconded by Mr. Pullo, 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 project is now completed, GHD performed a final inspection on 4/30/24 and provided recommendation for final payment.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that GHD has been progressing on design of the bio solids building improvements masonry and roof. All of Bill Warrens comments have been incorporated, re-reviewed and re-submitted to Lauren as a complete package. GHD is seeing timing on Advertising.

Mr. Thorpe made a motion to proceed with the BioSolids Building Construction Advertising through PennBid, seconded by Mr. Monagan, unanimously passed.

Bid Package will be out approximately May 13,2024, Site Visit/Pre Bid May 27, 2024 and Bids Due May 7, 2024.

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 has prepared a proposal for Engineering Design Services for the new UV system and presented. The Board asked for a recommendation on which system to order due to the long lead. Mr. Bisignani discussed that Trojan isn't currently part of the Babba Act, but there is a process to standardize with a current system the Authority is using. Ms. Elliot and Mr. Bisignani will contact the grant administrator to ask questions.

Mr. Pullo made a motion to authorized GHD to compete limited engineering to provide ARWA with the product specifications for the new UV System to allow the authority to move forward with the purchase of the new UV System, seconded by Mr Thorpe.

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.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed a connection request was received for Maggie's Road Multi-Family housing in South Abington Township by the Abington Development Group on 5/1/24. GHD will be conducting its review and providing a response letter to the Authority for their communication.

The Treasurer's Report:

Fidelity Bank as of May 8, 2024 = \$2,177.40.

Peoples Security Bank Money Market Account as of May 8,2024 = \$178,793.30 (Done Quarterly)

Requisitions: #602- \$30,000 to Payroll Account
#603- \$1,000 to Treasurers Account
#604- Smith Air- \$3,675
#605- GHD- Biosolids Building- \$10,244.75
#606- Sproul Construction- \$110.313.20
#607- GHD- Biosolids building- \$2,280

Mr. Lockett made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and requisitions #602- \$30,000 to the Payroll Account, #603 \$1,000 to Treasurer's Account, #604- Smith Air- \$3,675, #605- GHD- Biosolids Building- \$10,244.75, #606- Sproul Construction- \$110.313.20, #607- GHD- Biosolids building- \$2,280, 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 7:41 PM by Ms. Lance, seconded by Mr. Thorpe unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Thorpe, Secretary