

ABINGTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

June 12, 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 June 12, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

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

Absent: David Rinaldi, Esquire

Mr. Bisignani wanted to personally address the board on the issue with GHD not supporting the litigation on the Bio Solids Building. He addressed that the decision was made by GHD due to some other current relationships with GHD and Gannet Flemming. Mr. Snyder stated that the authority sought out them as a forensic engineer and now with the GHD decision, the authority no longer has that. Mr. Pullo addressed Mike as a team member and understands he is in a tough position. Mr. Lockett said it's just business and Mr. Bisignani was put in a tough position. Chairman Besten agreed.

Mr. Pullo made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on 5-8-2024, seconded by Mr. Lockett, unanimously passed.

Executive Session: Litigation Discussion

Start: 6:40 PM

End: 7:33 PM

Directors Report:

Ms. Elliot presented her directors report including the 2023 Audit and the Wet Well Vac.

Ms. Elliot reported that Kohanski and Company were onsite to conduct the 2023 Audit on May 9, 2024. A draft report will be provided and handed out to the finance committee, and Kohanski and Company will present at the July Meeting.

Ms. Elliot discussed that the semiannual wet well cleaning occurred on Thursday May 30th. Cleaning was successful and the invoice is included in the bills.

Ms. Elliot received a call from AHSD Dr. Chris Shaffer. The district is remodeling the Middle School and Newton Ransom Elementary and would like to set up a meeting with the engineers to bring everyone up to speed. The district would like to set up a direct line to ARWA instead of being connected to the State Hospital.

Ms. Elliot presented the Operational Data for May 2024, reporting an average daily influent flow of 3.00 MGD. Average daily effluent flow was 1.82 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 grit chamber of standing grease and Koberline was onsite 5/30/24 for the semiannual wet well vac; Roof top exhaust fan systems on all buildings were inspected and staff replaced worn belt on process operations unit; Rite temp was onsite to repair the control building air conditioning unit replacing the reheat valve, condenser valve and refrigerant filter; Staff inspected grit snail and bar screens systems as well as flushed and cleaned the grit system and greased all bearings on both units.

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Register: Fidelity Operating Expenses
 From 05/09/2024 through 06/13/2024
 Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
05/09/2024			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer		X	96,039.01	464.94
06/12/2024	debit	Mass Mutual	Facility Operating Exp...		5,600.00			-5,135.06
06/12/2024	5224	Amy Waters	Accounts Payable	Recording Secr...	100.00			-5,235.06
06/12/2024	5225	BDI Industries	Accounts Payable	Rooftop unit H...	356.22			-5,591.28
06/12/2024	5226	CCI Waste & Recycli...	Accounts Payable	Sludge hauling	7,464.75			-13,056.03
06/12/2024	5227	Chapman Supply Co.	Accounts Payable	plumbing part	2.66			-13,058.69
06/12/2024	5228	Convenient Food Mart	Accounts Payable	Gasoline	222.23			-13,280.92
06/12/2024	5229	Cove Environmental	Accounts Payable	Annual WET te...	3,750.00			-17,030.92
06/12/2024	5230	Dempsey Uniform	Accounts Payable	Mud Rug Rental	38.99			-17,069.91
06/12/2024	5231	Elan Financial Services	Accounts Payable	Photos, zoom	48.95			-17,118.86
06/12/2024	5232	Hawk Mountain Lab...	Accounts Payable	Contract Lab A...	3,428.25			-20,547.11
06/12/2024	5233	Highmark Blue Shield	Accounts Payable	Health Insuran...	10,227.09			-30,774.20
06/12/2024	5234	ICON Technologies	Accounts Payable	Phone and Fax	66.19			-30,840.39
06/12/2024	5235	IWC Group	Accounts Payable	Workers Comp...	1,986.34			-32,826.73
06/12/2024	5236	Jensen & Jensen	Accounts Payable	Legal fees	750.00			-33,576.73
06/12/2024	5237	JGF Funding	Accounts Payable	Printer Lease	80.02			-33,656.75
06/12/2024	5238	Justus Home & Garden	Accounts Payable		964.96			-34,621.71
06/12/2024	5239	Keystone Sanitary La...	Accounts Payable	Sludge disposal	11,120.06			-45,741.77
06/12/2024	5240	Kohanski & company	Accounts Payable	First and Secon...	6,501.26			-52,243.03
06/12/2024	5241	Lackawanna County ...	Accounts Payable	Wireless Intern...	130.00			-52,373.03
06/12/2024	5242	Main Pool & Chemic...	Accounts Payable	Chlorine	1,100.00			-53,473.03
06/12/2024	5243	OnePoint	Accounts Payable	2226	322.28			-53,795.31
06/12/2024	5244	PA American Water ...	Accounts Payable	Domestic Water	349.14			-54,144.45
06/12/2024	5245	Pennsylvania Paper ...	Accounts Payable	Paper Towels	59.64			-54,204.09
06/12/2024	5246	Polydyne, Inc.	Accounts Payable	974180	3,927.24			-58,131.33
06/12/2024	5247	PPL	Accounts Payable	Electric	15,134.68			-73,266.01
06/12/2024	5248	Rite Temp	Accounts Payable	Control Buildi...	3,515.81			-76,781.82
06/12/2024	5249	Saul Ewing Arnstein ...	Accounts Payable	Special Counsel	6,899.68			-83,681.50
06/12/2024	5250	Smith Air Center Inc.	Accounts Payable	Compressor ov...	392.50			-84,074.00
06/12/2024	5251	The Times Leader	Accounts Payable	Alum Bid Ad	182.29			-84,256.29
06/12/2024	5252	Trojan Technologies	Accounts Payable		8,585.25			-92,841.54
06/12/2024	5253	UGI	Accounts Payable	2379801011-4	333.69			-93,175.23
06/12/2024	5254	Uline	Accounts Payable	Paper Towels	123.37			-93,298.60
06/12/2024	5255	United Concordia	Accounts Payable	364001819	693.52			-93,992.12
06/12/2024	5256	USALCO	Accounts Payable	Alum	7,088.58			-101,080.70
06/12/2024	5257	Waste Management L...	Accounts Payable	821-90844	77.57			-101,158.27
06/12/2024	5258	Wind River Environ...	Accounts Payable	Wet Well Vac ...	3,472.30			-104,630.57
06/12/2024	5259	Zen Design Firm	Accounts Payable	Web and Email...	85.00			-104,715.57
06/12/2024			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer			105,180.51	464.94

