

**ABINGTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY**

August 14, 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 August 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Lauren Elliot  
Gloria Lance  
Murli Rajan  
Frank Besten

Paul Lockett  
Donald Jensen, Esquire  
David Rinaldi, Esquire

Donald Snyder

Absent:

Michael Bisignani, Engineer  
Casey Monagan  
John Pullo  
Wayne Thorpe

**Mr. Rajan made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on 7-10-2024, seconded by Mr. Rinaldi, unanimously passed.**

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

Start: 6:30 PM

End: 7:23 PM

**Mr. Rinaldi made a motion to hire JHA to be the Construction Oversight Engineer for the BioSolids building repairs, pursuant to their proposal dated 6/27/24, seconded by Ms. Lance, unanimously passed.**

**Directors Report:**

Ms. Elliot presented her directors report including the 2023 Final Audit, Trojan UV Purchase and Electrical Generation Contract Expiration.

Ms. Elliot discussed that the final copy of the 2023 Financial Statements were distributed, and copies were sent to the member municipalities, banks and published in the Abington Journal.

Ms. Elliot discussed that the Staff visited the Scranton Wastewater Treatment plant on July 26<sup>th</sup> along with GHD to view the updated UV Signa and ask questions about the unit. It was very helpful, and the staff seems to be very happy with the new units. Ms. Elliot attached an updated quotation from Trojan

Technologies for the purchase of a new UV Signa Unit. The price is \$465,200.00. Trojan Technologies is a Costars approved vendor. The unit lead time is 30-32 weeks after quotation approval.

**Mr. Snyder made a motion to approve the purchase of the new UV Signa Unit from costars approved vendor, Trojan Technologies in the amount of \$465,200.00, seconded by Mr. Lockett, unanimously passed.**

Ms. Elliot discussed that the Electrical Generation Contract is expiring. Provident Energy Consulting is currently solicitating energy pricing for the account. The correct contract expires on December 31, 2024. Indicative pricing shows a sub 10% increase in total spend when comparing 2025 to 2024 and they hope to improve on that through the competitive shopping process. To take advantage of relatively flat pricing ensuring stability for as many as 36 months, they plan to release a request from pricing to multiple licensed suppliers serving PA and recommendations/agreements for signature will be ready August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Elliot presented the Operational Data for July 2024, reporting an average daily influent flow of 2.10 MGD. Average daily effluent flow was 1.12 MGD.

Ms. Elliot presented the rain vs flow chart.

Ms. Elliot presented Anthony Luongo Operations and Maintenance report highlighting staff replaced a bearing assembly on the mechanical bar screen auger; staff inspected the UV Signa wiper jam, replaced a bulb sleeve and two wiper cups and acti-clean gel was added to bank A system; Rite temp was on site 7/29/24 to install new control module on process operations building HVAC unit; the dissolved oxygen probes were cleaned on bioreactors 1 and 2 and the purge lines on main influent pumps 4 and 5 were unclogged.

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Register: Fidelity Operating Expenses  
From 07/11/2024 through 08/15/2024

