

**Work Session Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2024**

A work session of the Hulmeville Borough Council was held on the above date at the Borough Hall, 321 Main Street.

Councilmembers Present: Rebecca Krause, Vice President, Nick Lodise, Judy Coleman, and Jim Pio

Councilmembers on Zoom: none

Councilmembers Absent: Thomas Wheeler, President, Dan Mandolesi, Jose Gonzalez and Naz Atabas, Junior Council

Councilmembers Late: none

Others in Attendance: Solicitor, Michael Luongo, Secretary, Dorothy Omietanski, Borough Manager, Bill Wheeler, Mayor Debbie Mahon, Patricia Mervine, Marlaine Buras, Amanda Gonzalez, Sandy Carroll, Joe Coleman, and Patricia Taggart

Absent: Treasurer Diane McKairnes and Chief of Police, John Baran

Call to Order: Ms. Rebecca Krause called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; all those present joined the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation: Patricia Mervine from Bucks County African American Museum of Bucks County made a presentation. The museum has been a pop-up museum for the past 10 years, travelling around the area making presentations. The property that is being donated for the museum dates to 1716, making it one of the oldest buildings in Bucks County. The building is being leased for a \$1 per year from the county. It will cost 2 million dollars to rehabilitate the current structure. Infoaambc.org posts upcoming fundraising events that go to support the project. The goal is to have it done by January 2025. Anyone can become a member of the museum and applications are on their site.

Public Comment:

- Ms. Buras lives in Hulmeville and is starting a youth fitness program called Bloom. She would like to run her classes in the month of August on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the borough fields. She would like permission to hold her class on the field. Bill Wheeler has been in discussion with both Mr. Gonzalez and the solicitor regarding her proposal. Currently the borough does not rent out their facilities. She can use the fields as long as she signs an agreement, provides proof of insurance and has a waiver of liability of the borough. Her company is for profit.

Mayor: no report

Public Safety:

- Shelter In Place – After this past weekend’s incident the Mayor and Police Chief discussed reviewing and posting sign up procedures for County and local alerts, such as the recent shelter in place incident. They would like to post information on how to receive notifications and may go door to door to make sure residents are aware of the system.

Stormwater/Floodplain/MS4:

- Quarterly Newsletter – The Mayor reminded the stormwater committee that the quarterly newsletter needs to be sent out. Mr. Pio will coordinate with the committee to get it sent out.
- New Committee Member – Patricia Taggart is joining the stormwater committee.
- Earth Day Event – The Mayor is still looking for volunteers to help run the event.

Borough Property:

- Weed Control – The weed control company has posted a very large yellow sign informing residents of the times they will be spraying weed control on the playground. The mayor said the signs they are using this year are very nice. Ms. Taggart inquired about the safety of the chemicals used. Mayor Mahon explained that it is the least poisonous spray available on the market. The borough tried to just pull weeds by hand, but it was too much to keep up with and the weeds took over the playground, so a company had to be hired.

Finance:

- Meeting – The next scheduled meeting is 3/28/24 at 6:30pm

IT:

- Meeting – The committee plans to meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm

Personnel: no report

Public Works:

- Signs – Mr. Lodise is currently working on two signs along Main Street. He will also be replacing a few no parking signs this spring.

Ordinance:

- Fee Schedule – The committee is currently working on updating the fee schedule. The committee needs input from Gilmore, BIU and the solicitor. It should be done within a months’ time.

Borough Manager: no report

Fire Marshal/EMC: no report

Solicitor:

Treasurer Report:

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

A motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Pio carried unanimously to approve the bills presented by Ms. McKairnes; Motion carries 4-0-0.

Unfinished Business:

- Deputy Tax Collector – Ms. Myers has chosen Donna Caracappa the tax collector from Pennel to be her deputy tax collector.

New Business:

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm; motion made by Mr. Lodise and seconded by Mr. Pio; carried 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski
Secretary Hulmeville Borough