

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY OF JUNE 12, 2024**

The June 12, 2024 meeting of the Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Bruce Knipe. Other Board members in attendance included John Rankin, Melvin Wright, Keith Weiss and Frank Beck. The Authority Manager, James C. Groff, along with staff members Gary Weaver and Jack D. Wuerstle, Esquire (Authority Solicitor), were also present.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Knipe called for action on the minutes from the Authority's May meeting. Mr. Rankin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; which was seconded by Mr. Beck. The motion carried 5-0.

There was no Public Comment or Confirmed Appointments, consequently the Chairman then called upon the Authority Manager for presentation of the Staff Report.

Generally speaking, Mr. Groff reported normal operations of the water system for last month, with the wells combining to pump just over 12.1 million gallons (or 58% of the capacity allowed by the Delaware River Basin Commission). However, there was a water main break on Lawndale Avenue heading into the Memorial Day weekend. Mr. Groff advised that the Board that the operations crew promptly responded to the site and thereafter did a superlative job in getting the matter remedied, remaining onsite into the early morning hours until the fix was complete. Boil notices were thereafter posted at each affected property, but water testing soon revealed that service could be restored. The affected property owners were highly appreciative of the efforts by HTWSA and the diligence demonstrated in getting their water service back online.

Sewer system operations were normal last month. The Solicitor updated the Board on the status of the PWTA Charter extension.

In terms of capital projects, the damaged manhole on Route 113 is being scheduled for repair, and there should be more to report on status of the repair next month.

As to current development projects, the developer of Regency is looking to advance to the 18-month maintenance period. A Substitution Agreement was prepared and sent to developer, who signed the same and returned it to the Township. The maintenance bond was also submitted. Mr. Wright made a motion for the Authority to execute the Substitution Agreement; Mr. Rankin seconded. The motion carried 5-0. Otherwise, Hilltown Glen remains in the 18-month maintenance period (expires September 2024) as does the Johnson Tract (expires June 2025). Lastly, a pre-construction meeting is in the process of being scheduled for the Lohin Tract.

With respect to proposed projects, there has been some significant activity. While the plan review period on the Weidner Tract remains extended through December 2024, an alternative plan has been submitted to the Township depicting a cul-de-sac in lieu of the road through the steep slopes, along with 17 homes in Hilltown Township. The Burger King franchise now proposed for the lot aside of Wawa is moving forward, and the Solicitor is negotiating a Grease Trap Agreement with developer's counsel. Land development agreements for the three (3) homeowners along Diamond Street who will be connecting to the adjacent gravity line have all been completed and mailed out (and the Moyer agreement has been signed and returned). The Estate of Joseph Pileggi, owner of the Pileggi property on Route 313 just south of the Wawa, has indicated an interest in connecting to public water and sewer. Finally, a sketch plan for 24 townhomes has been presented to the Township for the Schreiner Tract (located between Country Roads and Applewood Drive).

There was no executive session.

The Chairman next called for the monthly Treasurer's Report and review of bills. Following discussion, Mr. Weiss made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and payment of bills; Mr. Beck seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

There were no escrows releases, old business or new business.

With no additional business before the Board, Mr. Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 P.M., seconded by Mr. Rankin. The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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