

**Work Session Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2020**

A work session of the Hulmeville Borough Council was held on the above date via Zoom. This meeting was advertised in the Courier Times, notice was posted at the Borough Hall and on the Borough website.

Roll call was taken by Dorothy Omietanski

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

Councilmembers Absent: Stanley Omietanski, Jr. Council Person, Sarah Omietanski, Jr. Council Person

Councilmembers Late: Doug Edge and Nick Lodise

Others in Attendance: Solicitor Robert DeBias, Secretary Dorothy Omietanski, Fire Marshal Bill Wheeler, Chief Baran, Sheri Wheeler and Malik Anibaba with PennDOT.

Call to Order: Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Wheeler Stated: We are holding this meeting by zoom pursuant to Senate Bill SB814, passed as Act 15 of 2020 as a result of the Emergency Declaration issued by Governor Wolf and the stay at home and shelter in place orders that have been issued by Governor Wolf. This meeting was advertised in the Courier Times and notice was posted at the Borough Hall and on the Borough Website. This meeting is being recorded and will be placed on the Borough Website. A draft of the minutes will promptly be placed on the website as well.

Public Comment: none

PennDOT: Malik Anibaba was invited to attend the Council work session meeting to explain PennDOT recommendations regarding pedestrian restriction at the corner of Trenton and Main. Mr. Anibaba explained that PennDOT only wants to restrict the crossing on the upper side of Main Street due to the fact that there are no sidewalks along Main Street on the North side of the street. Pedestrians will be allowed to cross on the south side of Main Street. After discussion Council agreed with PennDOT's recommendations. Mr. DeBias will send an email to Mr. Anibaba stating that council agrees with the recommendations made. PennDOT will pay for and maintain two signs that will be posted at the Northwest and Northeast corners of Trenton and Main stating that pedestrian crossing is restricted on that side of Main Street.

7:45 Mr. Edge arrived

Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi and seconded by Mr. Harris that Council agrees to the recommendations made by PennDOT to install two no pedestrian crossing signs at the corners at north side of Trenton and Main; motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

Solicitor:

- Parking Lot Bids – The bids for the Borough parking lot will be opened on 6/23 at 7pm at the Borough Hall pavilion.
- July Meetings – Bucks County should be moving to green on 6/26 and council needs to decide if it will conduct meetings for July in person or remain on Zoom. Bensalem Township did start in person meetings on June 10. Bensalem Township is not providing face masks, but is requiring them to be worn. Anyone from the public who wants to attend the meeting is required to complete a health questionnaire before arriving, which the residents can download from the township’s website. The questionnaire will be reviewed as well as the resident’s temperature taken before the resident is allowed to enter the building. Once in the building they will need to wait in the lobby and will be called in one at a time into the meeting room.
- Declaration of Emergency - Under Act 15 as long as there is a Declaration of Emergency council can continue to hold Zoom meetings. Council agreed to hold both July Council meetings via Zoom.

Police Department:

- Body Cam Policy – Chief Baran distributed the body cam policy to the police committee for review.
- Use of Force Policy – Mayor Mahon reviewed the current Use of Force policy and feels that some of the wording used should be made more clearly. The current policy does not specify use of force. She would like the police committee to go back and review this policy.
- Mayor Mahon read the following statement:

In the wake of protests held around the country over police brutality and police killings, Mayor Debbie Mahon and Police Chief John Baran are reviewing the Use of Force Policy adopted by Hulmeville Borough for the Hulmeville Borough Police Department in December of 2018. These discussions are for the safety of all department officers and the public at large. We will be reviewing all changes with council members and welcome input from community members.

Added by Council person Judy Coleman: In addition, we support NAACP's position that we are against racism and the unjust killing of black Americans by law enforcement.

- Speed Limit Signs – Chief Baran distributed results from May regarding speed of cars on Main Street and Bellevue Ave. This month he is running the signs in spy mode to see if the speed of cars changes.
- License Plate Readers – The license plate readers have been installed on the police car, and next Saturday the car camera will be installed.
- Lysol Wipes – The Police Department is in desperate need of Lysol Wipes. If anyone sees them available in a store please buy them and the Police Department will reimburse

the cost. Mr. Edge will forward Chief Baran information on the method he uses at work for sanitizing the aircraft cockpit.

