

**Work Session Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2023**

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, Doug Harris, Judy Coleman, Naz Atabas, Junior Council and Nickolas Toth

Councilmembers on Zoom: none

Councilmembers Absent: none

Councilmembers Late: none

Others in Attendance: Solicitor, Tom Panzer, Secretary, Dorothy Omietanski, Fire Marshal/Borough Manager, Bill Wheeler, Mayor Mahon, KC Tomlinson, Tina Davis, Jose Gonzalez, Sandy Carroll, Patrica Taggart, Rebecca Krause, 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 the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: no public comments

Mayor:

- Volunteer Recognition – Mayor Mahon recognized 32 individuals who gave of their time for the betterment of the community during 2023. Earlier this week the Mayor attended a local girl scout meeting where she honored 22 girl scouts. The Mayor also wanted to recognize a few young adults who continue to volunteer – Stanley Omietanski, Taran Durkin, Randi Durkin and Carli Durkin. Tonight, the Mayor presented certificates to Brooklyn Abel, Naz Atabas, Noah Edge, Jacob Forbes, Zachary Gallagher, Courtney Harris, Carmella Helbling, Brooke Toth, Lee Toth and Peyton Watson.
- Thank You – Council wanted to thank Tina Davis for the \$50,000 grant and KC Tomlinson for the \$55,000 grant. Both monies were used to repair and repaint Borough Hall.
- Flood Plain – The Mayor just wanted to point out that the flooding that just occurred in the Borough lasted a very long time and moved a lot of debris at the falls. She wanted to stress how important it is that anyone living in flood plain not store things outside on their property and not cut their grass too short.

EMC:

- Thank You – Bill Wheeler wanted to thank Sheri Wheeler for assisting him yesterday with the barricades on Main Street.

Streets:

- Lincoln Ave. and Ford Ave. Stop Sign – Mr. Lodise installed a new stop sign at Lincoln and Ford
- Trash Pick Up – The two trash pickups for the Christmas and New Year’s Day weeks will be on Thursday due to the holidays. The Christmas tree pickups will be on 1/10 and 1/17.
- Washington Ave and Ford Ave. – There is a metal grate over a storm water inlet at the corner of Washington Ave and Ford Ave that has been flipped two weeks in a row, most likely from a truck. This situation could pose a danger to children. Tom Wheeler is recommending that council has the grate permanently repaired. They need to either repair the concrete base or replace the metal lid. Mr. Gonzales also pointed out that there is a sink hole at the storm water inlet at the corner of Washington Ave and Webster St. Tom Wheeler suggested Bill Wheeler call the RDA and ask if the left-over paving project money could be used to make the repairs to the metal grate. He also suggested Bill Wheeler call Gilmore to have them look at the grate and provide their advice on how to repair it.
- Ford Ave and Lincoln Ave – Mr. Lodise is currently working on repairing the sign for Ford Ave and Lincoln Ave.

Borough Manager:

- RDA Grant Awards – The RDA accepted the grant requests for phase II road repaving, William Penn Truck and Pennel/Middletown Emergency Squad Lucas Machine (auto CPR machine). They did not approve the drone request.

Solicitor:

- Hearing for 329 Main St – Mr. Panzer asked Bill Wheeler to send a letter to the owners of 329 Main St to request they attend a hearing on 1/16 where council will review the request for certificate of appropriateness for the addition. The owner failed to follow through on what they agreed to change back at the November council meeting.
- Executive Session – Council scheduled an executive session for 1/8/24 at 6pm to gain a consensus on how to proceed regarding the conditional use hearing appeals.
- Thank You – Mr. Panzer thanked the council for allowing him to serve them this past year.

Treasurer Report:

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

A motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise was carried unanimously to approve the bills presented by Ms. McKairnes; Motion carries 7-0-0.

Water and Sewer:

- Meter Replacement – The company in charge of the meter replacement in the borough is supposed to send out a letter stating they will be replacing the meters between the dates of 1/15/24 and 1/19/24. Bill Wheeler did receive a copy of the letter, however no one in the Borough has received the letter. The Mayor will put the information regarding the letter in her newsletter.

New Business:

- Farewell – Council would like to thank both Nick Toth and Doug Harris for their service on council.

Unresolved Business:

- Sign Post – Mr. Lodise has used all the posts that were in reserve and is recommending the council purchase two posts to have on hand.

Motion made by Mr. Lodise and seconded by Mr. Pio to purchase two posts not to exceed \$185; motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm; motion made by Mr. Pio and seconded by Mr. Lodise; carried 7-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski
Secretary Hulmeville Borough