

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2022

The regular monthly meeting 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
Jim Pio
Nick Toth

Staff in Attendance

Debbie Mahon, Mayor
Diane McKairnes, Treasurer
Dorothy Omietanski, Secretary
Robert DeBias, Solicitor
John Baran, Chief of Police
Kurt Ludwig, Water and Sewer President

Councilmembers Absent: none

Councilmembers Late to Arrive: Nick Lodise

Staff Absent: William Wheeler, Fire Marshall/Borough Manager

Guests in Attendance: Sheri Wheeler, Valerie Myers, Marce Heald, Sandy Carroll, Jackie Carroll, Lynda Jones, John Cost, Carol Jasuda, Matthew Anderson, Martin Bradley, Patricia Taggart

Call to Order: Tom Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Debbie requested that the moment of silence taken for Ukraine be added to the work session minutes.

Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Harris to approve the minutes of March 7 and 15, 2022 with one addition; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

Public Comment:

- Black Property Development -Sandy and Jackie Carroll along with other residents came to the meeting to hear more regarding the development of the Black property. They are not happy with what they heard at the informational meeting held at William Penn Fire House the week prior. Tom Wheeler did explain that this matter has been discussed for years and the Borough did everything they could to try to keep the property as open space. Open Space came about in the early 2000's, however the grants were more targeted to upper Bucks County. Hulmeville was only able to secure \$115,000 which would not be near enough money. Ms. Coleman even organized a group to try to research into ways to raise enough money and were not successful. The last developer pulled out of the deal due to an issue with access, however they did not own the pallet company at that time.

Note Nick Lodise arrived 7:41pm

To date the developer has not asked for any variances. Currently they are working on surveying the property and conducting a traffic study. The traffic study will be done by PennDOT. A traditional neighborhood is designed to offer a variety of housing including apartments. Any variances the developer may have will go to the Zoning Hearing Board. If either party is unsatisfied with the results,

they can appeal the decision to the county. Mr. Pio told the group that he is going to push for an Environmental Impact Study. No one on council wanted the land developed but the Borough could never secure enough money to purchase the property from the Black family.

Police Report:

- Police Report - Mayor Mahon read the report for the month of March 2022: 15 Incidents, 1 Accidents, 5 Assists, 2 EMS, 14 Court, 0 Summary Citations, 31 Traffic Citations, 0 Criminal Arrests, 3 Parking and 0 Court for a total hour worked: 202 Total Salary \$6553.69.
- Authorize Weapon Policy – Mr. Pio had a few minor adjustments to the policy so Chief Baran will make the changes and resend the policy. Council will vote on the policy at the work session. Ms. Coleman did inquire about concealed weapons. Due to the sensitivity of the information Chief Baran will explain when and why police officers carry them after the meeting adjourns.
- Complaint Form – Ms. Coleman inquired as to who the complaint form impacts does it include council? For example Mayor Mahon explained that the form is open to all employees, and elected officials. Mayor Mahon will make the language clearer and will redistribute to council for approval at the work session.
- Easter Egg Hunt – Chief Baran requested approval to spend no more than \$200 on candy for the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi and seconded by Mr. Lodise to approve Chief Baran spending no more than \$200 on candy for the annual Easter Egg Hunt; motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

- Upcoming Events – There are three upcoming events for April. The Easter Egg Hunt on April 16th at 12 noon, Run for the Fallen on April 24th at 9 am starting and ending in Penndel and Drug Take Back Event on April 30th from 10am to 2pm at the William Penn Fire House. The Drug Take Back will be a drive thru event and they do accept pet medications and syringes.
- Thank You – Ms. McKairnes wanted to thank Officer Carragher for assisting her family with the clean-up at the end of Main Street.
- Ammo Purchase – Chief Baran requested approval to purchase 9mm duty ammo at a cost of \$269.39/case, 9mm practice ammo at a cost of \$199/case and .223 ammo at a cost of \$310/case for a total of 3000 rounds at a total cost of \$778.39. Ms. Taggart inquired as to how long this ammo will last the officers. Mayor Mahon confirmed that the ammo will last roughly two years.

Motion made by Mr. Pio and seconded by Mr. Harris to approve the purchase of 1,000 9mm duty ammo at a cost of \$269.39/case, 1,000 9mm practice ammo at a cost of \$199/case and 1,000 .223 ammo at a cost of \$310/case for a total of 3000 rounds at a total cost of \$778.39; motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

Mayor: no report

150th Committee:

- Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held at Borough Hall and will also be able to be accessed on Zoom on Wednesday at 7:30pm.

