

**Work Session Meeting Minutes  
June 18, 2019**

A work session of the Hulmeville Borough Council was held on the above date at the Borough Hall, 321 Main Street.

**Councilmembers Present:** Thomas Wheeler, President, Dan Mandolesi Vice President, Judy Coleman, Doug Harris, Mayor Mahon and Doug Edge.

**Councilmember's Absent:** Ed Preston and Sarah Omietanski, Jr. Council Person.

**Councilmember's Late to Arrive:** Nick Lodise

**Other's in Attendance:** Solicitor Robert DeBias and Secretary Dorothy Omietanski.

**Call to Order:** Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Solicitor Report:**

- Ed Preston – Mr. Preston is not attending the meeting tonight due to the fact that his daughter just had a baby girl.
- Right to Know – Mr. DeBias distributed a RTKL Guide for Law Enforcement Agencies to all of council as well as the secretary and police chief.
- Sunshine Act – Mr. DeBias distributed information on Pennsylvania's Sunshine Act to all council.
- Trash Bid Package – Mr. DeBias emailed all of council a copy of the 2014 trash bid package for them to review. The goal is to authorize advertising for bids at the August council meeting. Council needs to consider how many years they are advertising for. In 2014, council advertised for 3- and 5-year bids.
- Court Case – Mr. DeBias and Mr. Wheeler went to court in Doylestown regarding the homes on Bellevue Ave. The judge heard the case but did not make a ruling. They were told they would have a decision by the judge in 3-5 days. They have received no information yet. Chief Baran will follow up with the judge when he is in Doylestown tomorrow.

Note Mr. Lodise arrived 7:50pm

Mr. Edge inquired if there was any other way the council could put pressure on the owner? Could Council place a lien on the owners' residents? It was also brought to councils' attention that Woodruff did contact Ms. Slater regarding the outstanding water and sewer bill.

- Main Street Construction – There will be a preconstruction meeting next week and Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Mandolesi plan to be in attendance. Thursday the Main Street construction contract will be signed. Ms. Coleman asked why the prices were so high. Mr.

DeBias explained that the time of year being summer dictates a higher price due to higher demand for work in summer verse other times of the year.

- Renaming Praul Street – Mr. DeBias confirmed with council that they would like to proceed with renaming Praul Street. He will draft a resolution to be passed and signed at the July meeting. Mr. Preston has offered to pay for the cost of making a new sign and he just needs to be provided specs. Mr. Lodise said he would contact Mr. Preston to let him know what the specs should be for the new sign.

### **Mayor:**

- Flyer – The Mayor created a flyer addressing the bicycling swerving and fireworks issues. The flyers will be hand delivered door to door by the police department as well as by council members. Mr. DeBias talked to Judge Gallagher in Bensalem regarding these two issues. He told Mr. DeBias that Bensalem is having difficulties with both issues too. They have been having kids on bikes riding in the middle of roadways and swerving into cars. The police are trying to crack down on the bikers, however they have been told never to chase a child on a bike. Police are encouraging residents and drivers to take pictures of the kids and the police will take them to the local schools to try to track down the children involved. The fireworks are also a hard issue for police. It is very hard to catch anyone in the act of setting off the fireworks. Bensalem decided anyone injured from fireworks will be given a maximum fine when they report the injury.
- Newsletter – The newsletter is printed and will go into the mail this week.
- Stormwater Issue – There is a stormwater issue that Mayor Mahon will address with a resident on Green Street. She has a tentative meeting set up for tomorrow after 4 and was hoping someone else from the stormwater committee could go with her to talk to the resident. Mr. Harris volunteered to attend if he can.
- Mayor of the Year – The Mayor of Pennel received Mayor of the Year award. Mayor Mahon is going to write a letter of congratulations to him.

### **Budget:**

- Printer – Mr. Harris reminded Ms. Omietanski that there is money in the budget this year for a new printer as well as a new laptop.
- 2020 Budget – Mr. Harris told council to start thinking about next years budget. Mr. Wheeler feels it is time for the exterior of Borough Hall to be repainted. Mr. Mandolesi also said there are two windows that are in need of replacement as well as a mold issue in the basement that needs to be resolved. Mr. Mandolesi also suggested adding a sump pump to the basement in case a pipe bursts it would save all the heating air-conditioning units from getting water damage.
- EIT – Mr. Mandolesi inquired into the status of the EIT. He was wondering if the Borough collected enough revenue to cut the percentage back to a half. Mr. Harris explained that the true numbers will not be in until October this year. Any changes to the percentage would need to be made by December 1. Mayor Mahon hesitates on doing anything to the rate yet until the stormwater project is finalized. The stormwater project is going to be very expensive and the borough is only on the very initial planning stages still. Council all

agreed that they need to be very thrifty in spending money and not overspend just because tax money is available through EIT.

**New Business:**

- Pigmy Goats – A resident has approached Mr. Wheeler regarding owning pigmy goats as a pet in Hulmeville. Council Googled what the animal looks like. Council all agreed to have the resident put together information on the goats and present it to council in an upcoming meeting and then they can make a determination.

**Old Business:**

- Software – Mr. Wheeler apologizes in that he forgot to invite Inverse Paradox to the meeting tonight. He will contact them and invite them to attend the August work session. He again stressed the importance of members of council being prepared to outline exactly what they want the software to track.
- Soccer Fields – Mr. Mandolesi did meet with Boone regarding the soccer fields. Mr. Mandolesi observed one issue that needs to be addressed. The soccer club has spare nets that they keep the nets off to the side of the field. The soccer club needs to move these nets every week so that the lawn service can cut all areas of the field. Right now, they tend to leave them in one spot allowing the grass around the nets to grow too high to cut. Mr. Mandolesi also does not understand why the field needs clearing. There is at least thirty feet of extra land cleared off the actual soccer playing field. Mayor Mahon clarified that it is not the soccer club that is complaining; it is the residents. The residents want the area cleared so they can walk in areas they use to be able to walk in. Mayor Mahon pointed out that there is a sign that marks just how far back the growth needs to be cleared. Mayor Mahon reminded Mr. Mandolesi that the growth they clear also needs to be taken away.
- Republic – Mr. Lodise informed council that Republic was requesting a copy of the current contract. Ms. Omietanski confirmed that she took care of that matter about a month ago.

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm; motion made by Mr. Mandolesi and seconded by Mr. Harris; carried 6-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski  
Hulmeville Borough Secretary