

HULMEVILLE MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY

Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2024

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

Bill Wheeler, Borough Manager

Mike Whitaker, Licensed Water Operator

Sheri Wheeler, Water Meter Reader

Authority Members Absent: Joe Nocito

Staff Absent: Pat Slater, Water & Sewer Clerk

Authority Members Late to Arrive: none

Guests in Attendance: none

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 September 23, 2024; Motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.

Water and Sewer Clerk: no report

Water Meter Reader:

- Old Meters – There is a company interested in purchasing the old meters from the Borough. Ms. Wheeler has looked in the shed and believes all the old meters are there. She would like to take inventory of what is in the shed. The old meters can be sold and the new unused meters can be returned for credit.
- Meter Replacement Program – There are 15 meters left to replace. BCWSA will replace them. Ms. Wheeler is going to contact each customer one at a time and try to get the work completed. Ms. Slater has all the numbers for the meters.
- Software Change Over – The company is available to come and complete the training on the new software and hardware. The training takes about 3 hours and will be conducted

at Borough Hall. Anyone is welcome to participate but Ms. Wheeler and Ms. Slater will need to attend.

Water Operator Report:

- Lead Service Line Inventory – Mr. Whitaker has completed all the paperwork for the Lead Service Line Inventory. Next, he is waiting to schedule an appointment with the DEP. They will come out to complete an inspection. The last inspection was conducted 4 years ago. Mr. Whitaker will let everyone know when the appointment is scheduled in case anyone is interested in attending the meeting.
- Neshaminy Shore Club – Mr. Whitaker inquired if anyone confirmed yet if the Neshaminy Shore Club was running off of public or well water. Ms. Wheeler stated that Tom Wheeler did talk to the owner and confirmed that they have 2 wells. Mr. Whittaker asked if the owner has submitted any paperwork showing the water has been tested. He stated that well water should be tested especially if it is in flood plain. No copies of the tests have been submitted. Ms. Slater in previous meetings has claimed that they were supposed to submit the testing paperwork to the Authority.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer's Report for September 28, 2024, was made available for inspection:

- **Sewer Fund** Balance as of September 23, 2024: \$59,425.36
Expenses Totaled: \$19,551.57
Income Totaled: \$36,344.70
Sewer Fund Balance as of September 28, 2024: \$76,218.49
- **Sewer PLGIT Fund** as of September 24, 2024: \$265,186.35
Expenses Totaled:
Income Totaled: \$1,077.77
Sewer Fund Balance as of September 28, 2024: \$266,264.12

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

Motion made by Mr. Mitchell and seconded by Mr. Wasson to pay the bills dated 10/25/24; motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.

Correspondence: none

Unresolved Business:

- Meter Replacement Project – Bill Wheeler stated that the total cost of the project is currently \$70,091 which is \$9,000 under budget.
- Overage Fee – BCWSA has submitted a bill for \$2,000-\$3,000 that they have titled Overage Fee. This cost is being passed down from the Philadelphia plant and is being divided between the Bucks County municipalities to pay.

- Munibilling Reports – Bill Wheeler needs to meet with Munibilling to go over their report system. According to what he sees it appears that the amount Hulmeville Authority charges the customers for water does not match the amount BCWSA is charging the Borough. There is a very large discrepancy.
- Delinquent Accounts – Bill Wheeler is having a difficult time sorting out the delinquent accounts on the system. Ms. Slater was not present at the meeting. She is the one in the past that could provide this information. There is an account on Green Street that made a \$1,000 payment and promised to pay the balance of \$1,286 but has not. Bill Wheeler will reach out to him to see what has happened to the balance payment. Everyone agrees if the Authority went to monthly billing it would be easier to keep up with delinquent accounts. The members would also like to change the sewer bill to reflect usage and not be a flat rate.

New Business:

- Next Project – Ms. Taggart would like to see the Authority set up the next improvement project. She believes it should be the sewer cap inspection/replacement program. Everyone agreed. The next step would be to secure a company to complete the inspections. The question of whether to close them off or repair the vent needs to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm; the motion made by Mr. Wasson, seconded by Mr. Mitchell; carried 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski

Hulmeville Borough Secretary