

**ABINGTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY**

July 10, 2024

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

Present:

Lauren Elliot  
Gloria Lance  
Murli Rajan

Paul Lockett  
Donald Jensen, Esquire  
Wayne Thorpe (Call In)

John Pullo  
Donald Snyder  
David Rinaldi, Esquire

Absent: Frank Besten

Michael Bisignani, Engineer  
Casey Monagan

Guest: Kelly Lindsay from Kohanski and Company

**Mr. Thorpe made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on 6-12-2024, seconded by Mr. Pullo, unanimously passed.**

**Kohanski and Company were in attendance to discuss the 2023 Audit.**

At this time Kelly Lindsay from Kohanski and Company reviewed the 2023 Audit. Ms. Lindsey discussed there were no modifications that needed to be made and the report provides a clean opinion. She discussed the there wasn't much change from last year. Total Assets decreased by approximately \$1.0 million due to depreciation of assets, total liabilities decreased by \$1.3 million due to paying off debt, a total increase of Net Assets of 264,000. Statement of revenue increased by \$147,000 due to 3% sewage fee increase to municipalities and tapping fees., operating expenses decreased, and professional management fees decreased. Ms. Lindsey discussed that the that part of the audit was to evaluate internal controls. She reported there were no deficiencies.

**Mr. Rinaldi made a motion to approve the 2023 Audit Report as Presented, seconded by Mr. Snyder, unanimously passed.**

**Executive Session: Litigation and BioSolids Building Discussion**

Start: 6:38 PM  
End: 7:32 PM

**Directors Report:**

Ms. Elliot presented her directors report including the Bioreactor Blower #2 and Fence.

Ms. Elliot discussed that the Bioreactor #2 Blower was overheating due to a failed motor bearing. North End Electric pulled the blower unit and motor to inspect and diagnose issue. The blower seals were replaced, and the motor needs a rebuild. The cost of the rebuild and install is \$10,220.00. Excelsior Blower quoted a new motor with labor and install at \$11,711.43. Universal Blower Pac quoted a new motor with labor and install at \$14,555.74. North End Electric is the only vendor option that can perform the rebuild.

**Ms. Lance made a motion to approve the purchase of the new blower unit from Excelsior Blower in the amount of \$11,711.43, seconded by Mr. Snyder, unanimously passed.**

Ms. Elliot discussed that the fence, gate operator, photo sensor and sensor looks were replaced. All is in good operating order following the flood. A requisition for payment to Specialty Fence is in for payment. The total was \$54,394.00, \$38,244.00 of the bill was already covered by insurance.

Ms. Elliot discussed that the PADEP inspection took place this morning and everything went well. This happens once every 3 years.

Ms. Elliot presented the Operational Data for June 2024, reporting an average daily influent flow of 2.97 MGD. Average daily effluent flow was 1.31 MGD.

Ms. Elliot presented the rain vs flow chart.

Ms. Elliot presented Anthony Luongo Operations and Maintenance report highlighting Melbourn Electric was on site for repair of bioreactor 1 zone 3 dissolved oxygen monitoring system. They also repaired a VFD fault on gravity belt thickener feed pump 2; Smith Air replaced a thermal valve and heat exchanger on compressed gas compressor 2; Specialty Fence installed new fence sections rear gate and operator system with sensor loops; Staff removed rags and debris from return pump 4; and all process air blower motors were greased.

