

**ABINGTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY**

September 11, 2024

The regular meeting of the Abington Regional Wastewater Authority was called to order by Vice Chairman Monagan and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting took place at the Abington Area Wastewater Treatment Plant on September 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Lauren Elliot	Paul Lockett	
Gloria Lance	Donald Jensen, Esquire	Casey Monagan
Murli Rajan	David Rinaldi, Esquire	John Pullo
Wayne Thorpe	Mark Pickering, GHD	

Absent:

Michael Bisignani, Engineer  
Frank Besten  
Donald Snyder

Mr. Jensen discussed that Frank Besten has resigned from his position as Chairman of Abington Regional Wastewaters Authority.

**Mr. Rinaldi made a motion to Reorganize the positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Assistant Secretary for the remainder of 2024, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, unanimously passed.**

At this time solicitor Jensen started the 2024 Reorganization of the Abington Regional Wastewater Authority.

Reorganization Committee (Ms. Lance, Mr. Rinaldi and Mr. Besten)

Mr. Rinaldi and the Reorganization Committee recommended Casey Monagan as Chairman of the Abington Regional Wastewater Authority for the remainder of 2024. No other nominations came to the board. **Solicitor Jensen took a vote, and it was unanimous to have Casey Monagan as the Chairman of Abington Area Wastewater Authority for the remainder of 2024.**

Mr. Rinaldi and the Reorganization Committee recommended Wayne Thorpe as Vice Chairman of the Abington Regional Wastewater Authority for the remainder of 2024. No other nominations came to the board. **Solicitor Jensen took a vote, and it was unanimous to have Wayne Thorpe as the Vice Chairman of Abington Area Wastewater Authority for the remainder of 2024.**

Mr. Rinaldi and the Reorganization Committee recommended Gloria Lance as Secretary of the Abington Regional Wastewater Authority for the remainder of 2024. No other nominations came to the board. **Solicitor Jensen took a vote, and it was unanimous to have Gloria Lance as the Secretary of Abington Area Wastewater Authority for the remainder of 2024.**

Mr. Rinaldi and the Reorganization Committee recommended Paul Lockett as Assistant Secretary of the Abington Regional Wastewater Authority for the remainder of 2024. No other nominations came to the board. **Solicitor Jensen took a vote, and it was unanimous to have Paul Lockett as Assistant Secretary of Abington Area Wastewater Authority for the remainder of 2024.**

Remainder of 2024

Chairman-	Casey Monagan
Vice Chairman –	Wayne Thorpe
Secretary-	Gloria Lance
Assistant Secretary-	Paul Lockett

This concludes the 2024 reorganization and Chairman Monagan took over the meeting.

**Mr. Pullo made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on August 14, 2024 and the emergency meeting on August 26, 2024, seconded by Mr. Rajan, unanimously passed.**

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

Start: 6:39 PM

End: 6:45 PM

### **Directors Report:**

Ms. Elliot presented her directors report including the 2025 Audit and Electricity Supply Agreement.

Ms. Elliot discussed on August 29, 2024, EDU update request letters were delivered to all three member municipalities with responses due by October 1, 2024. Ms. Elliot discussed she has started work on the Draft 2025 budget and will circulate to the finance committee prior to October meeting.

Ms. Elliot discussed that the electricity supply agreement was signed on August 27, 2024, with Constellation New Energy Inc. The best option was a fixed rate of \$0.08296/kWh for a 24-month term. The current contract will expire on December 31, 2024 and was a 36 month term at the rate of \$0.07117/kWh.

**Mr. Rinaldi made a motion to ratify the request of Director Elliot to contract with Constellation New Energy for a fixed rate of \$0.08296/kWh for a 24-month term, seconded by Mr. Rajan, unanimously passed.**

Ms. Elliot presented the Operational Data for August 2024, reporting an average daily influent flow of 2.95 MGD. Average daily effluent flow was 2.46 MGD.

Ms. Elliot presented the rain vs flow chart.

