

HULMEVILLE MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 18, 2021**

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

**Authority Member's Present**

Bert Wolfe  
Patricia Taggart  
Mike Wasson  
Joe Nocito

**Staff in Attendance**

Bob DeBias, Solicitor  
Dorothy Omietanski, Borough Secretary  
Sheri Wheeler, Water Meter Reader

**Authority Members Absent:** Kurt Ludwig, President

**Staff Absent:** Mike Whittaker, Licensed Water Operator and Pat Slater, Water and Sewer

**Authority Members Late to Arrive:** none

**Guests in Attendance:** Debbie Mahon and Tom Wheeler

**Call to Order:** Mr. Wolfe called the meeting to order; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by Burt Wolf

**Public Comment:** none

**Minutes:**

**Motion made by Mr. Wasson seconded by Mr. Nocito to approve the minutes of July 26 and August 23, 2021; Motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.**

**Water and Sewer Clerk:** no report

**Water Meter Reader:** no report

**Bills:** no bills

**Budget:**

**Motion made by Ms. Taggart and seconded by Mr. Wasson to approve the budget for 2022; Motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.**

**Correspondence:** none

**New Business:** none

**Old Business:**

- Rio Supply Meter Replacement – The proposal from Rio Supply for meter replacement was at a cost of \$70,000. The agreement was written a year ago so the Authority agreed to contact them to confirm the price was still valid. Ms. Wheeler explained that the work was subcontracted with a plumbing company. When Ms. Wheeler contacts them to discuss the contract, she will ask them who guarantees the work Rio or the subcontractor? Rio claims the meters will last for 20 years and they do guarantee them for 10 years. The biggest issue as Ms. Wheeler sees it is actually getting into the homes to do the replacement. Some authorities if after several tries are not allowed into the home either send a very large bill at next billing cycle or send a notice to shut off service. The Borough Council agreed to pay the cost for the meter replacement once the authority signs a contract. The authority members agreed to table the motion until November when they have a confirmed cost for the work.
- Vent Cap Replacement – The next project the Authority agreed to focus on is vent cap replacement throughout the Borough. In past discussions it was discussed to provide the cap and have the resident responsible for installation. Mr. Nocito is concerned with offering the caps for free. Ms. Taggart agreed with Mr. Nocito's point unless there was a way to follow up and make sure the cap was installed. The members agreed to start by sending information out to all residents encouraging them to look at their cap and make sure it is correct. The information will be published in the newsletter and will be sent out with the bills. Ms. Taggart offered to help Ms. Slater stuff the notice into the bills. Mayor Mahon has an explanation that was drafted by Mr. Ludwig that she will forward to all members including Ms. Slater for comment and revision.

**Motion made by Mr. Wasson and seconded by Ms. Taggart to cancel the Authority meeting for October 25, 2021 due to lack of agenda items; motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm; motion made by Mr. Wasson seconded by Mr. Wolf; carried 5-0-0.**

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski  
Hulmeville Borough Secretary