

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Hulmeville Borough Council was held on the above date at the Borough Hall, 321 Main Street.

Councilmembers Present

Dan Mandolesi, Vice President
Judy Coleman
Edward Preston
Mayor Debbie Mahon
Nick Lodise
Doug Harris

Staff in Attendance

Solicitor Robert DeBias
Treasurer Diane McKairnes
Secretary Dorothy Omietanski
Water & Sewer Kurt Ludwig
Chief, John Baran
Fire Marshal Bill Wheeler

Councilmembers Absent: Thomas Wheeler, President and Sarah Omietanski, Jr. Council

Councilmembers Late to Arrive: Doug Edge 9:35pm

Staff Absent: Water & Sewer Pat Slater

Guests in Attendance: Robin Robinson, Recorder of Deeds, Gail Humphrey, First Deputy Record of Deeds Office, Roger Hedeman, Ira Romberger, Ron Robbins, Ray Johnson and Nick Toth.

Call to Order: Mr. Mandolesi called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Swearing In: Mayor Mahon performed the swearing in of Ed Preston as councilmember for Hulmeville Borough.

Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Harris seconded by Mr. Lodise to approve the minutes of March 3 and 19, 2019 and April 1 and 16, 2019; Motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.

Presentation Record of Deeds: Ms. Robinson introduced herself and explained that she is presenting a project she has been working on since taking office. She discovered record books that date back to 1684 in a storage room. Unfortunately, the books were not preserved properly and are in very bad condition in their current state. She is asking for support from municipalities who would be willing to make a donation toward the project. She is looking for at least a \$1,000 donation which would allow the borough to adopt a book and have the Borough name placed on the book is paying to preserve. Currently they have preserved 250 out of 750 books. The company they are using to preserve the books is located in Vermont and guarantees its work for 500 years.

Public Comment:

- 900 Block Bellevue Ave – Mr. Romberger wanted to bring to council’s attention an ongoing issue with the homes along the 900 Block of Bellevue Ave. He said they have a trailer in the driveway of one of the homes, they rent the homes by the room and are generally a mess. Mayor Mahon explained to Mr. Romberger that there is pending litigation with the owner of the properties and that the Borough is well aware of the issues at hand.
- Ash Trees Memorial Park – Mr. Romberger is concerned with the ash trees along Neshaminy Street. The trees are dead and their branches are intertwined around power lines. Mr. Mandolesi explained that PECO did take down the very large ash tree along Bellevue Ave. Mr. Mandolesi said he would look at the other trees in question and determine what needs to be done.

Police Report:

- Mayor Mahon read the report for the month of April 2019: 18 incident reports, 0 accident reports, 6 assists, 1 EMS call, 3 summary citations, 26 traffic citations, 0 criminal arrests, 1 parking, 10 hours district court and 0-hour county court or total hours worked: 199, Total Salary \$4,852.00.
- Traffic Concerns at Main and Hulme – Chief Baran researched traffic accidents at the corner of Main and Hulme and he found 0 accidents reported going all the way back to 2008. The officers spent 8 1/4 hours sitting in William Penn Fire House parking lot observing the traffic flow. There were no violations issued during their observations and the only concerns they observed were cars in a rush backing out of the coffee house too fast and not looking first.
- Life Insurance – Hulmeville Borough did approve in the budget a reimbursement to the officers for \$100,000 value life insurance. The cost for each officer is as follows: Chief Baran \$227.74 Office Carragher \$205.24 and Officer Dimeo \$192.24.

A motion was made by Mr. Preston and seconded by Mr. Lodise to approve the spending of \$625.22 to reimburse the officers for life insurance; motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.

- Easter Egg Hunt – The Hunt was held on 4/13/17 at 12 noon. The Mayor thanked the Hulmeville Historical Society as well as the Neshaminy Preschool for their efforts.
- 5K Run – The 5K run was held on 4/28/19 starting at 8:30am. The run went very well and Ed Preston plans to expand the participation.
- Comcast Bill – Mayor Mahon is not able to get anyone to return her call regarding the billing statement for Comcast. She asked Ms. McKairnes to copy her on any bills that the Borough receives.

A motion was made by Mr. Lodise and seconded by Mr. Harris to adopt the proposed policy Juvenile Custody Police Policy; motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.

