

HULMEVILLE MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY
Meeting Minutes
January 23, 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

Kurt Ludwig, President
Bert Wolfe
Mike Wasson
Patricia Taggart

Staff in Attendance

Bill Wheeler, Borough Manager
Dorothy Omietanski, Borough Secretary
Sheri Wheeler, Water Meter Reader

Authority Members Absent: Joe Nocito

Staff Absent: Mike Whittaker, Licensed Water Operator and Pat Slater, Water & Sewer Clerk

Authority Members Late to Arrive: none

Guests in Attendance: Tom Wheeler

Call to Order: Mr. Ludwig called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: none

Minutes:

Motion made by Ms. Taggart seconded by Mr. Wolfe to approve the minutes of December 19, 2022; Motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.

Water and Sewer Clerk:

- House Sale – The owner of the property at 128 Trenton Rd in Middletown Township has claimed the property has been sold. Ms. Slater has no information regarding the sale and BCWSA has not been informed either of a sale. Ms. Omietanski will write a letter to the current owner requesting he provide Ms. Slater with proof of change in ownership of the property.

Water Meter Reader:

- Meter Replacement Program – Rio contacted the Authority to ask if the meters for the meter replacement project could be stored at Borough Hall. Mr. Ludwig told them no.

Water Operator Report:

- County Water Testing – The Authority received a request from the County to test water for PFOA’s but Mr. Whittaker told Mr. Ludwig the Authority does not need to test the water.

Bills: Mr. Ludwig presented the following bill to be paid: Private Utility Enterprises Inc
\$192.50

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

Correspondence: none

Old Business:

- Neshaminy Picnic Park – Mr. Ludwig has been trying to reach the owners of Neshaminy Shore Club regarding their water service. Samantha the one owner is apparently no longer an owner and Dan the other owner has not responded. Mr. Ludwig will try to reach out to the property manager Al.

New Business:

- Sewer Rate Increase – As discussed at the work session most of the Authority members agreed to pass the 16.6 percent rate increase from BCWSA on the sewer rates on to the customers. Tom Wheeler asked the Authority if any consideration was made for a partial increase. Mr. Ludwig believes the Authority could raise the rate 10 percent and the Authority would be OK. Ms. Taggart feels it needs to be passed on to customers because the Authority does not know yet whether they will raise it again next year and if they are going to raise the water rate as well. If they raise it again next year or raise the water rate the Authority would be in a better position to absorb the increase without raising the rate again.

Motion made by Ms. Taggart and seconded by Mr. Wolfe to recommend that Borough Council raise the sewer rate by 16.6% across the board; motion passed 3-1-0. (Mr. Ludwig voted no)

- Munibilling Contract – Mr. Ludwig is making a recommendation that the Authority sign a contract with Munibilling for three years at a rate of \$600 per quarter which will cover up to 400 parcels. If the Borough goes over the 400 parcels, then they would be charged an additional \$75 per quarter for every 50 parcels over 400. The contract is for three years.

Motion made by Ms. Taggart and seconded by Mr. Wolfe to sign a contract with Munibilling for three years at a rate of \$600 per quarter; motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm; motion made by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Ms. Taggart; carried 4 -0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski
Hulmeville Borough Secretary