ABINGTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

October 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the Abington Regional Wastewater Authority was called to order by Chairman Monagan and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting took place at the Abington Area Wastewater Treatment Plant on October 8, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Lauren Elliot	Casey Monagan	David Rinaldi, Esquire
Gloria Lance (Call In)	John Pullo	Donald Jensen, Esquire
Murli Rajan	Wayne Thorpe	Travis Long, Engineer
Harry Jenkins		
Paul Lockett		

Absent: Donald Snyder

Mr. Rajan made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on September 10, 2025, seconded by Mr. Pullo, unanimously passed.

Executive Session: Litigation and BioSolids Building Discussion

Start: 6:29 PM
End: 6:31 PM

Directors Report:

Ms. Elliot presented her director's report discussing the 2026 Budget, 2025 Audit Agreement and UV Signa Delivery

Ms. Elliot discussed that she has received all anticipated EDU counts from municipalities and prepared and distributed a draft budget for the 2026 Calendar Year to the finance committee on October 1, 2025. Some major changes in this budget are: The removal of the surplus credit from prior budget of $100,000; Salaries budget was calculated low last year, therefore to make the correction and provide a 5% increase (personnel committee with review) increase by $38,000; Health Insurance 8% anticipated increase of $13,000; Insurance 5-8% increase by $7,000; Repairs increase by $110,000 all equipment is approaching lifespan. Clarks Summit Borough decreased 4 EDU's, Clarks Green decreased 2 EDU's and South Abington Twp increased 12 EDU's.

Mr. Rinaldi asked if the authority was officially notified of plan termination for Health Insurance and Ms. Elliot said yes. He also asked if there were alternatives offer and Ms. Elliot stated not at this time. Mr. Rinaldi also asked if the increase in property insurance was verified at a 5-8% increase and Ms. Elliot stated she questioned Knowles insurance for the anticipated increase. Mr. Jenkins asked how the budget is funded and Ms. Elliot explained. Mr. Jenkins stated that the budget should have a line item with a 25% reserve under the operating budget. Ms. Elliot stated the authority haven't had to do that

because the authority has savings for an emergency. Mr. Monagan suggested in the future small increases need to happen yearly for reserve.

Mr. Thorpe made a motion to approve the 2026 Draft Budget as presented, seconded by Mr. Pullo, unanimously passed.

Ms. Elliot presented the 2025 Audit Agreement from Kohanski and Company. The cost for the 2025 is $8,750.00. We previously had a one-year agreement as a cost of $8,500.

Mr. Rinaldi made a motion to accept the 2025 Audit Proposal in the amount of $8,750.00 from Kohanski and Company, seconded by Mr. Rajan, Passed with one member opposed.

Ms. Elliot discussed that the UV Signa was delivered on September 30, 2025. All crates are being stored safely in the garage bay.

Ms. Elliot presented the Operational Data for September 2025, reporting an average daily influent flow of 2.01MGD. Average daily effluent flow was 1.13 MGD.

Ms. Elliot presented the rain vs flow chart.

Ms. Elliot presented Anthony Luongo Operations and Maintenance report highlighting Clarifier 2 trough and weirs were cleaned before being flushed and drained; clarifier 3 is now online and running in lea; a leaking flush water valve was repaired on clarifier 3 scum box; staff replaced broken hydraulic lines on bulb wiper assembly for bank A on our UV Sign system, pipe extensions and new fittings were installed on return pipe 3 seal water lines; staff replaced a cracked airline hose and installed new HI blow blower system for grit chamber diffusers; rag build up was removed from influent scum trough baffle plates in clarifier 3; coring was completed 9/29/25 of the lower roof section for biosolids building; ARWA experienced one high flow event on 9/25/25 with a max influent flow of 15.3 MGD and a total rainfall of 2.48 inches.

