

**Work Session Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2022**

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, Nick Lodise, Jim Pio and Doug Harris

Councilmembers Absent: Nickolas Toth

Councilmembers Late: Judy Coleman

Others in Attendance: Solicitor, Robert DeBias, Secretary, Dorothy Omietanski, Fire Marshal/Borough Manager, Bill Wheeler, Mayor Mahon and Treasurer Diane McKairnes

Absent: Authority President, Kurt Ludwig

Call to Order: Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: none

Solicitor:

- RDA Municipal Grant Payment Extension Request – Mr. DeBias is recommending council submit a request to the RDA for an extension for the police vehicle and windows.

Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi and seconded by Mr. Lodise to authorize a request for an extension for the police car and Borough windows to the RDA; motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.

- Act 57 of 2022 – The state is requiring each municipality to adopt an ordinance or a resolution to give the tax collector the authority to wave penalties for situations when a home is sold and the new home owner does not receive the tax bill from the county. This is a one-time waiver for new home owners only. Bill Wheeler is currently working on a resolution for Act 57 that needs to be passed by 1/9/23.

Judy Coleman arrived 7:38pm

- Solicitor Interviews – Bill Wheeler distributed a schedule of interviews set up for December 15th, 2022. Mr. DeBias reminded council they also need to hire a Zoning Hearing Board solicitor. The interviews can be for both positions. Mr. DeBias reminded council that the solicitors cannot be the same person and need to be from different firms Mr. DeBias reminded council they need to mention the Borough

Solicitor will need to be willing to represent the Authority and HARB. The William Penn Fire Department has also requested Mr. DeBias's services for matters from time to time in the past. Council needs to decide if they want to continue to have the fire department utilize the Borough solicitor or to recommend, they hire an attorney as needed on their own.

- Fireworks – Mayor Mahon and Police Chief Baran would like council to consider banning fireworks in the Borough. The new fireworks law does allow a municipality to ban fireworks if the building density is such that no where can a resident comply with the requirements. Tom Wheeler believes that there is no where in Borough except the hill, which is private property, where people can set off fireworks. Mr. Pio does not feel it is necessary to make another law when one already exists that the officers can use to ticket residents who set off fireworks. Mr. Mandolesi feels the ban would just help to make it clear so no one can try to argue with the officers. Also, a ban would cover all holidays as well. Council cannot agree yet on which direction to take so they are going to table the discussion until a later date. Tom Wheeler suggested council members take time to walk through the community and try to determine if there are any locations where fireworks could legally be set off. Mayor Mahon also reminded council that the police officers are requesting the ban to help make policing fireworks easier.

Treasurer Report:

- Bills – Ms. McKairnes presented thirteen bills to council to authorize payment; A copy of the bills are attached.

A motion made by Mr. Pio seconded by Mr. Lodise to approve the bills presented by Ms. McKairnes; motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

New Business;

- Officer Allowance – Mayor Mahon reminded council it is time of year council provides the officers a uniform allowance and an insurance stipend. Mayor Mahon asked if the new officer could receive the uniform allowance. Council all agreed. The allowance for the uniforms is \$275 each. The new officer will not receive the insurance stipend at this time.
- DEP Survey – Mayor Mahon completed a questionnaire by the DEP regarding invasive species. She completed the questionnaire for the Borough and reported Spotted Lantern Bugs and 3 invasive plants.

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm; motion made by Mr. Pio and seconded by Mr. Mandolesi; carried 6-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski
Secretary Hulmeville Borough