Ms. Elliot presented Anthony Luongo Operations and Maintenance report highlighting staff restored power to centrifuge system VFD panel touch screen; the grit snail system was inspected, the bearings were greased and the grit collection belt/tank was cleaned out; the hot water recirculating pumps were

inspected and oiled in all plant buildings; a faulty relay was replaced in bioreactor 1 zone 1 and bioreactor 2 zone 8 in enviromix compressed gas cabinets; staff drained and cleaned clarifier 3 along with replacing the drive couplings on return pumps 2 and 3; ARWA experienced 3 high flow events: 8/2/24 to 8/3/24 with max influent flow of 10.9 MGD and 2.29 inches of rainfall, 8/9/24 to 8/10/24 with max influent flow of 19.9 MGD and 2.22 inches of rainfall, 8/18/24 with max influent flow of 19.9 MGD and 1.20 inches of rainfall.

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9/12/2024 8:41 AM

Register: Fidelity Operating Expenses

From 08/15/2024 through 09/12/2024

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
08/15/2024			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer		X	78,149.41	464.94
09/06/2024	5324	Amy Waters	Accounts Payable	Recording Secr...	100.00			364.94
09/06/2024	5325	Bartron Supply Inc.	Accounts Payable	1111274024	90.54			274.40
09/06/2024	5326	CCI Waste & Recycli...	Accounts Payable	Sludge Hauling	3,483.55			-3,209.15
09/06/2024	5327	Chapman Supply Co.	Accounts Payable	Toliet Repair K...	81.00			-3,290.15
09/06/2024	5328	Convenient Food Mart	Accounts Payable	Gasoline	91.99			-3,382.14
09/06/2024	5329	Dempsey Uniform	Accounts Payable	Mud Rug Rental	38.99			-3,421.13
09/06/2024	5330	Elan Financial Services	Accounts Payable	Credit card	76.95			-3,498.08
09/06/2024	5331	Fox Ledge, Inc.	Accounts Payable	Bottled Water	74.55			-3,572.63
09/06/2024	5332	GHD	Accounts Payable	Quarterly Retai...	3,000.00			-6,572.63
09/06/2024	5333	Hawk Mountain Lab...	Accounts Payable	Contract Lab A...	2,561.50			-9,134.13
09/06/2024	5334	Highmark Blue Shield	Accounts Payable	Health Insurance	6,318.26			-15,452.39
09/06/2024	5335	Hydrodyne	Accounts Payable	Bearings for M...	867.68			-16,320.07
09/06/2024	5336	ICON Technologies	Accounts Payable	phone and fax	66.19			-16,386.26
09/06/2024	5337	Jensen & Jensen	Accounts Payable	Legal fees	1,750.00			-18,136.26
09/06/2024	5338	JGF Funding	Accounts Payable	Monthly Printe...	80.02			-18,216.28
09/06/2024	5339	JS Instrumentation &...	Accounts Payable	Annual Flowm...	580.00			-18,796.28
09/06/2024	5340	Keystone Sanitary La...	Accounts Payable	sludge disposal	4,754.70			-23,550.98
09/06/2024	5341	Lackawanna County ...	Accounts Payable	Wireless Internet	65.00			-23,615.98
09/06/2024	5342	Melborne Electric	Accounts Payable	Timing relays f...	839.32			-24,455.30
09/06/2024	5343	Miller's Country Store	Accounts Payable	000446	269.55			-24,724.85
09/06/2024	5344	Newell Fuel Service	Accounts Payable	Diesel Fuel	684.91			-25,409.76
09/06/2024	5345	North End Electric	Accounts Payable	NCSS02	300.00			-25,709.76
09/06/2024	5346	PA American Water ...	Accounts Payable	Domestic Water	339.54			-26,049.30
09/06/2024	5347	Polydyne, Inc.	Accounts Payable	974180	3,927.94			-29,977.24
09/06/2024	5348	PPL	Accounts Payable	Electric	14,981.52			-44,958.76
09/06/2024	5349	Saul Ewing Arnstein ...	Accounts Payable	Special Counsel	17,273.18			-62,231.94
09/06/2024	5350	Smith Air Center Inc.	Accounts Payable	Parts and labor ...	2,867.78			-65,099.72
09/06/2024	5351	The Times Leader	Accounts Payable	Audit Ad	470.05			-65,569.77
09/06/2024	5352	UGI	Accounts Payable	2379801011-4	71.77			-65,641.54
09/06/2024	5353	United Concordia	Accounts Payable	364001819	693.52			-66,335.06
09/06/2024	5354	USA Blue Book	Accounts Payable	935510	251.90			-66,586.96
09/06/2024	5355	Waste Management L...	Accounts Payable	821-90844	104.70			-66,691.66
09/06/2024	5356	Zen Design Firm	Accounts Payable		170.00			-66,861.66
09/12/2024			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer			67,326.60	464.94

