

# HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2021

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

### **Councilmembers Present**

Dan Mandolesi, Vice President  
Doug Harris  
Nicholas Toth  
Nick Lodise

### **Staff in Attendance**

Robert DeBias, Solicitor  
John Baran, Chief of Police  
Debbie Mahon, Mayor  
Secretary Dorothy Omietanski  
Diane McKairnes, Treasurer  
William Wheeler, Fire Marshall/Borough Manager

**Councilmembers Absent:** Thomas Wheeler, President, Doug Edge and Judy Coleman

**Councilmembers Late to Arrive:** none

**Staff Absent:** Kurt Ludwig, Water Authority

**Guests in Attendance:** Sheri Wheeler and Jim Pio

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

### **Minutes:**

**Motion made by Mr. Harris seconded by Mr. Lodise to approve the minutes of August 2 and 17, 2021; Motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.**

**Public Comment:** none

### **Police Report:**

- Police Report - Mayor Mahon read the report for the month of August 2021: 17 Incidents, 3 Accidents, 5 Assists, 2 EMS, 10 Court, 0 Summary Citations, 45 Traffic Citations, 0 Criminal Arrests, 0 Parking and 0 Court for a total hour worked: 217, Total Salary \$5,647.00
- Damaged Solar Panel – Mayor Mahon would like to recommend that council approve the expenditure of \$357 to replace a damaged solar panel to the speed limit sign on Bellevue Ave.

**Motion made by Mr. Lodise and seconded by Mr. Harris to approve the purchase of a new solar panel to replace the damaged one for the speed limit sign on Bellevue Ave at a cost of \$357; motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.**

- RDA Grant Considerations – Mayor Mahon would like to recommend council consider the grant proposals for 3 AED's at a cost of \$5,286.00 and a police truck at a cost of \$67,084.82. The truck cost includes everything but a license plate reader. All bids were done through Costars.
- Ghost Tour – Police officers will be on duty Friday and Saturday nights the month of October during the ghost tours to assist.

**Fire Marshal:** no report

**Emergency Management Coordinator:** no report

**Water and Sewer:** no report

**Borough Property:** no report

**Trash:** no report

**Lights:** no report

**Streets:**

- Paving of Main Street – Morrissey did come out and made an attempt to fix the paving issue on Main Street. Council is concerned that they may have made it worse.

**Personnel:**

- Barry Isett Associates – Barry Isett sent a copy of their agreement to Mr. Debias. Their services are at a fixed rate of \$85 per hour and they do not charge for travel or phone calls. Their services are when requested and cover property maintenance, zoning administration, rental inspections, code enforcement and commercial property fire inspections. The Boroughs main contact persons will be Caitlin Mest and Mike Italia. Bill Wheeler will put together a list of issues in the Borough and will track the progress of resolution through a HITS list he has developed.

**Motion made by Mr. Harris and seconded by Mr. Toth to authorize Mr. Wheeler to sign a contract with Barry Islet for professional services in the area of zoning and code enforcement; motion passed with all in favor  
4-0-0.**

**Zoning:** no report

**Finance:**

- 2022 Budget – The major increases in the 2022 budget are the Borough Manager position, setting aside money for building repairs and maintenance and changing lawn maintenance to property maintenance. The budget will be approved to advertise at the November meeting for adoption in the December meeting.

**MS4:**

- Newsletter – Mayor Mahon is asking that stamps be purchased in advance for the next newsletter. She will need 500 stamps at a cost of \$280. The newsletters will be mailed by September 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Hurricane Ida – As reported by NOAA, unofficially, during Hurricane Ida, the Neshaminy Creek crested at 20.84 feet on Thursday morning September 2, 2021. The Mayor declared a storm emergency for Hulmeville Borough. Both PEMA and FEMA along with Bucks County Emergency Management came to visit the borough to assess the damage. Hulmeville Borough residents and businesses that were affected have submitted information towards this assessment. Those who have not yet participated in this assessment can do so through [www.BucksCounty.gov](http://www.BucksCounty.gov) web site under their Hurricane Ida updates link. The emergency alert system did fail the residents in providing warning of the pending flooding. The mayor stressed the

importance of having all residents sign up for emergency alerts at ReadyBucks [www.BucksCounty.gov](http://www.BucksCounty.gov) under their emergency alerts link. The government did declare a natural disaster for our area.

**TMDL / BMP's:** Permit years 2018-2022 – DEP will be doing permit inspections. Samantha Brinker from Gilmore and Associates will keep us informed of that inspection. Due to Covid-19, this has been postponed.

