

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY OF OCTOBER 9, 2024**

The October 9, 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 Keith Weiss, Melvin Wright, John Rankin, 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 September board meeting. Mr. Beck made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Rankin. The motion carried 4-0 (with Mr. Knipe abstaining).

There was no Public Comment or Confirmed Appointments, therefore the Chairman 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 10.16 million gallons (or 48% of the capacity allowed by the Delaware River Basin Commission).

Sewer system operations were normal last month as well. The new UV system ordered for the PWTA plant is not expected to arrive for another 3-7 months. Mr. Groff further advised that PBA may be interested in a re-rating of the PWTA plant.

In terms of capital projects, the parts to fix the damaged manhole on Route 113 have finally arrived, and the work has been scheduled.

With respect to current development projects, the Regency 18-month maintenance period expires December 2025, the maintenance period on the Johnson Tract expires June 2025, and the maintenance period on Hilltown Glen expired last month. A walk-through was conducted and the resulting punch list has been completed. Regarding the Lohin Tract, the Solicitor is finalizing the development documents.

As to proposed projects, the developer of the Weidner Tract is proceeding with the alternative plan depicting a cul-de-sac, and HTWSA will allow other authorities, closer to the site, to provide service.

The Burger King construction agreement has been finalized and recorded.

Land development agreements for the three (3) properties along Diamond Street connecting to the adjacent gravity line have all been signed and recorded; however, because the property owners expressed cost concerns, the Authority is exploring other approaches (including a payment over time option)

The Pileggi Estate, owner of the property on Route 313 just south of the Wawa, had wanted to eventually connect to public water and sewer, but has now has experienced well failure. Consequently, the Authority has made arrangements to provide temporary water service to the site, pending a permanent connection.

A capacity reservation agreement was sent to counsel to the Schreiner tract for consideration (by-right plan), but has not yet been returned. Quiet Acres (also a "by-right" plan at this point) has signed a capacity reservation agreement for 29 lots.

There was no executive session.

The Vice-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 old business.

As to new business, Mr. Groff further discussed additional security improvements for the office area, as well as the most recent DEP inspection. Mr. Groff then presented and reviewed Resolution 2024-2, which authorizes the pursuit of certain State grant funding. Mr. Weiss made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-2; Mr. Wright seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

With no additional business before the Board, Mr. Weiss made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 P.M., seconded by Mr. Wright. The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,


