

**Work Session Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2023**

The work session 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
Bert Wolfe
Joe Nocito
Patricia Taggart
Mike Wasson

Staff in Attendance

Bill Wheeler, Borough Manager
Dorothy Omietanski, Borough Secretary
Sheri Wheeler, Water Meter Reader

Authority Members Absent: none

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

Authority Members Late to Arrive: none

Guests in Attendance: Tom Wheeler

Call to Order: Mr. Ludwig called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: none

Water Meter Reader

- Meter Replacement Program – Mr. Ludwig still has no information on the meter replacement program. Steve Hartman reached out to Rio on Friday regarding the project and Mr. Ludwig has not received any update. It seems the subcontractor is the issue with getting started.

New Business

- Munibilling – Munibilling is transitioning to a contract base system. The contracts will be a flat rate and will renew every three years. The rate will be \$600 a quarter for up to 400 parcels. After 400 parcels it increases by \$75 for each additional 50 parcels you add. The Authority had been grandfathered for years and has not been billed at the rate it should have been billed. The new contract will be twice the cost the Authority currently pays. The Munibilling increase everyone agreed can be absorbed.
- Sewer rate Changes BCWSA – BCWSA has increased the sewer rate by 16.6%. The last rate increase in Hulmeville was done in 2014. Current billing in the Borough has been around \$100,000 and the Authority has budgeted \$140,000. All members agreed that the Authority needs to pass the increase on to the customers. Ms. Taggart suggested sending an announcement out to all residents informing them of the increase explaining that a rate

increase has not occurred since 2014 and the increase is a direct result of BCWSA increasing their rates. Mr. Ludwig stated the final decision will be made at the next Authority meeting and then the recommendation will be presented to council. The rate increase will need to be advertised and a new ordinance will need to be passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm; motion made by Mr. Wasson, seconded by Mr. Wolfe; carried 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski
Hulmeville Borough Secretary