- 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
  - Lawn and garden pick up 4/1-12/1 weekly

**Floodplain:** no report

**Storm Water:** no report

**Mayor:**

- Memorial Park Honor Roll – Mayor Mahon still needs to have a follow up meeting with Ed Preston regarding the memorial park honor roll.
- Road Closure Signs – There was a big issue with people ignoring the barriers set up through town during hurricane Ida. The Mayor is going to have signs created that state “Road Closed Residents Only”.
- 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee – The last 150<sup>th</sup> meeting was held via zoom on September 2, 2021. Help is still needed for the Ghost Tours that will be run every Friday and Saturday night in the month of October. As of September 7, 2021 the 5K and Popup Beer Gardens and Food Trucks events are still being planned to be held at the Neshaminy Shore Picnic Park even though they sustained damage from Ida.

**Solicitor Report:**

- Snow and Ice Bids – There were no snow and ice bids received. The current snow removal company is not interested in renewing the contract. Council can either re-advertise or try to secure an intergovernmental agreement with Middletown Township. Council agreed to allow Mr. Wheeler to contact Middletown Township and wait till the work session to decide if council should re-advertise.
- RDA Request for Payment – Mr. DeBias would like to hold off until the work session to request payment for the RDA grants for William Penn Fire Co and Hulmeville Borough.
- 2022 RDA Grant Applications – The grants council is considering for the 2022 application are the electronic sign for William Penn Fire Co, Borough Hall window replacement, AED’s and a police truck for the police department. Council agreed the order of importance when presenting the applications to the RDA is first the AED’s, then Borough Hall, after that WPFC and last the police truck.

**Motion made by Mr. Lodise and seconded by Mr. Harris to authorize the applications for RDA grants for William Penn Fire Co electronic sign, Borough Hall window replacement, AED’s and a police truck for the police department; motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report for September 13, 2021 was made available for inspection:

• <b>General Fund Checking</b> Balance as of August 1, 2021:	\$ 352,174.32
Expenses Totaled:	\$ -30,825.33
Income Totaled:	<u>\$ 46,413.74</u>
General Fund Checking Balance as August 31, 2021:	<b>\$ 367,762.73</b>
• <b>Sewer Fund Checking</b> Balance as of August 1, 2021:	\$ 46,931.66
Expenses Totaled:	\$ -19,566.63
Income Toted:	<u>\$ 49,938.21</u>
Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of August 31, 2021:	<b>\$ 49,938.21</b>
• <b>Sewer Fund PLGIT</b> Balance as of July 1, 2021:	\$ 227,765.26
Interest	\$ 4.30
Deposit	\$ 0
Expenses	<u>\$ 7,000.00</u>
Sewer PLGIT Balance as of August 31, 2021:	<b>\$ 220,769.56</b>
• <b>Highway Aid PLGIT</b> Balance as of July 15, 2021:	\$ 72,101.57
Interest	\$ 1.39
Deposit	\$ 0
Expenses	<u>\$ -36.57</u>
Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of August 31, 2021:	<b>\$ 72,066.39</b>
• <b>General Fund PLGIT</b> Balance as of July 15, 2021:	\$ 636,866.03
Interest	\$ 14.16
Deposits	\$ 28,099.00
Expenses Total:	<u>\$ 23,145.19</u>
General Fund PLGIT Balance as of August 31, 2021:	<b>\$ 641,832.61</b>

**Bills:** A copy of the bill list dated September 3, 2021 was provided to Council and offered for review by the public. Nick Toth has offered his assistance in trying to figure out the different internet charges and trying to reduce the cost.

• <b>General Fund</b> beginning balance as of August 31, 2021:	\$ 363,598.38
ending balance as of September 29, 2021:	\$ 140,926.95
• <b>Sewer &amp; Water</b> beginning balance as of August 31, 2021:	\$ 51,452.61
ending balance as of September 10, 2021:	\$ 28,435.07
• <b>Highway Aid PLGIT</b> Balance as of September 3, 2021:	\$ 72,086.86

**A motion made by Mr. Harris seconded by Mr. Lodise and carried unanimously to approve the bill list dated September 3, 2021; Motion carries 4-0-0.**

**Correspondence:** none

**New Business:**

- PLGIT Credit Card Account – Mr. Harris would like to add Diane McKairnes and Bill Wheeler to the account to be able to view the credit card charges. The suggestion will be placed on the agenda for the work session.
- E Waste Recycling Event – Penndel is hosting an e waste recycling event on October 2, 2021 from 9 am – noon at Our Lady of Grace School parking lot. The information will be posted on the Borough website.
- Shred Event – Tina Davis is hosting a shred event on September 25, 2021.

**Old Business:**

- American Rescue Plan – The borough has received half of the moneys from the American Rescue Plan which total \$52,987.00. Council suggested using the funds for the water meter replacements which cost \$66,000. Council will place it on the agenda to discuss at the work session.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm; motion made by Mr. Harris seconded by Mr. Lodise.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,  
Hulmeville Borough Secretary

