

HULMEVILLE MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY
Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2019

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

Authority Member's Present

Kurt Ludwig, President
Bert Wolfe
Mike Wasson
Patricia Taggart

Staff in Attendance

Mike Whittaker, Licensed Water Operator
Dorothy Omietanski, Borough Secretary
Sheri Wheeler, Water Reader Meter
Pat Slater, Water and Sewer Clerk

Authority Members Absent: Joe Nocito

Staff Absent: none

Guests in Attendance: Mayor Mahon

Call to Order: Mr. Ludwig called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: none

Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Wolfe seconded by Mr. Wasson to approve the minutes of March 25, 2019; Motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.

Bills: Mr. Ludwig presented two bills to be paid: Carroll Engineering for \$1,117.50 and PA Department of Environmental Protection Agency annual privilege fee \$1,000.

A motion made by Mr. Wolfe seconded by Mr. Wasson and carried unanimously to approve the bills; motion carries 4-0-0.

Water and Sewer Clerk:

- Invoices - Payments are due by 4/30 and the late notices will be sent out on 5/15.
- Inverse Paradox – Ms. Slater has not heard from Inverse Paradox regarding completion of the online payment process. Mr. Ludwig did contact Inverse Paradox twice. The first time Mr. Ludwig did speak to Neil who explained that he had been sick and was behind on work, and the second call Mr. Ludwig has not heard back yet from Neil. Mr. Ludwig will stop in and see him and hopefully his work can be completed soon.

Water Meter Reader:

- Subdivision – Ms. Wheeler received the information she needed from a new property in Hulmeville for meter billing.
- PH Levels – Ms. Wheeler did a PH test of her home tap water and compared it to the water she received from the water treatment plant and bottled water. The house water and treatment plant water both tested acidic at 5.5 while the bottle water tested as a base. Mr. Whittaker is very concerned with the levels she received from her testing. The levels should be between a 6 and 9. He is going to draw some water and test it with a meter to get a more accurate number and will report his findings next month.

Licensed Water Operator:

- Chlorine Testing – The requirements for testing chlorine levels is going from once a month to once a week starting May 19th. Mr. Whittaker has been in touch with MR Rieter, who currently completes our testing, regarding the changes. Mr. Whittaker will test twice a month and MR Rieter will test twice a month so the cost to the Authority will only double. Mike is still testing chlorine daily and will continue to do so until he receives confirmation in writing that he can stop.
- Lead and Cooper Test – Every three years a lead and cooper test need to be completed. The test is scheduled to be completed between the months of June and September this year. Mr. Whittaker will receive a list of 15 residents who he needs to contact to see if they will participate in the test. He needs 10 out of the 15 to participate. The residents will need to have their water system dormant for 8 hours then draw water into a container. Mr. Whittaker then takes the containers of water to MR Rieter for analysis.

Water Shut Off Policy:

- Customer Response – Ms. Slater compiled a list of customers who are currently 270 days or more past due and the list currently totals 24 accounts. A few of those accounts are multiple accounts by one person so the number of people overdue is less than 20. So far 8 people have responded to the water shut off policy letter. Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Ludwig are scheduling meeting for this week to meet with these 8 customers to set up payment plans.
- Next Step – On 5/15 late notices will be sent out then a letter warning of shut off will be sent out 45 days in advance and again 30 days in advanced to the actual shut off date. A posting at the residence will be done 10 days in advance to the shut off. Mr. Ludwig pointed out that half of the outstanding accounts do belong to rental properties and certain considerations need to be made regarding these accounts.

Correspondence: none

Projects:

- Manhole Repairs Phase Two – The Authority did receive confirmation that PennDOT will piggyback the repairs that need to be made to the two manholes in Main Street when

Penn DOT completes their repaving project. Carroll Engineering has sent out 4 bids for phase two work and to date have received 2 bids back. They will follow up with the two outstanding bids. They need one more bid to be able to proceed with choosing a firm to complete the manhole repair work.

- Lateral Inspections – Mr. Ludwig sent everyone copies of the sample letters for lateral inspections. Mayor Mahon suggested Mr. Ludwig present the letter to council to make them aware of the issue. Mr. DeBias did make a few edits to the letter. Ms. Taggart and Mayor Mahon both agreed the letter is too wordy and asked if it could be shortened a little. Mr. Ludwig encouraged everyone to read the letter and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

Old Business:

- Sewer Rates – Sewer rates are very high due to I & I. This year rain fall has been extremely high so it is very hard to analyze if the Authority's efforts have made a difference.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm; motion made by Ms. Taggart seconded by Mr. Wasson; carried 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,
Hulmeville Borough Secretary