

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY ON JULY 9, 2025**

The July 9, 2025 meeting of the Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority was called to order by Chairman Bruce Knipe at 7:30 PM. Other Board members in attendance included Keith Weiss, Melvin Wright, John Rankin and Frank Beck. The Authority Manager, James C. Groff; Authority Consultant, Gary Weaver; and Authority Solicitor, Jack D. Wuerstle, Esquire, were also present.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Knipe called for action on the minutes from the Authority's June board meeting. Mr. Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Wright. The motion carried 4-0 (Mr. Rankin abstaining).

As there was no Public Comment, Customer Complaints or Confirmed Appointments, 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 just over 11.6 million gallons (or 55 % of the capacity allowed by DRBC). Sewer system operations were also normal last month, with the new UV system at PWTa now delivered (installation in July/August). The Manager then re-visited Sellersville Borough's offer to sell property adjacent to the PWTa treatment plant, and advised the Board to expect a formal offer letter from PWTa. Once again, the Board expressed no interest.

As to capital projects, Mr. Groff reviewed the status of the Well #1 PFO/PFOA filter and advised the Board that waivers/applications for land development/zoning will soon be submitted to the Township. The Township approved the revised easement. The Solicitor is to prepare. Finally, the Manager discussed the manhole coating project, which has proved highly effective. It is anticipated that another 10-15 manholes will be treated next year, and thereafter more on an as-needed basis.

With respect to current development projects, the Regency remains in the 18-month maintenance period (expires September 2025). Meanwhile, the Johnson Tract, which maintenance period has otherwise expired, has had a walk-through and one-curb-stop still needs repair. Meanwhile, work at the Lohin Tract is complete, with development documents, financial security, and insurance certificates all provided. The Weidner Tract was granted conditional Preliminary Plan approval, while the Schreiner Tract and Quiet Acres projects are moving forward slowly, as are the three (3) Diamond Street connections. Finally, site work has started on the Mason Square project (Silverdale – water only).

In terms of proposed projects, a Preliminary Agreement has been received for the Jasinski project (10 homes w/ both water and sewer) along Highland Park Road.

Thereafter, an Executive Session was held to discuss threatened litigation over allegedly water quality issues.

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

There were no escrow releases.

Under old business, Mr. Groff reviewed the status of the water grant application and advised that the new security doors have been successfully installed.

With no additional business before the Board, Mr. Rankin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 P.M., seconded by Mr. Weiss. The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

John S. Rankin