

HULMEVILLE MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY
Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2021

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.

Authority Member's Present

Kurt Ludwig, President
Bert Wolf

Staff in Attendance

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

Authority Members Absent: Joe Nocito

Staff Absent: none

Authority Members Late to Arrive: Patricia Taggart 7:15 pm and Mike Wasson 7:30 pm

Guests in Attendance: Steven Hartman, Carroll Engineering, Brian Preski, President National Water Specialties Company (NAWSC) and Tom Wheeler

Presentation from NAWSC: Mr. Preski presented the services that NAWSC can provide to Hulmeville Authority. His company focuses on cross connection controls and back flow systems. Every municipality is responsible for contaminations that enter into their water system. In 2009, Flint Michigan Authority was found liable for contamination that flowed into the system from a hospital in their township. After that incident Pennsylvania passed the International Plumbing Code requiring municipalities to test back flow valves on all commercial properties annually. NAWSA will provide back flow administration system free of charge. They will focus on commercial and residential with fire protection, in ground pools with auto fill and golf courses like irrigation systems. They send letters to all customers who need to be tested 60 days and 30 days prior and 10 days overdue. Added benefits to the program are receiving a data base of backflow devices, finding leaks in the system, lead and cooper testing and a possible reduction in the Authority's insurance by 3-5%.

Call to Order: Mr. Ludwig called the meeting to order at 7:48 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by Dorothy Omietanski

Presentation from NAWSC: Mr. Ludwig will distribute the information presented by NAWSC to both Authority and Council members, and Mr. Ludwig will present the information to Borough Council at an upcoming meeting. After everyone has a chance to review the information the Authority can decide if they want to proceed. Mr. Hartman will ask BCWSA

how they view NAWSC's service. Ms. Wheeler will ask BCWSA if when they installed the new meters they offer to install a back flow preventor. Ms. Wheeler believes currently they only offer to install a pressure release valve.

Public Comment: none

Minutes:

Motion made by Ms. Taggart seconded by Mr. Wasson to approve the minutes of February 22, 2021; Motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.

April Meeting: April 26, 2021 meeting will be held by Zoom. Ms. Omietanski will advertise the meeting in the Courier Times and post at Borough Hall.

Motion made by Mr. Ludwig and seconded by Mr. Wasson to hold the next Authority meeting on April 26, 2021 via zoom; motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.

Motion made by Mr. Ludwig and seconded by Ms. Taggart to buy another one month Zoom for April meeting not to exceed \$20; motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.

Steve Hartman High Priority Repairs:

- BCWSA – BCSWA is currently working on their annual lining contract with the company they use, Michael's. They agreed to allow Hulmeville Authority to piggy back onto the contract for the few repairs that the Authority needs to complete. Mr. Hartman has not heard back from them regarding the price. Mr. Hartman is recommending the Authority uses BCWSA. He believes they will offer the best price and he is familiar with the company's work. Mr. Hartman estimated that the work should be able to be done within the next 4 months.
- Sewer Specialties – The work they offer for the repairs is not manhole to manhole so Mr. Hartman is not confident in the reliability of the lining work they offer.
- Authority members have all agreed to proceed with BCWSA for the high priority repairs. Mr. Hartman will contact Mr. Ludwig as soon as he hears anything regarding the contract cost.
- Sewer and Lateral Insurance – Mr. Hartman is not up to date with regards to the new insurance company to which BCWSA is transferring their accounts. He did hear that there is more than one company contacting customers. The company BCWSA is working with is Home Serve. Another company is contacting customers their name is similar, Home Sewer Company.
- PennDOT Paving – PennDOT has not confirmed but June seems to be the scheduled time frame to pave Main Street.

Water and Sewer Clerk:

- Episcopal Church – Ms. Slater forwarded a question to Mr. Wheeler regarding a meter request for Episcopal Church. They would like a separate meter for the rectory. Mr. Wheeler suggested the least expensive way is to install their own meter for the rectory and when the bill arrives subtract out the usage for the rectory and collect the cost of their usage.

Water Meter Reader:

- Meter Replacement – Ms. Wheeler just spoke to BCWSA and they confirmed that they have not worked on any meter replacements recently. They requested Ms. Wheeler resend the current replacement list.
- Meter Reader – Ms. Wheeler has still been unable to get anyone to assist her with the conversion of the reader to her cell phone.
- Emergency Fix – There are currently two customers in need of meter replacement due to leaks. Both replacements are new meters.

Bills: Mr. Ludwig presented the following bill to be paid: Pa Municipal Authority Association for \$419.66.

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

Correspondence: none

New Business: none

Old Business: none

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm; motion made by Ms. Taggart seconded by Mr. Wolfe; carried 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,
Hulmeville Borough Secretary