Mr. Lockett made a motion to approve payment of bills for 06/12/2024 including the quarterly ACH Withdrawal to Empower for \$5,600 totaling \$105,180.51, seconded by Mr. Snyder, unanimously passed.

Review of Operating Budget and Administration Budget.

Statement of balances

Engineers Report

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that GHD has bidding of the BioSolids building improvements masonry and roof. GHD anticipates providing a summary of the bids, review and recommendation of award of the contract in advance of the board meeting. Bids were due June 7, 2024. One bid was received from Hudak Waterproofing in the amount of \$775,700. The bid was reviewed and seemed to match the bid package.

Motion was made by Mr. Lockett to award the bid to Hudak Waterproofing pending review by Solicitor Jensen, in the amount of \$775,700, seconded by Mr. Pullo.

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. On June 5, GHD, Kappi Associates (Trojan) and ARWA Staff held an onsite meeting to review options, talk about the new technology and walk through obtaining an updated quote to be a costars purchase. There was a question as to if the unit was purchased through Costars if it could be reimbursed through the grant. Mr. Bisignani is working on obtaining an answer.

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. No New information has been provided.

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. GHD will be conducting its review and providing a response letter to the Authority for their communication. Due to the number of connection model edits, updates are being made to reflect this connection request. They are looking to build 24, 2 or 3 bedroom town homes.

A Connection request was received for Rainbow Land Corp for a donut shop along SR0011 Northern Blvd the former site of the Rainbow Market. The letter was deficient information, and a response was provided to the authority. No additional information has been provided.

Mr. Monagan discussed some issues the authority has on the Bio Solids Building repairs. He discussed that the authority is entertaining a 3rd party inspection engineer on top on Mr. Bisignani's services. This engineer would be for inspections only. He stated that as of now the Quote was \$92,000 (hourly

not to exceed) and asked what the new rate would be if that went the route of having a 3rd party inspection engineer. This could be done, but it can have some challenges as to having the engineer pointing fingers. He said this could be handled by weekly site visits to have conversations to avoid finger pointing. He will develop and updated quote to present the authority in addition to the original \$92,000 one.

The Treasurer's Report:

Fidelity Bank as of June 12, 2024 = \$2,377.40

Peoples Security Bank Money Market Account as of June 12, 2024 = \$93,586.30 (Done Quarterly)

Requisitions: #608- \$35,000 to Payroll Account
#609- \$1,000 to Treasurers Account
#610- Petty Cash- \$503.02
#611- GHD- Biosolids Building- \$2,656.25

Ms. Lance made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and requisitions #608- \$35,000 to the Payroll Account, #609 \$1,000 to Treasurer's Account, #610- Petty Cash- \$503.02, #611- GHD- Biosolids Building- \$2,656.25, seconded by Mr. Snyder, unanimously passed.

Mr. Locket made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, 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 8:33 PM by Mr. Lockett, seconded by Mr. Pullo unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Thorpe, Secretary