

HULMEVILLE MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY
Meeting Minutes
July 25, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Hulmeville Municipal Water Authority was held on the above date at the Borough Hall, 321 Main Street.

Authority Member's Present

Kurt Ludwig, President
Patricia Taggart
Bert Wolfe

Staff in Attendance

Pat Slater, Water & Sewer Clerk
Dorothy Omietanski, Borough Secretary

Authority Members Absent: Joe Nocito and Mike Wasson

Staff Absent: Bob DeBias, Solicitor, Mike Whittaker, Licensed Water Operator, Bill Wheeler, Borough Manager and Sheri Wheeler, Water Meter Reader

Authority Members Late to Arrive: none

Guests in Attendance: none

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

Public Comment: none

Minutes:

Motion made by Ms. Taggart seconded by Mr. Wolfe to approve the minutes of June 27, 2022; Motion passed with all in favor 3-0-0.

Water and Sewer Clerk: no report

Water Meter Reader: no report

Water Operator Report: no report

Bills: Mr. Ludwig presented the following bill to be paid:

- Carroll Engineering \$294.00
- Chapter 302 Operator Certification Annual Service Fee - \$65.00

Motion made by Ms. Taggart and seconded by Mr. Wolfe to pay the bills; motion passed with all in favor 3-0-0.

Correspondence: none

New Business:

- Plan for Water Shut Off - Kurt and Pat will meet August 3rd to review the accounts and determine who will receive a water shut off posting. The Authority members recommended Chief Baran post the notice at Birch Ave given his hostile manor toward Mr. Ludwig. Ms. Taggart would also like to have an officer attend the Authority meeting after water shut offs are completed in case an angry customer should come to the meeting. Patricia is worried about hostile responses from a few customers when their water is shut off. Once the postings are made the customer needs to pay in full before the water is turned back on. Ms. Taggart did offer do complete the shut off postings for Mr. Ludwig and would be accompanied by Chief Baran. Postings should be ready by August 5th or latest August 8th. The water gets shut off will be at least 10 days or more after the posting and not fall on a weekend.
- Transfer to PLGIT Account – Mr. Ludwig recommended the Authority transfer \$20,000 from the operating account to the PLGIT account. If the budget will allow it Mr. Ludwig is recommending the transfer amount be increased next transfer.

Motion made by Mr. Ludwig and seconded by Ms. Taggart to transfer \$20,000 from the operating account to the PLGIT account; motion passed with all in favor 3-0-0.

- Account on Fairview – A resident on Fairview has requested their home be reduced by one EDU for an apartment they do not rent anymore. Ms. Slater explained to the homeowner that the apartment needs to be inspected to confirm there is no kitchen in the unit then the EDU can be eliminated.
- BCWSA & Aqua – BCWSA and Aqua had a meeting on July 13th where an agreement was discussed to allow a year of exclusive negotiations with Aqua for the sale of the sewer system. Mr. Ludwig heard that there would be a one-year freeze on rates and caps on future increases after the first year. There may be a sunshine law violation because this topic of exclusive negotiations was not on the agenda. Aqua is only looking to purchase the sewer system BCWSA would still own the water system. Bristol Borough is selling their sewer system to BCWSA and holding onto the water system. Aqua is willing to purchase the sewer system for 1.2 billion if BCWSA purchases Bristol Borough sewer system. A meeting tomorrow will be held at BCCC 5-7 pm with BCWSA for public comment.
- Audit Letter – Mr. Ludwig received a letter from Accu Audits regarding an audit they would like to conduct. SWIF has contracted with Accu Audits to perform a premium audit of this year.

Old Business:

- Lining Project Update – Still a go for August 8th and both projects should be completed in one weeks' time.
- Meter Replacement Project Update – No update to report.

- Payment Plan & Delinquent Account Update – Last day of payment July 31st. As of August 1st, should know where everyone stands. Two delinquent accounts should be paid - 4 Green Street sold and settled their account and 520 Main Street is selling in August. Currently have 10 new delinquent accounts – 2 have called for payment plan and 2 have paid in full. The previous list 6 are current, 5 paid off, 3 have contacted Kurt and 5 are Woodruff accounts.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm; motion made by Ms. Taggart, seconded by Mr Wolfe; carried 3-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski
Hulmeville Borough Secretary