Storm Water/Floodplain/MS4:

- Tree Purchase – Mayor Mahon will be picking up the preapproved tree purchase from the PA Horticultural Society at a cost of \$275.00. She will be picking up 5 trees in total. The trees will be planted as part of an Earth Day Event, which will be held at the recreation field, on Saturday April 23rd. If anyone is available to assist her with digging holes for the trees, she will be doing that on April 22nd at 6pm.

- Thank You – Mayor Mahon wanted to thank the county as well as local families like the Wheelers and McKairnes for helping to keep our community clean.
- Chapter 94 – Mayor Mahon gave Ms. Omietanski the Chapter 94 report and requested she scan and email it to Gilmore and Mr. Ludwig. Mr. Ludwig noted he does have a complete copy of the report should Gilmore need it.
- Newsletter – Mayor Mahon will be printing the newsletter this weekend. Ms. Omietanski requested a note regarding curbing your dogs be in the newsletter. Mr. Lodise suggested mentioning the brick the Borough purchased in memory of Hulmeville veterans. Ms. Taggart would like to mention the Garden Tour and will provide something to Mayor Mahon before the weekend. Mayor Mahon also stated she could always use help folding and stamping the newsletters.
- Lawn and Garden Cutting Pick Up – Mayor Mahon wanted to remind the community that lawn and garden cuttings will now be picked up by Leck weekly till December.

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

Borough Manager: no report

Fire Marshal: no report

Emergency Management Coordinator: no report

Zoning/ Code Enforcement: no report

Water and Sewer:

- Meter Replacement – The Authority was able to secure a COSTAR company for the meter replacement so they should be able to vote on proceeding at this month's meeting.
- Pipe Lining – Carroll Engineering found a COSTAR company who is able to complete the lining work for a little more than twice the original cost. Carroll Engineering will be attending the April meeting where the project will be discussed and hopefully voted on.
- BCWSA – According to Carroll Engineering this is not the first time Aqua has tried to purchase BCWSA. They have wanted to purchase the system for some time now. Mr. Ludwig will continue to inquire about the possible sale.
- BCWSA Filling from Hydrant – Mr. Mandolesi wanted to bring to the attention of council that he has witnessed a BCWSA truck using the hydrant at Michelle Court to fill their trucks.

Borough Property:

- Window Replacement Project – Mr. Wheeler would like to advertise for bids for the building window replacement project this month so that council could review the bids at the May 2nd meeting and award the project at the May 17th work session. Mr. DeBias will send Ms. Omietanski the advertisement. The advertisement must be in the 19th and 22nd papers at the latest. It must be advertised twice. Mr. Mandolesi will also contact Mary Johnson and show her a sample window for her approval.

Motion made by Mr. Lodise and seconded by Mr. Harris to advertise for bids for the building window replacement project; motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

- Air Tech – Mr. Mandolesi received a quote from Air Tech for a maintenance agreement on the heating and air-conditioning systems. The contract is for two times a year at a cost of \$1,450 per visit. Mr. Mandolesi believes this is a little expensive and would like to try to receive a few more quotes.
- Weed Control Maintenance – Mr. Mandolesi signed the agreement with Green-Up for weed control at Borough Hall. Green-Up did confirm that they will post a sign 24 hours in advanced to treatment and block the area for 12 hours after treatment.
- Lawn Maintenance – The new lawn maintenance company asked if the grass between the church and the parking lot belongs to the church or to Borough. Tom Wheeler confirmed that he believes it belongs to the church. Tom Wheeler also asked if possible if the lawn maintenance could cut the soccer fields on Thursdays or Fridays which is preferred by Hulmeville Soccer Club.
- Tile Cleaning – Tom Wheeler would like to hire Fresh and Clean to strip, clean and polish the tile floors in the police station as well as the entrance to Borough Hall. The total cost for the work is \$95.

Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi and seconded by Mr. Lodise to hire Fresh and Clean to strip, clean and polish the tile floors at Borough Hall; motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

- Front Steps Borough Hall – Ms. Taggart informed council the front steps of Borough Hall are starting to break apart. The stucco face is coming off.

Trash: no report

Lights: no report

Streets: no report

Personnel: no report

Finance: no report

Solicitor Report:

- Ratify Actions Taken at Work Session – Mr. DeBias asked council to adopt and ratify all actions taken at the March 15, 2022 work session.

Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi and seconded by Mr. Lodise to ratify all actions taken at the March 15-2022 work session; motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report for April 4, 2022 was made available for inspection:

• General Fund Checking Balance as of March 1, 2022:	\$ 172,400.60
Expenses Totaled:	\$ -26,767.93
Income Totaled:	\$ <u>20,666.06</u>
General Fund Checking Balance as March 31, 2022:	\$ 166,298.73
• Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of March 1, 2022:	\$ 50,803.49
Expenses Totaled:	\$ -21,744.84
Income Toted:	\$ <u>4,185.70</u>
Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of March 31, 2022:	\$ 33,244.35
• Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of March 1, 2022:	\$ 220,783.36
Interest Totaled:	\$ 6.59
Deposit Totaled:	\$ 0
Expense Totaled:	\$ <u>0</u>
Sewer Fund PLGIT Balances as of March 31, 2022:	\$ 220,789.95
• Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of February 1, 2022:	\$ 63,261.29
Interest Totaled:	\$ 2.59
Deposit Totaled:	\$ 23,946.41
Expense Totaled:	\$ <u>98.00</u>
Highway Aid PLGIT Balances as of February 28, 2022:	\$ 86,812.29
• General Fund PLGIT Balance as of March 1 2022:	\$ 879,561.78
Interest Totaled:	\$ 26.03
Deposit Totaled:	\$
Expense Totaled:	\$ <u>15,000.00</u>
Sewer Fund PLGIT Balances as of March 31, 2022:	\$ 864,587.81

Bills: A copy of the bill list dated March 31, 2022 was provided to Council and offered for review by the public.

• General Fund beginning balance as of March 31, 2022:	\$ 154,087.19
ending balance as of April 7, 2022:	\$ 130,407.65
• Sewer & Water beginning balance as of March 31, 2022:	\$ 30,868.64
ending balance as of April 4, 2022:	\$ 28,182.69
• Highway Aid ending balance as of February 15, 2022:	\$ 63,245.32
ending balance as of April 4, 2022:	\$ 62,666.40

A motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Harris and carried unanimously to approve the bill list dated March 31, 2022; Motion carries 7-0-0.

Correspondence:

- Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs – The Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs sent a letter stating that they will honor Hulmeville for their 150th anniversary.
- Langhorne Ledger – The Langhorne Ledger sent Hulmeville a copy of the article they published in their community guidebook for 2022 which highlighted the 150th events this year.
- Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission – The DVRPC sent a letter explaining that they will be collecting traffic count data on three roads in Hulmeville Borough – Main Street between Hulme and Trenton, Main Street between Zimmerman & Penna and Hulmeville Rd (Rt 513) & Main St.
- 2022 Bucks Co Household Hazardous Collection – Ms. Omietanski received the schedule for the 2022 Bucks Co Household Hazardous Collection events. This information will be posted on the borough website.

Old Business:

- Penndel Legion Fundraiser – Council needs to vote on the presentation given at the work session to support the Penndel Legion by purchasing a 12 by 12 concrete paver for \$175 and approve wording for the paver. The wording on the paver will state “In Honor of Our Hulmeville Borough Veterans All Gave Some Gave All Never to be Forgotten” The paver will not be completed until October.

Motion made by Mr. Lodise and seconded by Mr. Pio to approve the purchase of a 12 by 12 concrete paver at a cost of \$175 to support the Penndel Legion; motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

- Parade Day Display – Ms. Coleman would like to have Borough Hall open to the public the day of the Memorial Day parade so the community can view the various artifacts celebrating 150 years. Ms. Coleman and her husband will oversee the rooms while they are open. Ms. Coleman would also like to inquire about collecting money for Ukraine the day of the parade. She will contact Ed Preston regarding the matter.
- 103 Reetz Ave – Ms. McKairnes inquired as to the progress being made to clean up 103 Reetz Ave. Tom Wheeler will need to check with Bill Wheeler. They did receive fines and he is not sure how far along the process is. Ms. Taggart would like to add the Mill to the list of building to be addressed by the Code Enforcement Officer. The mill is a very important historical building and it is starting to fall down.

New Business:

- Yellow Curbs – A resident on Main Street has taken it upon themselves to paint their curb so no one can park in front of their house.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm; motion made by Mr. Harris seconded by Mr. Toth.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,
Hulmeville Borough Secretary