

NOT YET APPROVED
HULMEVILLE MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY
Meeting Minutes
May 24, 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.

Authority Member's Present

Kurt Ludwig, President
Bert Wolf
Mike Wasson

Staff in Attendance

Dorothy Omietanski, Borough Secretary
Bob DeBias, Solicitor
Pat Slater, Water and Sewer
Sheri Wheeler, Water Reader Meter

Authority Members Absent: Joe Nocito and Patricia Taggart

Staff Absent: Mike Whittaker, Licensed Water Operator

Authority Members Late to Arrive: none

Guests in Attendance: none

Call to Order: Mr. Ludwig called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by Dorothy Omietanski

Public Comment: none

Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Wolfe seconded by Mr. Wasson to approve the minutes of April 26, 2021; Motion passed with all in favor 3-0-0.

May Meeting: Governor Wolf extended the State of Emergency for another 90 days; however, it is not anticipated he will take all 90 days. Mr. DeBias stated that the Authority can hold the June meeting via zoom by law based on Act 15 passed in 2020. The Authority decided to hold the June 28, 2021 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. Wolfe to hold the next Authority meeting on June 28, 2021 via zoom; motion passed with all in favor 3-0-0.

Motion made by Mr. Ludwig and seconded by Mr. Wolfe to buy another one month Zoom for June meeting not to exceed \$20; motion passed with all in favor 3-0-0.

Water and Sewer Clerk:

- Budget Accounts – Mr. Ludwig would like to review all budget accounts and determine where everyone stands to date.

Water Meter Reader:

- Meter Replacement – Mr. Ludwig asked Ms. Wheeler to provide a total of meters that still need to be replaced. Currently there have been 119 replaced which is about one third of the total replacements, which would leave roughly 240 meters at a cost of \$254 per meter for replacement. The total cost to replace all meters left would roughly be \$61,000.

Bills: There are no bills pending for payment.

Budget:

- Current Budget – Mr. Ludwig emailed everyone the current budget. Mr. Wolfe could not open the document so Mr. Ludwig will drop him off a copy this week. He will also forward a copy to Mr. Wheeler and Mr. DeBias.
- Steps to Approval – Authority members should be prepared to finalize the budget next meeting so Mr. Ludwig can present the 2021 -2022 budget to council at their July 12th meeting. Once approved by Council the Authority should vote to advertise it at their July 26th meeting for a vote to approve at the August 23rd meeting.
- Budget Issues – Ms. Wheeler noticed that the sewer revenue is less than the sewer rent. Mr. Ludwig confirmed that the Authority is currently not covering the cost of the sewer rent. The cost has come down with repairs that have been made to the system, however there are no more major repairs to be made. In order to reduce the sewer rent, residents will have to make changes to their systems. The first step that could be taken is to address the sewer vent caps. Ms. Wheeler will try to obtain a price for sewer caps from BCWSA and a local plumbing supply company. The covers today are usually made of plastic and should be a standard size. Ms. Wheeler also wanted to know if the charge “CWO” was for the water manager and why was it separate. She also wanted to know what the payroll fee at the bottom of the budget was for. Kurt will meet with Diane to get information on the line items listed. He will email everyone out information regarding the budget items as well as some suggested changes he is proposing the Authority consider for next year, such as addressing the sewer vent caps.

Correspondence: none

New Business: none

Old Business:

- Manhole Repairs – The manhole repairs on Main Street have been completed. The work was not as extensive as first anticipated, so the cost of the project may be less than originally expected. There was an inspector on site as the work was being completed.
- Lining Project – Mr. Ludwig is still waiting on a price from BCWSA for the lining repair project by the bridge and at Trenton and Main.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm; motion made by Mr. Wolfe seconded by Mr. Ludwig; carried 3-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,
Hulmeville Borough Secretary