Mr. Rinaldi questioned the Sal Ewing Bill. He asked if it was for one or 2 months. Ms. Elliot stated it was for the month of July.

**Mr. Rinaldi made a motion to approve payment of bills for 9/11/2024 \$67,326.60 totaling, seconded by Mr. Lockett, unanimously passed.**

## **Review of Operating Budget and Administration Budget.**

### **Statement of balances**

### **Engineers Report**

Mr. Pickering gave Mr. Bisignani's Report.

Mr. Bisignani's report discussed that GHD is continuing coordination with Hudak, ARWA and JHA working through schedules and lead times with the contractor. Given the color matched clock is not available until late November we are evaluating the impact of a delayed start until early spring with considerations of doing the main roof prior to winter. Hudak has submitted 19 submittals and 8 RFI's for roofing and masonry products. GHD is actively working through each item in a timely manner. Hudak offered a no cost change order to hold the cost and delay the construction until the spring. Questions took place on if the building would sustain more damage if the project was delayed. Mr. Pickering and the GHD Architect doesn't believe it would be an issue. Chairman Monagan asked for a new date to start, and Mr. Pickering stated it would be March 15, 2025 and that would be included in the new contract.

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 or the new UV system and presented. GHD assisted ARWA with the final proposal and prepurchase of the Trojan UV system. A PO has been issued for the system and we expect a formal submittal from Trojan in the next four (4) weeks. Detailed review of the submittal will be required to ensure all facets of the equipment are appropriate. All funds should be spent by end of 2025 and an extension can 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.

A connection request was received for Norfolk Southern Group for a minor sub-division plan for 1619 Davinci Lane Clarks Summit on 7/8/2024. GHD worked with the Engineer and DEP and advised given the unknown development plans they should apply for a sub-division with development waiver and seek capacity certification once development plans are known.

Mr. Pickering discussed the annual report was drafted and will be presented at the October Meeting.

**The Treasurer's Report:**

Fidelity Bank as of September 11, 2024 = \$3,577.40

Peoples Security Bank Money Market Account as of September 11, 2024 = \$93,998.49 (Done Quarterly)

Requisitions: #621- \$35,000 to Payroll Account  
#622- \$2,000 to Treasurers Account  
#623- \$ 3,270 to GHD- Biosolids Building  
#624- \$15,163.36 to GHD- Flood Response

**Ms. Lancemade a motion to approve requisitions #621- \$35,000 to the Payroll Account, #622 \$2,000 to Treasurer's Account, #623- \$ 3,270 to GHD- Biosolids Building, #624- \$15,163.36 to GHD- Flood Response, 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:**

Ms. Lance questioned the new Glenburn development that is in the preliminary stages and asked about the Authorities obligation for EDU's. Board members discussed that the original proposal was 150 EDU's but the authority expressed that it couldn't be that much. Ms. Lance asked that the Solicitor and the Authority look into this issue.

**There were no members of the public present and no public comment.**

**Motion to adjourn was made at 7:32 PM by Mr. Thorpe seconded by Mr. Pullp unanimously passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Gloria Lance, Secretary