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Register: Fidelity Operating Expenses
From 09/11/2025 through 10/09/2025
Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
09/11/2025			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer		X	73,745.74	877.18
10/08/2025	debit	Mass Mutual	Facility Operating Exp...		5,600.00			-4,722.82
10/08/2025	5743	Amy Waters	Accounts Payable	Recording Secr...	100.00			-4,822.82
10/08/2025	5744	Convenient Food Mart	Accounts Payable	Gasoline	7.99			-4,830.81
10/08/2025	5745	Dempsey Uniform	Accounts Payable	Mud rug rental	39.82			-4,870.63
10/08/2025	5746	Elan Financial Services	Accounts Payable	Projector, Tote...	316.40			-5,187.03
10/08/2025	5747	Fisher Scientific	Accounts Payable	149198-001	131.52			-5,318.55
10/08/2025	5748	Fox Ledge, Inc.	Accounts Payable	Bottled drinkin...	29.00			-5,347.55
10/08/2025	5749	GL-Turbo, LLC	Accounts Payable	Annual Bioche...	701.25			-6,048.80
10/08/2025	5750	Hawk Mountain Lab...	Accounts Payable	Contract Lab A...	2,768.50			-8,817.30
10/08/2025	5751	Highmark Blue Shield	Accounts Payable	Health Insurance	7,138.49			-15,955.79
10/08/2025	5752	ICON Technologies	Accounts Payable	Telephone and ...	67.09			-16,022.88
10/08/2025	5753	Jensen & Jensen	Accounts Payable	Legal Fees	281.25			-16,304.13
10/08/2025	5754	JGF Funding	Accounts Payable	Monthly printe...	80.02			-16,384.15
10/08/2025	5755	JP Mascaro & Sons	Accounts Payable	Sludge Hauling	2,370.00			-18,754.15
10/08/2025	5756	Justus Home & Garden	Accounts Payable	supplies	73.96			-18,828.11
10/08/2025	5757	Keystone Sanitary La...	Accounts Payable	Sludge Disposal	6,341.54			-25,169.65
10/08/2025	5758	Martins	Accounts Payable		8,495.00			-33,664.65
10/08/2025	5759	McCrometer Inc	Accounts Payable	Monthly Flow...	2,400.00			-36,064.65
10/08/2025	5760	PA American Water ...	Accounts Payable	Domestic Water	351.00			-36,415.65
10/08/2025	5761	PA Rural Water	Accounts Payable		1,150.00			-37,565.65
10/08/2025	5762	Pennsylvania Paper ...	Accounts Payable	Paper towels, t...	304.04			-37,869.69
10/08/2025	5763	Polydyne, Inc	Accounts Payable	974180	4,122.98			-41,992.67
10/08/2025	5764	Powell's Rental	Accounts Payable	2900	221.20			-42,213.87
10/08/2025	5765	PPL	Accounts Payable	Electric	15,912.87			-58,126.74
10/08/2025	5766	Saul Ewing Arnstein ...	Accounts Payable	Special Counsel	8,735.63			-66,862.37
10/08/2025	5767	septic professor	Accounts Payable	Hiblow Blower	724.99			-67,587.36
10/08/2025	5768	UGI	Accounts Payable	2379801011-4	54.40			-67,641.76
10/08/2025	5769	USA Blue Book	Accounts Payable	935510	196.87			-67,838.63
10/08/2025	5770	Waste Management I...	Accounts Payable	821-90844	134.03			-67,972.66
10/08/2025	5771	Zen Design Firm	Accounts Payable	Web and Email...	85.00			-68,057.66
10/08/2025	5772	Lackawanna County ...	Accounts Payable	Wireless Internet	65.00			-68,122.66
10/08/2025	5773	PA Dept of Environ...	Accounts Payable	Operator Certif...	120.00			-68,242.66
10/09/2025			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer			69,119.84	877.18

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Mr. Pullo made a motion to approve payment of bills 10/08/25 and the quarterly ACH to Empower for $5,600 for a total of totaling $69,119.84 seconded by Mr. Rajan, unanimously passed.

Review of Operating Budget and Administration Budget.

Statement of balances

Engineers Report

Mr. Longs report discussed that Biosolids Building Construction Phase continues. JHA completed daily quality Assurance Reports (QAR's) along with photographic documentation to the authority. A file share has been set up for ARWA to access at any time. Status update: Hudak has completed their portion of the work; the lower roof is expected to commence on Monday (10/13/25) and expected to be completed by end of week, weather pending; Overall project completion estimated 90% completed. After lower roof is completed, Jesse Grimm with JHA will schedule a walkthrough with GHD and ARWA to create punch list for final completion.

There were 2 change orders submitted and approved to date.

