

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP  
WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY OF MAY 15, 2024**

The May 15, 2024 meeting of the Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Bruce Knipe.<sup>1</sup> 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 April meeting. Mr. Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Wright seconded. The motion carried 4-0 (with Mr. Beck abstaining).

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

Mr. Groff reported normal operations of the water system for last month, with the wells combining to pump just over 9.9 million gallons (or 47% of the capacity allowed by the Delaware River Basin Commission). Sewer system operations were also normal last month.

Nothing new to report on capital projects, as further work on the new well site will not take place until later in 2024.

Regarding current development projects, the developer of Regency is looking to advance to the 18-month maintenance period. The Authority Solicitor is working on a substitution agreement and awaiting the bond from the developer. Otherwise, Hilltown Glen remains in the 18-month maintenance period (expires September 2024) as does the Johnson Tract (express June 2025), and the Lohin Tract has not moved forward.

As to proposed projects, there has been no further progress on the Sensinger subdivision, and the same will be removed from the report. The plan review period on the Weidner Tract has now been extended through December 2024. The Burger King franchise now proposed for the lot aside of Wawa is moving forward, and the Solicitor is preparing a Grease Trap Agreement. Work on the land development agreements for the three (3) homeowners along Diamond Street who will connecting to the adjacent gravity line is nearly complete.

An executive session then followed to discuss potential litigation.

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<sup>1</sup> The meeting was originally scheduled for March 8, 2024, but was rescheduled (and re-advertised) for March 15, 2024.

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. Rankin seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

There were no escrows releases or new business.

Under old business, Mr. Rankin asked about a manhole on Route 113 that needs repair. The Manager advised that the manhole is scheduled for repair after the waterline flushing is complete.

With no additional business before the Board, Mr. Wright made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 P.M., seconded by Mr. Rankin. The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

John Rankin