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
07/11/2024			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer		X	59,767.17	464.94
08/14/2024	5282	Amy Waters	Accounts Payable	Recording Secr...	100.00			364.94
08/14/2024	5283	BDI Industries	Accounts Payable	RAS Coupling ...	294.82			70.12
08/14/2024	5284	CCI Waste & Recycli...	Accounts Payable	sludge hauling	2,985.90			-2,915.78
08/14/2024	5285	Commonwealth of Pe...	Accounts Payable	Annual Availa...	150.00			-3,065.78
08/14/2024	5286	Dempsey Uniform	Accounts Payable	Mud Rug Rental	38.99			-3,104.77
08/14/2024	5287	Elan Financial Services	Accounts Payable	Credit Card- zo...	20.16			-3,124.93
08/14/2024	5288	Fox Ledger, Inc.	Accounts Payable	Bottled Drinkin...	177.90			-3,302.83
08/14/2024	5289	GHD	Accounts Payable	Maggies Road ...	828.00			-4,130.83
08/14/2024	5290	GL-Turbo, LLC	Accounts Payable	Remote connec...	664.06			-4,794.89
08/14/2024	5291	Grainger	Accounts Payable	810251959	150.45			-4,945.34
08/14/2024	5292	Greenfield Power Eq...	Accounts Payable	uniforms-shorts...	436.32			-5,381.66
08/14/2024	5293	HACH	Accounts Payable	021805-001	1,416.20			-6,797.86
08/14/2024	5294	Hawk Mountain Lab...	Accounts Payable	Contract Lab A...	3,256.75			-10,054.61
08/14/2024	5295	Higher Informaiton ...	Accounts Payable	Quarterly print...	58.68			-10,113.29
08/14/2024	5296	Highmark Blue Shield	Accounts Payable	Health Insurance	6,318.26			-16,431.55
08/14/2024	5297	ICON Technologies	Accounts Payable	Phone and Fax	66.19			-16,497.74
08/14/2024	5298	IWC Group	Accounts Payable	Workers Comp...	1,986.34			-18,484.08
08/14/2024	5299	Jensen & Jensen	Accounts Payable	Legal fees	1,218.75			-19,702.83
08/14/2024	5300	JGF Funding	Accounts Payable	Monthly Printe...	80.02			-19,782.85
08/14/2024	5301	Justus Home & Garden	Accounts Payable	Cleaning Suppl...	361.22			-20,144.07
08/14/2024	5302	Keystone Sanitary La...	Accounts Payable	Sludge Disposal	7,333.15			-27,477.22
08/14/2024	5303	Kohanski & company	Accounts Payable	Audit final billi...	528.78			-28,006.00
08/14/2024	5304	Lackawanna County ...	Accounts Payable	Wireless Intern...	130.00			-28,136.00
08/14/2024	5305	McCrometer Inc	Accounts Payable	Flowmeter rent...	7,200.00			-35,336.00
08/14/2024	5306	National Water Speci...	Accounts Payable	Annual Backfl ...	125.00			-35,461.00
08/14/2024	5307	Nicholson Tire Service	Accounts Payable	Truck Inspection	42.50			-35,503.50
08/14/2024	5308	North End Electric	Accounts Payable	NCSS02	874.15			-36,377.65
08/14/2024	5309	PA American Water ...	Accounts Payable	Domestic water	368.25			-36,745.90
08/14/2024	5310	Pennsylvania Paper ...	Accounts Payable	Paper towels a...	150.64			-36,896.54
08/14/2024	5311	Polydyme, Inc.	Accounts Payable	974180	3,927.94			-40,824.48
08/14/2024	5312	PPL	Accounts Payable	Electric	14,887.99			-55,712.47
08/14/2024	5313	Rite Temp	Accounts Payable	Parts and Labo...	2,135.09			-57,847.56
08/14/2024	5314	Saul Ewing Arnstein ...	Accounts Payable	Special Counsel	6,947.90			-64,795.46
08/14/2024	5315	Smith Air Center Inc.	Accounts Payable	Replacement of...	3,857.36			-68,652.82
08/14/2024	5316	UGI	Accounts Payable	2379801011-4	57.08			-68,709.90
08/14/2024	5317	United Concordia	Accounts Payable	364001819	346.76			-69,056.66
08/14/2024	5318	Universal Blower Pac	Accounts Payable	Blower Flex Jo...	1,390.44			-70,447.10
08/14/2024	5319	USA Blue Book	Accounts Payable	935510	74.85			-70,521.95
08/14/2024	5320	USALCO	Accounts Payable	Alum	6,775.81			-77,297.76

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08/14/2024	5322	Xylem	Accounts Payable	gaskets for retu...	196.29			-77,599.47
08/14/2024	5323	Zen Design Firm	Accounts Payable	Web and email ...	85.00			-77,684.47
08/15/2024			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer			78,149.41	464.94

Ms. Lance made a motion to approve payment of bills for 8/14/2024 \$78,149.41 totaling, seconded by Mr. Lockett, unanimously passed.

Review of Operating Budget and Administration Budget.

## Statement of balances

### Engineers Report

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that GHD held a kickoff meeting with Hudak Waterproofing and ARWA operations staff to establish lines of communication, submittal workflows, working hours and overall project schedules. Hudak has submitted 15 submittals for roofing and masonry products and GHD is working through those coordinating color reviews with ARWA for block and mortar. Physical work is expected to take place in 2-3 weeks starting with the upper roof. GHD is prepared to provide any necessary over-site/coordination as requested by ARWA.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that ARWA was awarded a \$500,000 grant from the small projects' H2O ARPA funds. GHD has prepared a proposal for Engineering Design Services for the new UV system and presented. GHD and ARWA were onsite the Scranton WWTP to view a similar unit and obtained and updated unit pricing from Kappi Associates/Trojan. 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.

### The Treasurer's Report:

Fidelity Bank as of August 14, 2024 = \$2,877.40

Peoples Security Bank Money Market Account as of August 14, 2024 = \$179,197.01 (Done Quarterly)

Requisitions: #616- \$35,000 to Payroll Account

#617- \$1,000 to Treasurers Account

#618- \$ 4,437.46 to GHD- Bipsolids Building

#619- \$1,593.17 to GHD- Flood Response

#620- \$13,967.10 to SAT for Building Permit

**Mr. Rinaldi made a motion to approve requisitions #616- \$35,000 to the Payroll Account, #617 \$1,000 to Treasurer's Account, #618- GHD \$4,437.46, #619- GHD- - \$1,593.17 and #620 to South Abington Township \$13,967.10, seconded by Mr. Lockett, 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 7:41 PM by Ms. Lance seconded by Mr.Lockett, unanimously passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Gloria Lance, Assistant Secretary