

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY ON MAY 14, 2025**

The May 14, 2025 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, John Rankin, and Frank Beck. The Authority Manager, James C. Groff, and Authority Consultant, Gary Weaver, were also present. The Authority Solicitor, Jack D. Wuerstle, Esquire, attended remotely.

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

As there was no Public Comment, Confirmed Appointments, or Complaints to discuss, 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 under 11.2 million gallons (or 53 % of the capacity allowed by DRBC). Also, water line flushing is expected to wrap up in the next 7-10 days.

Sewer system operations were also normal last month. Delivery of the new UV system at the PWTa plant should happen in June. The re-rating application for the PWTa plant was sent to PaDEP.

Also, Sellersville Borough is interested in selling some property adjacent to the PWTa treatment plant, however, the land is encumbered and of limited development capacity. Consequently, the Board was not interested in any such purchase. Finally, there has been some discussion of TBA forming a joint authority with Franconia and perhaps transferring some capacity to that new authority.

In terms of 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. Mr. Groff and Mr. Weaver also advised that they have met with proposed conflict counsel (as the Solicitor is conflicting out) to present the application(s) to the Township and/or ZHB. Said counsel, Joseph C. Kuhls, is a well-respected land use attorney from Lansdale with 30+ years of experience. Mr. Rankin made a motion to appoint Mr. Kuhls as conflict counsel for presentation of the aforesaid application(s); Mr. Weiss seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Also, DRBC reviewed the proposed reallocation for increased withdrawal from Well #2 at its May 7th meeting and there were no objections. The proposal is now on DRBC's June 7th hearing agenda for final approval.

With regard to current development projects, the Regency remains in the 18-month maintenance period (expires December 2025). Meanwhile, the Johnson Tract, which maintenance period expires in June 2025, has already had a walk-through and only one-curb-stop needed repair.

Otherwise, work at the Lohin Tract is complete, with development documents, financial security, and insurance certificates all provided. The Weidner Tract has been granted conditional Preliminary Plan approval by the Township. The Burger King is open for business.

The Schreiner Tract and Quiet Acres projects are slowly moving forward. It also appears that the connections to the three (3) Diamond Street properties are moving forward as well. The Pileggi Tract fees/deposits have been received, but not the signed agreement as of yet. Finally, the Mason Square project (Silverdale – water only) is moving forward, with signed agreements received from the developer and the construction agreement already recorded.

There was no executive session.

The Chairman next called for the monthly Treasurer's Report and review of bills. Following presentation by the Assistant Treasurer, Mr. Beck, and subsequent discussion, Mr. Weiss made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and payment of bills; Mr. Rankin seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

There were no escrows releases.

Under old business, Mr. Groff reviewed the status of the water grant application.

Regarding new business, Mr. Groff updated the Board on the status of the new security doors.

With no additional business before the Board, Mr. Beck made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 P.M., seconded by Mr. Rankin. The motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Rankin", is written over a horizontal line.