- Dog Incident – Ms. Coleman told the Chief that the dog they have been having issues with was out again running through the neighborhood. The Chief did catch the dog out and has fined the owner. The owner has been fined four times at a cost of \$400 per fine.
- Parade Police Coverage – Hulmeville Police Department will be meeting with Pennel Police Department to coordinate coverage for the parade.
- National Night Out – National Night Out will be held on 8/6/19 and will be coordinated with Pennel Borough this year.
- Senior Citizen Luncheon – The Senior Citizen Luncheon will be held on 5/15/19.
- Dirt Bikes on Main Street – The police did fine the dirt bike owners \$1,000 for illegal driving.
- Barking Dogs – Mr. Romberger asked if there was an ordinance that addresses barking dogs. Chief Baran confirmed that there is an ordinance in place and anyone having an issue should call the non-emergency line of the Hulmeville Police Department so they can address the issue.

Water and Sewer:

- Water Shut Off Policy – To date the Authority has had 8 customers contact them regarding the water shut off policy letter. The Mayor, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Ludwig have met with 5 of the 8 customers and set them up on a payment plan. Three customers have yet to meet to discuss their plan. The accounts left total 19 but 6 of those accounts belong to one person and 3 accounts belong to another person. The next step is to send out another letter after 5/15 to inform those who have an overdue balance that their water will be shut off if they do not contact the Authority. The Authority may adjust this letter to outline what options the customer has available to them to prevent their water from being shut off. Some of these accounts do belong to rental units. Rentals have rights that need to be considered. Rentals have the option of paying the bill and deducting it from their rent. The Authority also wants to notify the rentals of the issue at hand before the door postings, so they have some warning as to what is going to take place.
- Manhole Repairs – To date the Authority received 2 bids for phase two manhole repair project. They are going to send out two more RFQ's hoping to receive one more bid.
- I & I – Mr. Ludwig is very concerned about the discrepancy between what the Borough uses in water and the water going into the sewer system. Typically, 80% of a community's water usage goes into the sewer system. In January the Borough used 1.8 million gallons of water and 5.2 million gallons went into the sewer. In February 1.6 million gallons of water was used and 3.7 million gallons went into the sewer. Because of these concerns Mr. Ludwig is moving up the video inspection of the system. If the video shows that the system is fine the Authority will need to push toward lateral and sump pump inspections. The Authority is currently working on drafting a letter for inspections of residential systems, and will forward the draft to council once they have it together.

Fire Marshal: no report

Zoning:

- Repair Business Bellevue Ave – Mr. Hedeman asked the police or council to investigate the resident again at the corner of Bellevue Ave and Fairview. He is running a business out of his home and the noise from repairing engines is an annoyance. Mr. Preston did confirm that the resident is running a small engine repair business out of his home. Council will have Mr. Wheeler look into the matter.
- Shed on Main Street – Mr. Wheeler stopped by the resident at 6 Main Street who has placed a shed on their driveway. Mr. Wheeler did send them a violation letter.
- Court Case - On April 3, 2019 the Borough was in court regarding issues on the 900 block of Bellevue Ave.
- Shore Club – Senator Tomlinson received a complaint about the noise level coming from the Shore Club. The resident lives on the Bensalem side of the Neshaminy and is concerned about the upcoming year. Senator Tomlinson passed the complaint on to Tina Davis’s office who reached out to Mayor Mahon. Currently, the Shore Club is in the process of changing its business to become a camp. Mr. Wheeler will have further discussions with the Shore Club regarding these matters.

A motion was made by Mr. Lodise and seconded by Mr. Preston to accept the zoning report from Mr. Wheeler; motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.

Borough Property:

- Landscape Bid – Mayor Mahon did receive one estimate for landscaping work that needs to be completed in the Borough. The work would consist of clearing the soccer field cutting back growth by 20 feet, the playground perimeter, the rain garden, front sign bed at Borough Hall and around the new lights. The price they provided for the work was \$3,600. Mr. Mandolesi will try to secure a few more bids before proceeding.
- Maid Service – A cleaning company has been secured to clean Borough Hall. Mayor Mahon submitted a quote for monthly cleaning at \$100/month.

