ABINGTON REGIONAL WASTEWATER AUTHORITY

October 9, 2024

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 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Lauren Elliot	Paul Lockett	Donald Jensen, Esquire
Gloria Lance (Call In)	Casey Monagan	David Rinaldi, Esquire
Murli Rajan	John Pullo	
Wayne Thorpe	Donald Snyder	

Absent:

Michael Bisignani, Engineer

Mr. Thorpe made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on September 11, 2024, seconded by Mr. Pullo, unanimously passed.

Executive Session: Litigation and BioSolids Building Discussion

Start: 6:32 PM
End: 6:37 PM

Directors Report:

Ms. Elliot presented her directors report including the 2025 Draft Budget, 2024 Audit Agreement, NPDES Stormwater Permit Termination and Blowe #2 Motor repair.

Ms. Elliot discussed she as received all anticipated EDU counts from the municipalities and prepared a draft budget for the 2025 calendar year. Draft budget was distributed to the finance committee for review on September 26, 2024. There was 2.8% increase. Clarks Summit EDU's increased by 7 EDU's for $5,717/quarter or $22,868/year, South Abington Township increased 49 EDU's for $$13,045/Quarter or $52,180/year and Clarks Green increased 3 EDU's for $1,613/quarter or $6,452/year.

Mr. Rinaldi made a motion to approve the 2025 Draft Budget as presented, seconded by Mr. Rajan unanimously passed.

Ms. Elliot discussed that Kohanski and Company submitted a proposal to prepare the 2024 financial statements. The cost for 2024 is $8,500. Previously the authority had a 3-year agreement at a cost of $6,800, $7,000 and $7,000.

Mr. Pullo made a motion to approve the proposal for the 2024 Financial Statements from Kohanski and Company in the amount of $8,500, seconded by Mr. Rajan, unanimously passed.

Ms. Elliot discussed she received a call from the Lackawanna County Conservation District asking the authority to terminate the NPDES permit for stormwater discharge associated with construction activities. This should have been done when construction from the plant expansion concluded in 2015. An instrument needs to be filed with the Lackawanna County Recorder of Deeds and some forms need to be completed. Ms. Elliot discussed she requested a quote for services from GHD. GHD provided a quote for up to $1,700.

Mr. Snyder made a motion to approve GHD's services to terminate the NPDES Permit for Stormwater discharge associated with constriction activities during the Plant Expansion not to exceed $1,700, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, unanimously passed.

Ms. Elliot discussed that in July the board approved the purchase and install of a new motor for Blower #2 with Excelsior Blowers at a cost of $11,711.43. The install began and it was determined that the wires feeding the motor were damaged and needed replaced. Melbourne Electric responded and completed the replacement of new power circuitry to the blower. The cost for the repair was $5,075.00 which included labor and materials. Startup continued and it was determined the blower itself is in need of a rebuild as well/ The Excelsior technician noticed substantial vibration in the unit and said it is not safe to run. North End Electric has inspected the blower unit before this install and said it was functional. Excelsior will remove the blower unit and provide a price for rebuild once its evaluated.

Ms. Elliot discussed that she received a letter from Clarks Summit with Frank Besten's Resignation that was approved at their October Meeting. They are currently looking for a replacement.

Ms. Elliot presented the Operational Data for September 2024, reporting an average daily influent flow of 2.34 MGD. Average daily effluent flow was 1.36 MGD.

Ms. Elliot presented the rain vs flow chart.

Ms. Elliot presented Anthony Luongo Operations and Maintenance report highlighting staff cleaned the weir trough on clarifier 1 and drained clarifier 3; the grit chamber was drained and flushed to remove grease. The mechanical bar screens were inspected for rags and debris; North Eld Electric was on site to reinstall return pump 1 in process operations basement; all dissolved oxygen probes were cleaned and calibrated for bioreactors 1 and 2; Melbourne electric was on site to replace compromised power feed wires to blower 2 motor; the new motor was tested, and staff is waiting on blower unit repair pricing and installation from Excelsior.