CO #1 No cost change order for time extension due to specialty block supply chain delivery delays, moved start date to March 2025, Substantial completion 07/15/25 with final payment 9/13/25

CO #2 Building repairs for unforeseen conditions and time extension due to expert observations, schedule, weather delays and exploratory testing requirements. Change order increase of $20,326.03 and a 49-day extension (Substantial completion 9/2/2025 with final payment 11/1/25).

Mr. Longs report discussed that JHA and ARWA conducted the project kickoff meeting for the UV System replacement on April 30th. Historical design and permit document Completed. Permit submission completed. Permit issued 9/30/25. Bid phase: JHA wishes to discuss bid dates and construction schedules with ARWA Team. UV is on site. Mr. Monagan asked if a bid package is prepared, and Mr. Long said they can have a bid package completed by next meeting. Bidding time frame is a 30 day bid window, award in December/January. Ms. Elliot suggests doing work in winter when flows are lower. Ms. Elliot asked who should submit the submittal for payment for the grant, JHA or the grant administrator. It was suggested that the submittal is completed sooner than later. Mr. Long said he will put the bid package before nest meeting for review and approval. Bids will be due by end of December.

Mr. Rinaldi made a motion to approve JHA to prepare the Bid Package for the UV Signa, seconded by Mr. Thorpe.

Mr. Long's Report discussed a general correspondence shared via email wherein ARWA received a solicitation from DECARB Energy Partners who is promoting treatment of biosolids to address PFAS. JHA recommends entertaining a presentation from the company to stay informed on technologies and opportunities proactively as it is likely that forthcoming regulatory limits will be imposed in time. JHA is not recommending as action to engage said company other than to receive the information and stay current on trends and technologies. JHA is working on scheduling a meeting/presentation.

Mr. Long's report discussed that Ms. Elliot asked JHA to review the NPDES permit. JHA completed the review of draft permit and discussed with Director Elliot and agrees that the permit conditions are attainable, and acknowledgement /acceptance of permit was provided via director Elliot to DEP. No further action currently until issuance of final permit is received.

Mr. Long's report discussed JHA continues to monitor all grant funding sources and opportunities. DCED local share account grants from PA Statewide Gaming Monies are open: Applications are accepted from September 1- November 30. $25,000 to $1,000,000 funding potential. Information provided via email. Ms. Elliot plans on applying for the grant.

Ms. Elliot discussed that the 10-year flow meter contract is up and the new contract raises the rental agreement from $480/meter to $820/Meter. Mr. Long discussed that the way the Act 537 plan was written to cease the use of flow meters once the 537 plans was approved/adopted. There are parts of the 537 plan that go out to 2029. Currently the authority uses 3 flow meters. Ms. Long doesn't recommend ceasing until they consult with DEP. The board agrees that a conversation with DEP would be the best option.

The Treasurer's Report:

Fidelity Bank as of October 8, 2025 = $2,877.40

Peoples Security Bank Money Market Account as of October 8, 2025= $267384.10 (Done Quarterly)

Requisitions: #678- $30,000 to Payroll Account
#679- $1,000 to Treasurers Account
#680- $50,175.62 ID Electric
#681- $309,358 Kappe Associates UV
#682- $180,000.07- Hudak-Biosolids Building
#683- $833.78- JHA- UV
#684- $12,942.60- JHA- Biosolids Building
#685- $2,879.50- GHD

Mr. Pullo made a motion to approve requisitions #678- $30,000 to Payroll Account, #679- $1,000 to Treasurers Account, #680- $50,175.62 ID Electric, #681- $309,358 Kappe Associates -UV, #682- $180,000.07- Hudak-Biosolids Building,#683- $833.78- JHA- UV,#684- $12,942.60- JHA- Biosolids Building,#685- $2,879.50- GHD, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, unanimously passed.

Biosolids Building Project Plan: (Mr. Lockett, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Thorpe, Mr. Monagan)

Public Relations Committee: (Mr. Monagan, Mr. Pullo)

Personnel Committee: (Ms. Lance, Mr. Thorpe and Mr. Lockett)

Litigation Committee: (Mr. Lockett, Atty Rinaldi, Ms. Lance, Mr. Monagan)

Finance Committee: (Mr. Rajan, Mr. Thorpe, Mr. Snyder)

Reorganization Committee: (Atty Rinaldi, Mr. Thorpe, Ms. Lance)

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 7:42 PM by Mr. Pullo, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul Locket, Secretary