Stormwater & Floodplain:

- Mayor Mahon discussed the MS4 permit with Amanda from Gilmore and Assoc. According to Amanda the DEP has made no stipulations with regards to public outreach during COVID. The Mayor will include the Easter day event and the plant distribution as public outreach on the MS4 permit.

Emergency Management:

- Green Phase – Fire Marshal Wheeler confirmed that Bucks County is expected to move to the green phase on 6/26. This past week the county has stopped reporting information as it did in the past. He reminded people that in green please you still need to wear masks and maintain social distance.

8:45 Nick Lodise arrived

- Oil Spill – Fire Marshal Wheeler confirmed that the oil spill has been cleaned up. The clean up took one hour to complete. According to the remediation company the soil samples showed barley any signs of contamination.
- Inspections – Fire Marshal Wheeler has resumed inspections.
- Fire Pit Ordinance – Ms. Coleman noticed on the website that residents could receive up to \$1,000 fine for using a fire pit. Fire Marshal Wheeler will review the policies and fines other municipalities have set and will present his findings at a future council meeting.

Finance:

- Budget Meeting – Mr. Harris is waiting for the end of June finance numbers to be added to his reports and then he will schedule a budget meeting for July.

New Business:

- Main Street – Mr. Mandolesi told council that he received an anonymous call regarding dumping of oil into the catch basin along Main Street. Fire Marshal Wheeler will examine the area and determine if it is something that requires clean up. Mr. Edge also suggested sending letters to all residents around the area of Main and Reetz to remind them that it is against the law to dump items like oil anywhere. Such items should be disposed of properly.

Old Business:

- Curb Repairs – PennDOT advised Mr. Wheeler that PennDOT needs to begin paving Main St and Bellevue Ave by September 1 at the latest. They cannot delay the work another year. Given that information along with the fact that our residents are financially stressed due to the pandemic, Mr. Wheeler is recommending council not proceed with the curb replacement project. Council does not have enough time. Just advertising and collecting bids takes at least a month and a half to complete. Mr. Harris is concerned council is setting a bad precedent for future curb repairs. Mayor Mahon suggested sending a letter to all residents on Main and Bellevue informing them of the necessary curb repairs on their property that need to be completed and to encourage them if they can afford it to have the work done promptly so that it is completed before September 1, 2020. Mr. Wheeler will forward the request for an extension to PennDOT. Fire Marshal Wheeler will post the Borough ordinance regarding the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain curbs and sidewalks. Mr. Edge, Ms. Coleman, and Mr. Lodise will work together to get the letters written and distributed.
- 111 Green Street – The owner of 111 Green Street is now requesting permission to demolish the current house, merge the two lots, subdivide the merged property into two lots, and to build a residence on each lot. The home is in the historical district so the owner would need to start with HARP. Then a demolition permit would need to go through BIU. A recommendation by consensus of council was made to have the owner provide a sketch plan to HARP and council illustrating the proposal subdivision and construction before demolishing the house.
- Spotted Lantern Bugs – Ms. Coleman spotted a Spotted Lantern Bug in her yard and reported it.
- Police Computer – Mr. Toth is in discussion with Dell regarding the police computer to insure the computer is compatible with the speed limit signs.
- MuniLogic – MuniLogic was scheduled to attend the April council meeting but was cancelled due to COVID. Mr. Wheeler will call them and reschedule MuniLogic to come to another meeting.
- Plgit Card – Mr. Harris will fill out the paperwork for the Plgit credit card. Council needs to assign access and set limits. A resolution and a policy need to be set. Council asked Mr. Harris to see if the auditor has access to a policy the auditor approves and we could use. Council agreed that Ms. Omietanski and Chief Baran should both have a card.

Correspondence: none

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm; motion made by Mr. Lodise and seconded by Mr. Mandolesi.; carried 7-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski
Secretary Hulmeville Borough