

HULMEVILLE MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY

Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2025

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

Doug Harris, President

Patricia Taggart, Vice President

Dennis Mitchell

Mike Wasson

Staff in Attendance

Dorothy Omietanski, Borough Secretary

Sheri Wheeler, Water Meter Reader

Bill Wheeler, Borough Manager

Pat Slater, Water & Sewer Clerk

Authority Members Absent: Joe Nocito

Staff Absent: Mike Whitaker, Licensed Water Operator

Authority Members Late to Arrive: none

Guests in Attendance: Tom Wheeler

Call to Order: Mr. Harris called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm; all those present joined the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: none

Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Mitchell seconded by Mr. Wasson to approve the minutes of January 27, 2025; Motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.

Water and Sewer Clerk:

- Delinquent Accounts – There are 10 delinquent accounts that received letters. Seven of those customers reached out and either made a payment or went on a payment plan. There are three accounts that never responded. The Authority agreed to send those three accounts a shut-off letter, both regular mail and certified mail.

Motion made by Mike Wasson and seconded by Dennis Mitchell to send three accounts a shut off letter by regular mail and certified mail; motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.

Water Meter Reader:

- Meter Replacement Program – Ms. Wheeler spoke to Jason at BCWSA to schedule installation of 2 meters from the final list of 15. Ms. Wheeler also talked to BCWSA about the \$1,200 bill. She asked if they could adjust the bill for the cost of the meters, they billed the borough for, and we would provide them replacement meters. They said

they would review the bill. She also received confirmation that BCWSA is also having issues with their new meters leaking. BCWSA is returning the broken meters to Rio for a replacement.

Water Operator Report: no report

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report for February 24, 2025, was made available for inspection:

- **Sewer Fund** Balance as of January 28, 2025: \$103,407.04
Expenses Totaled: \$18,981.46
Income Totaled: \$27,244.60
Sewer Fund Balance as of February 24, 2025: \$111,670.18
- **Sewer PLGIT Fund** as of December 24, 2024: \$269,332.27
Expenses Totaled:
Income Totaled: \$968.67
Sewer Fund Balance as of February 24, 2025: \$270,300.94

Bills: Mr. Harris presented fifteen bills to be paid for February.

Motion made by Mr. Mitchell and seconded by Mr. Wasson to pay the bills dated 2/21/25; motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.

Correspondence: none

Unresolved Business:

- Liens – Bill Wheeler did investigate how many liens Hulmeville Borough had registered with the county. There is a total of 45 liens and roughly half of them were satisfied. It costs \$9.75 to release the lien so for now the Authority has decided to leave the liens stay on the books. Ms. Slater recommended placing a lien on the account on 310 Main St. The Authority agreed to give the customer one billing cycle and see if the bill will be paid.
- Sewer Cap Replacement Program – The goal of the program is to help cut back on excess water getting into the system. The Borough does have drawings for all sewer lines, however some of the sewer caps may be buried making it challenging to locate some of the lines.
- Water/Sewer Billing - Bill Wheeler distributed a report showing what the Authority is billing the residents' verses what BCWSA is charging the Authority. The numbers do not match, and Bill Wheeler cannot understand why the numbers do not match. If the Authority wants to convert to a billing for sewer based on water usage they will need to clear up the billing variances. It would be nice to test billing usage on a few customers and comparing the cost to the current flat rate. The current flat rates are \$104 for

residential, \$117 for churches, \$144 for commercial and \$211 for restaurants. Billing by water usage would be a fairer way to bill customers for sewer. Those that use more water would pay more for sewer.

New Business: none

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm; the motion made by Ms. Taggart, seconded by Mr. Mitchell; carried 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski
Hulmeville Borough Secretary