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10/10/2024 8:48 AM

Register: Fidelity Operating Expenses

From 09/12/2024 through 10/10/2024

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
09/12/2024			Fidelity Income & Inve...	Funds Transfer		X	67,326.60	464.94
10/09/2024	5357	Admin Partners	Accounts Payable	Compliance M...	182.77			282.17
10/09/2024	5358	Advanced Auto	Accounts Payable	6473 7020 000...	31.05			251.12
10/09/2024	5359	Amy Waters	Accounts Payable	Recording Secr...	100.00			151.12
10/09/2024	5360	CCI Waste & Recycli...	Accounts Payable	Sludge Hauling	2,985.90			-2,834.78
10/09/2024	5361	Chapman Supply Co.	Accounts Payable	RAS pump sup...	30.57			-2,865.35
10/09/2024	5362	Dempsey Uniform	Accounts Payable	Mud Rug Rental	39.40			-2,904.75
10/09/2024	5363	Elan Financial Services	Accounts Payable	Paper Shredder...	152.09			-3,056.84
10/09/2024	5364	Eric M. Allegrucci	Accounts Payable	Reimbursement...	11.39			-3,068.23
10/09/2024	5365	Fox Ledge, Inc.	Accounts Payable	Bottled Drinkin...	50.55			-3,118.78
10/09/2024	5366	Hawk Mountain Lab...	Accounts Payable	Contract Lab A...	2,537.50			-5,656.28
10/09/2024	5367	Highmark Blue Shield	Accounts Payable	Health Insurance	6,318.26			-11,974.54
10/09/2024	5368	ICON Technologies	Accounts Payable	Telephone and ...	66.19			-12,040.73
10/09/2024	5369	IWC Group	Accounts Payable	Workers Comp...	1,986.34			-14,027.07
10/09/2024	5370	Jensen & Jensen	Accounts Payable	Legal Fees	1,312.50			-15,339.57
10/09/2024	5371	JGF Funding	Accounts Payable	Monthly Printe...	80.02			-15,419.59
10/09/2024	5372	Justus Home & Garden	Accounts Payable	Cleaning Suppl...	788.17			-16,207.76
10/09/2024	5373	Keystone Sanitary La...	Accounts Payable	Sludge Disposal	6,128.31			-22,336.07
10/09/2024	5374	Knowles Associates ...	Accounts Payable	ERISA Bond r...	173.00			-22,509.07
10/09/2024	5375	Kohanski & company	Accounts Payable	Audit journal e...	383.43			-22,892.50
10/09/2024	5376	Lackawanna County ...	Accounts Payable	Wireless Intern...	65.00			-22,957.50
10/09/2024	5377	Lauren Elliott	Accounts Payable	Reimbursement...	37.52			-22,995.02
10/09/2024	5378	McCrometer Inc	Accounts Payable	Flowmeter Lea...	4,800.00			-27,795.02
10/09/2024	5379	Melborne Electric	Accounts Payable	Replace power ...	5,075.00			-32,870.02
10/09/2024	5380	Mike Ganz	Accounts Payable	reimbursement ...	22.78			-32,892.80
10/09/2024	5381	NEPA-Scranton Times	Accounts Payable	Special Meetin...	114.94			-33,007.74
10/09/2024	5382	North End Electric	Accounts Payable	NCSS02	1,962.00			-34,969.74
10/09/2024	5383	PA American Water ...	Accounts Payable	Domestic Water	322.29			-35,292.03
10/09/2024	5384	Pa Department of La...	Accounts Payable	Biosolids Boile...	87.21			-35,379.24
10/09/2024	5385	PA Rural Water	Accounts Payable	Annual Membe...	971.00			-36,350.24
10/09/2024	5386	Pena-Plas	Accounts Payable	Sampler Tubing	41.91			-36,392.15
10/09/2024	5387	PPL	Accounts Payable	Electric	13,972.45			-50,364.60
10/09/2024	5388	Saul Ewing Arnstein ...	Accounts Payable	Special counsel	19,070.55			-69,435.15
10/09/2024	5389	Soccer Plus	Accounts Payable	Uniforms	513.00			-69,948.15
10/09/2024	5390	The Times Leader	Accounts Payable	Meeting Ad bal...	7.05			-69,955.20
10/09/2024	5391	UGI	Accounts Payable	2379801011-4	124.16			-70,079.36
10/09/2024	5392	United Concordia	Accounts Payable	364001819	346.76			-70,426.12
10/09/2024	5393	USALCO	Accounts Payable	Alum	6,490.74			-76,916.86
10/09/2024	5394	Waste Management I...	Accounts Payable	821-90844	208.45			-77,125.31
10/09/2024	5395	Zen Design Firm	Accounts Payable	Web and Email...	85.00			-77,210.31

Mr. Lockett made a motion to approve payment of bills for 10/9/2024 with the addition of the Empower quarterly pension ACH for $4,750, totaling $82,425.25 seconded by Mr. Pullo, unanimously passed.

Review of Operating Budget and Administration Budget.

Statement of balances

Engineers Report

Ms, Elliot presented 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 all work is going to be delayed until early spring 2025. Hudak has submitted 23 submittals and 10 RFI's for roofing and masonry products. GHD is actively working through each item in a timely manner. GHD is prepared to provide any necessary oversite/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 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.

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. A letter was received certifying capacity for (1) EDU contingent upon land development.

GHD is working to close a legacy stormwater management permit that is associated with the stormwater pond and the 2010 plant upgrade project. It was discovered that "stock" maintenance language will be required to be recorded against the property deed and paperwork filed with DEP. GHD estimates the additional effort could be up to $1,700 to close the permit.

The Treasurer's Report:

Fidelity Bank as of October 9, 2024 = $3,777.40

Peoples Security Bank Money Market Account as of October 9, 2024 = $264,790.47 (Done Quarterly)

Requisitions: #625- $35,000 to Payroll Account
#626- $1,000 to Treasurers Account
#627- $ 34,408.24 to Hudak Biosolids Building Repairs

Mr. Thorpe made a motion to approve requisitions #625- $35,000 to the Payroll Account, #626 $1,000 to Treasurer's Account, #627- $ 34,408.24 to Hudak- Biosolids Building repair, seconded by Mr. Snyder, 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:

It was asked if there were any updates on the Border Realty subdivision in Glenburn Twp. Solicitor Jensen discussed that years ago there was a pass-through agreement between both South Abington Twp and Clarks Summit with Border Realty. In 2006 there was a treatment agreement with Border Realty for 175 EDUs. Preliminary plans were sent to DEP and DEP rejected the plan due to fact that sewer lines have to be owned by the Municipality. In 2011 ARWA enacted tapping fees. The old agreement stated there would be no tapping fees and they would be treated no better or worse than any other customer. 11/20/2017 a new agreement was enacted between ARWA and Glenburn Township to include tapping fees. Question by Mr. Lockett: do new agreements supersede old agreements. Solicitor Jensen said they are still doing research. Recently Glenburn Township approved Border Realty for Conditional Use for 175 units, however no plans were submitted.

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

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:15 PM by Mr. Thorpe seconded by Mr. Pullo unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gloria Lance, Secretary