

HULMEVILLE MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY
Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Hulmeville Municipal Water Authority meeting was held on the above date via Zoom. This meeting was advertised in the Courier Times, and notice was posted at Borough Hall.

Roll call was taken by Dorothy Omietanski

Authority Member's Present

Kurt Ludwig, President
Bert Wolfe
Patricia Taggart
Mike Wasson

Staff in Attendance

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

Authority Members Absent: Joe Nocito

Staff Absent: none

Authority Members Late to Arrive: none

Guests in Attendance: Mayor Mahon, Tricia Boyle and Bob DeBias

Call to Order: Mr. Ludwig called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: none

Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Wolfe seconded by Ms. Taggart to approve the minutes of February 24, 2020 and work session minutes of March 9, 2020 with one correction to the March 9, 2020 minutes under Budget Suggestions changing 8 to 80 percent of water usage; Motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.

Bills: Mr. Ludwig presented the following bills to be paid: Carroll Engineering for \$847.50 and \$507.50, Pa Dept of Environmental Protection Annual Safe Drinking Water Fee \$1,000.

Motion made by Mr. Wasson and seconded by Mr. Wolfe to pay the bills; motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.

Water and Sewer Clerk:

- Bills – Current billing is being paid on time by the customers.

Water Meter Reader:

- Meter Replacement – There are no updates on meter replacements and no meters are currently being replaced. There is an issue with 6 new meters installed. The issue is with just the large meters and seems to be a software issue. Ms. Slater has been trying to work with Munibilling to resolve the issue. It seems Munibilling needs to provide the Authority another code to read the large meters. Currently the Authority is 1/3 way through its meter replacements.

Tele Video Inspection Work:

- On Hold – All work is currently on hold until further notice by the state.
- Lateral Grout Repairs – The lateral repairs will require a work order change because the Authority decided to proceed with the injection rather than the lining.
- Root Intrusion Phase 1 – The root intrusion work is all set to go.

Licensed Water Operator:

- MJ Reider is still working and everything is running fine.

Water Shut Off Policy: The public Utilities Commission recommends Authorities not pursue payments or shut off for non-payments during this time of epidemic due to people being out of work and the importance of being able to wash hands. Ms. Slater asked if the Authority would freeze late charges and interest fees for any late payments or missed payments.

**Motion made by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Ms. Taggart to suspend interest and late fees from this date until such time as the Authority rescinds the action; motion passed with all in favor
4-0-0.**

Act 537 Plan

- Update – The Authority is on schedule with the Act 537 plan with the exception of sump pump and lateral inspections. The Authority has conducted public meetings, televised the system and completed manhole repairs. To date the Borough has 80 EDU's available, which is enough to cover any development on the Black property.
- Water Flow – The last three months the Borough's water flow is significant higher than water usage. Last month, flow it was 2 times the usage. The problem is apparently being caused by sump pumps, lateral issues or uncapped or below grade vents. Mr. Ludwig suggests the next step would be to go door to door inspecting vents and providing covers where needed.

Correspondence: none

New Business:

- Next Meeting – The next meeting is scheduled for May 18th and will be by Zoom unless notified otherwise, depending on the state of emergency.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm; motion made by Mr. Wasson seconded by Ms. Taggart; carried 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,
Hulmeville Borough Secretary