

HULMEVILLE MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY
Meeting Minutes
August 22, 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

Bill Wheeler, Borough Manager
Dorothy Omietanski, Borough Secretary

Authority Members Absent: Joe Nocito and Mike Wasson

Staff Absent: Bob DeBias, Solicitor, Mike Whittaker, Licensed Water Operator, Pat Slater, Water & Sewer Clerk 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 July 25, 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: no bills

Correspondence: none

New Business:

- 919 Walnut St Lien Release – The property at 919 Walnut St. had a lien on the property dating back 30 years ago for \$200. Mr. DeBias did confirm that the lien has been released.

- Letter From County Commissioners to BCWSA – Mr. Ludwig forwarded an email containing questions from the County Commissioners office regarding the sale of BCWSA sewer system. The County Commissioners are not happy with how the sale has been handled and have submitted questions to BCWSA they want answered. The Commissioners do not have the authority to affect the sale but may have the authority to oversee how the money is being distributed BCWSA receives from the sale. The answers to their questions should be provided by the end of August.
- Home Serve Insurance – Ms. Taggart has the lateral insurance that BCWSA recommended and had a water line leak. It took her a whole month to get the leak fixed. She had an issue with the first company who came to do the repair. They wanted to charge her \$3,000. Ms. Taggart had to go with another company who did end up doing the repair at no cost to her.
- Hydrant at Neshaminy and Park – Bill Wheeler called BCWSA regarding a hydrant that was bagged at Neshaminy and Park. BCWSA was not aware of any hydrant at that location and then they said they had no record of one being out of service at that location. They were going to look into it and Bill Wheeler has yet to hear back from them. Ms. Taggart asked if anyone in the Borough flushes out the hydrants in the Borough. Currently nothing is being done regarding maintenance of the hydrants in the Borough. Bill Wheeler explained if you flush the hydrants, you need a way to remove the chlorine before it goes into the sewer system.

Old Business:

- Sewer Main Lining Project – The sewer main lining project is completed. The company who did the work should be sending the Authority a report and video recording of system. Carroll Engineering will approve the work and then a bill will be generated.
- Sewer Lateral Clean Out/Vent Survey – The Authority will need to decide how the work will be divided between the members. When inspecting caps the Authority will need the exterior size of the pipe to determine the cap needed. Mr. Ludwig is recommending starting with a print out of customers with address and name in geographic order. Mr. Ludwig will ask Pat Slater if she can provide the information. If she cannot put them in geographic order Bill Wheeler can take the information and put it into an excel spreadsheet and organize the addresses there. Mr. Ludwig will have a notice inserted in the next set of bills which are mailed the end of September letting residents know the Authority will be coming onto properties to complete inspections.
- Water Shut Off Postings – The postings have not been completed Mr. Ludwig is waiting on the police department to be available. The police department is shorthanded right now and their availability is limited. Mr. Ludwig has 9 postings to complete. Mr. Ludwig will contact Chief Baran again to see if he is available to assist.
- 520 Main Street – The addresses at 520 Main Street will be changed. Bill Wheeler explained that the Borough is going to correct the address issue and requested that Mr. Ludwig provide the meter account information so it can all be reorganized with the new address assignments.
- Sewer Flows – June was a dry month and the sewer flow reflected the low rainwater with 86% of water flow which is where the levels should be. This number proves that the sewer flow issues are either cracked laterals, sump pumps or uncapped vents.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm; motion made by Ms. Taggart, seconded by Mr. Wolfe; carried 3-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski
Hulmeville Borough Secretary