July 9, 2024

Abington Regional Wastewater Authority

7/16/2024 12:34 PM

Register: Fidelity Operating Expenses

From 06/13/2024 through 07/11/2024

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
07/10/2024	5260	Admin Partners	Accounts Payable	Pension Compl...	250.00			214.94
07/10/2024	5261	Amy Waters	Accounts Payable	Recording Secr...	100.00			114.94
07/10/2024	5262	CCI Waste & Recycli...	Accounts Payable	Sludge hauling	4,478.85			-4,363.91
07/10/2024	5263	Dempsey Uniform	Accounts Payable	Mud Rug Rental	38.99			-4,402.90
07/10/2024	5264	Elan Financial Services	Accounts Payable	Sampler tubing...	644.07			-5,046.97
07/10/2024	5265	Hawk Mountain Lab...	Accounts Payable	Contract Lab A...	2,874.25			-7,921.22
07/10/2024	5266	Highmark Blue Shield	Accounts Payable	Employee Heal...	6,318.26			-14,239.48
07/10/2024	5267	ICON Technologies	Accounts Payable	Telephone and ...	66.19			-14,305.67
07/10/2024	5268	Jensen & Jensen	Accounts Payable	legal fees	2,062.50			-16,368.17
07/10/2024	5269	JGF Funding	Accounts Payable	Printer Lease	80.02			-16,448.19
07/10/2024	5270	Keystone Sanitary La...	Accounts Payable	Sludge Disposal	8,847.04			-25,295.23
07/10/2024	5271	Maryland Biochemic...	Accounts Payable	defoamer	212.76			-25,507.99
07/10/2024	5272	Melborne Electric	Accounts Payable	VFD Control w...	660.00			-26,167.99
07/10/2024	5273	Mike Ganz	Accounts Payable	reimbursement ...	22.78			-26,190.77
07/10/2024	5274	PA American Water ...	Accounts Payable	Domestic Water	378.48			-26,569.25
07/10/2024	5275	PA Rural Water	Accounts Payable		670.00			-27,239.25
07/10/2024	5276	PPL	Accounts Payable	Electric plus su...	27,475.05			-54,714.30
07/10/2024	5277	Saul Ewing Arnstein ...	Accounts Payable	Special Counsel	2,602.40			-57,316.70
07/10/2024	5278	Smith Air Center Inc.	Accounts Payable		1,116.88			-58,433.58
07/10/2024	5279	UGI	Accounts Payable	2379801011-4	87.46			-58,521.04
07/10/2024	5280	United Concordia	Accounts Payable	364001819	693.52			-59,214.56
07/10/2024	5281	Waste Management I...	Accounts Payable	821-90844	87.67			-59,302.23
07/11/2024			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer			59,767.17	464.94

**Mr. Pullo made a motion to approve payment of bills for 7/9/2024 \$59,767.17 totaling, seconded by Mr. Rinaldi, 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 was successfully completed. 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. GHD has been in receipt of all bonds, insurances and associated paperwork from Hudak Waterproofing. All documents have been reviewed and provided to the Authority. GHD requests a motion to be taken to execute the contract, issue notice of Award and Notice to proceed to Hudak Waterproofing.

**Motion was made by Mr. Lockett to execute the contract, issue notice of Award and Notice to proceed to Hudak Waterproofing in the amount of \$775,700.00, seconded by Mr. Rinaldi.**

Ms Elliot presented Mr. Bisignani's Report in his absence.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed a revised proposal as requested that limits GHD's scope to Construction Administration and limited on-site inspections at the start of the project and 2-3 hours per week during active work to ensure goals and objective of the project are being accomplished. Start of the project would include participation by Mike Bisignani and Esten Rusten GHD's Architectural Team Lead. Following weekly inspections would be performed by Mike Bisignani and or Dave Sandy, both who have been involved in the investigation, testing, design of these improvements.

If ARWA should desire to utilize GHD for full time construction oversight as originally proposed, we plan to utilize Bill Berger who is familiar with the Authority and finished out oversight and coordination of lab testing services for the retaining wall construction project.

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. GHD is coordinating with PAWC to visit the Scranton WWTP to view a similar unit and is awaiting updated unit pricing from Kappe Associates. GHD has worked with Solicitor Jensen on a letter certifying equipment compliance with Federal procurement guidelines which will be required for Grant Credits. All Funds shall be spent by end of 2025 and an extension should be applied for.

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.

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. Bisignani's Report discussed that a connection request was received for Norfolk Southern Group for minor subdivision planned for 1619 Davinci Lane Clarks Summit on 7/8/2024. The submittal appears to be complete and GHD will commence its review and provide feedback to ARWA. No action is necessary.

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 has concluded its review, clarified gal/EDU allocations and provided a letter of certified capacity to ARWA for their use.

**The Treasurer's Report:**

Fidelity Bank as of July 9, 2024 = \$2,877.40

Peoples Security Bank Money Market Account as of July 9, 2024 = \$264,388.83 (Done Quarterly)

Requisitions: #612- \$45,000 to Payroll Account  
#613- \$1,000 to Treasurers Account  
#614- Specialty Fence- \$54,394.00  
#615- GHD- Biosolids Building- \$1,077.00

**Mr. Lockett made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and requisitions #612- \$45,000 to the Payroll Account, #613 \$1,000 to Treasurer's Account, #614- Specialty Fence- \$54,294, #615- GHD- Biosolids Building- \$1,077.00, seconded by Mr. Thorpe unanimously passed.**

**Mr. Lockett 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 7:47 PM by Mr. Lockett, seconded by Mr. Pullo unanimously passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Wayne Thorpe, Secretary