A motion was made by Mr. Lodise and seconded by Mr. Preston to hire Custom Maid Cleaning and Carpet Cleaning to clean Borough Hall at a cost of \$100/ month; motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.

- Floors in Foyer – The floors in the foyer area of Borough Hall are in need of stripping, sealing and waxing. Mayor Mahon received a quote for the work from Custom Maid totaling \$375 for the work.

A motion was made by Mr. Lodise and seconded by Mr. Preston to have the floors in the foyer area of Borough Hall be stripped, sealed and waxed by Custom Maid Cleaning and Carpet Cleaning at a cost of \$375.00; motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.

Lights: no report

Trash:

- Bins for Parade – Mr. Lodise will order 50 disposable trash bins for the parade.

Streets:

- Potholes – Mr. Lodise is aware there are a few potholes in need of filling in the Borough.
- Walnut Street - Mr. Preston told council that Walnut Street is in need of repaving. Mr. Lodise will talk to Mr. Wheeler regarding what streets are due for paving.

Finance:

- Budget – Mr. Harris has the budget and will be reviewing the first quarter.

Personnel: no report

Jr Council Member: no report

MS4:

- Committee Meeting – Gilmore and Associates completed an actual walk through the sediment reduction project areas. The Engineers now agree that the project at Ford and Zimmerman is the best project for the Borough.
- Newsletter – Mayor Mahon is looking for ideas for the summer newsletter.

TMDL / BMP's: Permit years 2018-2022 – items that need to be accomplished over the next 5 years.

- TMDL No1: encouraged riparian forest buffers for all residents along the creek
- TMDL No 2: conduct site inspections to encourage storm water control measures
- TMDL No 3: installation of 2 deciduous trees in open space or within the borough proper
- TMDL No 4: reduce infiltration
- TMDL No 5: modify basins for increased infiltration reduction
- TMDL No 7: encouraged home owners to install rain barrels
- TMDL No 8: additional provisions:
 - Continued with the 4 leaf pick-ups through the fall/winter season
 - Sump Pump inspection enforcement
 - Decide on sediment reduction project

Floodplain:

- Letter to Floodplain Residents – Each property owner in the floodplain area will be contacted with the request of doing a property inventory.
- Old Colonial Inn has cleared trees in the floodplain/open space behind its establishment. Zoning officer is working on the violation as this is not yet cleaned up.

Expenses Totaled:	\$ -29,018.30
Income Totaled:	\$ 46,647.66
Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of April 30, 2019:	\$ 36,578.03
• Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of March 1, 2019:	\$ 353,895.40
Interest	\$ 0
Deposit	\$ 626.68
Expense	\$ - 30,000.00
Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of March 31, 2019:	\$ 324,522.08
• Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of March 1, 2019:	\$ 41,898.77
Interest	\$ 0
Deposit	\$ 65.69
Expenses	\$ -10,993.73
Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of March 31, 2019:	\$ 30,970.73
• General Fund PLGIT Balance as of March 1, 2019:	\$ 200,967.76
Interest	\$ 0
Deposits	\$ 383.07
Expenses Total:	\$ 0
General Fund PLGIT Balance as of March 31, 2019:	\$ 201,350.83

Bills: A copy of the bill list dated May 6, 2019 was provided to Council and offered for review by the public. Note 4 bills for Gilmore and Assoc totaling \$16,568.59 and 1 bill for Armour and Sons totaling \$3211.24 was added.

• General Fund beginning balance as of April 30, 2019:	\$ 231,822.57
ending balance as of May 6, 2019:	\$ 188,140.26
• Sewer & Water beginning balance as of April 30, 2019:	\$ 37,996.13
ending balance as of May 10, 2019:	\$ 5,580.68
• Highway Aid beginning balance as of May 6, 2019:	\$ 30,394.84
ending balance as of May 6, 2019:	\$ 30,394.84

A motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Preston and carried unanimously to approve the bill list dated May 6, 2019; motion carries 6-0-0.

Correspondence: none

New Business:

- EIT – Mayor Mahon was forwarded a message from Nancy Wheeler from a resident who is confused about the EIT. She works in Middletown Township and has been paying EIT but now that Hulmeville is collecting it as well she is not sure what she should be paying to whom. Mayor Mahon will contact the resident.

Old Business: none

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm; motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Edge; carried 6-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,
Hulmeville Borough Secretary