

HULMEVILLE MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY
Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2023

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

Patricia Taggart
Joe Nocito
Bert Wolfe
Mike Wasson

Staff in Attendance

William Wheeler, Borough Manager
Dorothy Omietanski, Borough Secretary
Sheri Wheeler, Water Meter Reader
Pat Slater, Water & Sewer Clerk

Authority Members Absent: Kurt Ludwig, President

Staff Absent: Mike Whittaker, Licensed Water Operator

Authority Members Late to Arrive: none

Guests in Attendance: none

Call to Order: Ms. Taggart called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: none

Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Wasson seconded by Mr. Wolfe to approve the minutes of February 27, 2023; Motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.

Water and Sewer Clerk:

- Rate Increase – The rate increase has not gone into effect yet. Council did vote on the increase, however they still need to draft the new ordinance and it will need to be advertised before the rate increase can be enacted.
- Bills – The quarterly bills will be going out the end of the month. Now that Ms. Slater is retired, she needs a letter authorizing her access into the bank account for handling bounced checks. Ms. Slater will draft the letter and forward it to Ms. Omietanski who will print it on letterhead, get two signatures and send it back to Ms. Slater.

Water Meter Reader:

- Meter Replacement Program – Still no progress. Rio said they were sending letters out on 3/13/23 on Borough letterhead regarding the replacement program. Ms. Wheeler has asked multiple residents and no one to date has received the letter. The installer is

coming from Ocean City NJ. Ms. Wheeler tried to reach out to coordinate the meter replacement delivery. Ms. Wheeler has not heard back from them and is not even sure the meters are in yet. Mike Wasson knows a plumber Bob Test and Joe Nocito suggested McHale's. Bill Wheeler suggested buying the meters from Rio and hiring a local plumber to do the installation. Bill Wheeler will assist Ms. Wheeler with the matter. He asked her to find the original paperwork to confirm if the price for the meters is separate from the price of installation. Ms. Omietanski suggested checking COSTARS regarding the matter.

Water Operator Report: no report

Bills: No bills

Correspondence: none

Old Business:

- Vent Cap Replacement – Mr. Ludwig was considering hiring a company for the vent cap replacement program. Bill Wheeler will touch base with Mr. Ludwig regarding who he was considering hiring for the program.
- Low Income Household Assistance Program – The office staff is still unable to receive a letter from the IRS. This may be an issue KC Tomlinson's office could look into.
- Payment Plan Account Update – Ms. Slater will review all the accounts the beginning of May. Mr. Ludwig is planning to be back by the end of April but if he is not Ms. Taggart will assist Ms. Slater with reviewing the accounts.

New Business:

- Hazard Waste Drop Off – On April 1, 2023 at BCCC will be a hazard waste drop off event.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm; motion made by Mr. Wasson, seconded by Mr. Nocito; carried 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski
Hulmeville Borough Secretary