

HULMEVILLE MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY
Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Hulmeville Municipal Water Authority meeting was held on the above date via Zoom. This meeting was advertised in the Courier Times, and notice was posted at Borough Hall.

Roll call was taken by Dorothy Omietanski

Authority Member's Present

Kurt Ludwig, President
Joe Nocito
Mike Wasson
Patricia Taggart

Staff in Attendance

Dorothy Omietanski, Borough Secretary
Bob DeBias, Solicitor
Pat Slater, Water and Sewer

Authority Members Absent: Bert Wolfe

Staff Absent: Mike Whittaker, Licensed Water Operator, Clerk and Sheri Wheeler, Water Reader Meter

Authority Members Late to Arrive: none

Guests in Attendance: Mayor Mahon

Call to Order: Mr. Ludwig called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: none

Minutes:

Motion made by Ms. Taggart seconded by Mr. Wasson to approve the minutes of January 25, 2021; Motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.

February Meeting: March 22, 2021 meeting will be held by Zoom. Ms. Omietanski will advertise the meeting in the Courier Times and post at Borough Hall.

Motion made by Mr. Ludwig and seconded by Mr. Wasson to hold the next Authority meeting on March 22, 2021 via zoom; motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.

Motion made by Mr. Ludwig and seconded by Mr. Nocito to buy another one month Zoom for January meeting not to exceed \$20; motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.

Water and Sewer Clerk:

- Water Shut Offs and Late Fees – The state mandate, due to COVID-19, on water shut off and late fees have expired as of the end of November 2020. All Authority members agreed to continue extending the no shut off or late fee policy given the community at large is still in COVID-19. They will evaluate the situation again at a future meeting.

Water Meter Reader: no report

Bills: Mr. Ludwig presented the following bill to be paid: Carroll Engineering \$202.50 and \$236.25.

Motion made by Ms. Taggart and seconded by Mr. Wasson to pay the bills; motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.

Correspondence: none

New Business:

- Sewer Flow – Mr. Ludwig stated that the sewer flow is high again. It has been a very wet fall and winter and the water usage to sewer flow is not balanced. For the month of December, the water flow was 1.9 million and the sewer was 3.4 million. He is confident that the issues are not coming from the system proper. The issues must be residential laterals, sump pumps and vent caps. If not corrected the water and sewer bills will have to increase to cover the added costs. Mayor Mahon offered to place an article in the newsletter explaining the sewer issues to the residents. Mr. Ludwig will write an article for the March newsletter. Mr. Ludwig is recommending a group of volunteers go door to door to inspect the residents' vent caps and inform residents if they are in need of replacement. All vent caps in flood plain by mandate need to be capped. Mr. Nocito believes the vent caps along the creek may be under water when the creek rises above its banks. Ms. Taggart would like to understand the difference between venting and capping and if all vents can be capped. Mr. Ludwig will have Carroll Engineering at the next meeting to explain vent caps and the difference between venting and capping as well as if all vents can be capped. Mr. DeBias did explain council is in the process of creating a Borough Manager position and that position will be overseeing a proposed property maintenance code which will assist with some of these matters.

Note Joe Nocito left at 8:15pm

Old Business:

- Statement of Financial Interest – Mr. Ludwig reminded everyone to complete the statement of financial interest.
- Water and Sewer Maintenance Program – BCWSA sent a mailing out to all customers supporting a new maintenance program through Home Serve. They are offering all BCWSA customers a discount if they sign up through the mailing. Mr. Ludwig will

follow up with BCWSA and see if he can get more information and brochures to have on hand for any residents who may need the information.

- High Priority Repairs – Mr. Ludwig did talk to Steve Hartman regarding completing the high priority repairs. Mr. Hartman will investigate the two options discussed in the last meeting which is to piggy back onto BCWSA or subcontract with Sewer Specialties. Mr. Ludwig also asked him to confirm with both parties the cost and timeline for availability to complete the work.
- National Water Specialty Company – Mr. Ludwig and Mr. Whittaker met with NWSC and agreed that their service may be of interest to the Authority. Mr. Ludwig will schedule to have them attend the March meeting to make a presentation to the members. He will also have Mr. Whittaker and a representative from Carroll Engineering attend to assist with questions that may arise. NWSC will focus on back flow prevention measures which are by law required by the state but have not been enforced. Mr. Ludwig explained that if the Borough experiences a system failure and does not have these measures in place it could lead to liability on the Authority's part.
- Black Property – The developer for the Black Property has submitted a few sketch plans for the property. One plan Mr. Ludwig saw had 94 units. Mr. Ludwig is concerned with the proposed 94 units due to capacity issues. Mr. DeBias explained that the developer presented a revised plan to council to council and is asking for feedback. The developer has the desire to try to develop the property in a way that maximizes the number of units while satisfying the community's desire for the property.
- Minor Subdivisions – Mr. Ludwig announced that the Planning Commission is having a meeting tomorrow night to review two subdivision plans one for 111 Green Street and the other for 307 Main Street. The Authority is all set as far as the EDUs for the properties being presented for minor subdivisions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm; motion made by Mr. Wasson seconded by Ms. Taggart; carried 3-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,
Hulmeville Borough Secretary