

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2012

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

Councilmember's & Mayor Present: Thomas Wheeler: President, Raymond Johnson; Vice President, Debbie Mahon, Dan Mandolesi, Nick Lodise, Frank Lewis (arrived 8:10) and Mayor Harris.

Councilmember's Absent: None

Other's in Attendance: Solicitor Robert DeBias, Police Chief Tom Walton, Treasure Diane McKairnes, Water & Sewer Clerk Pat Slater, Fire Marshall Bill Wheeler, Historical Society Chairperson Marce Heald, Tax Collector Kay Nicaastro, Meter Reader Sheri Wheeler, Authority Manager Roberta Turner and Secretary Patricia Boyle.

Guests in Attendance: Joe Heald, Carol Galvelis, Johanna Ellis, Mary Johnson, Doug Harris, Jason McKairnes, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nagel, Michelle and Daniel, Jr. Mandolesi, Harriett Black, Freddie Black, Ann Louise Miller and several grandchildren and great grandchildren of Mrs. Harriett Black.

Call to Order: Mr. Harris called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Swearing In: Mayor Harris performed the swearing-in ceremony for Councilmembers Debbie Mahon and Daniel Mandolesi; both were reelected to their positions.

Reorganization: Mayor Harris asked for a motion for Council President; **Motion was duly made by Mr. Johnson seconded by Mr. Mandolesi and carried 4-0-1 (Mr. Wheeler abstained) to re-appoint Mr. Thomas Wheeler as Council President. Motion was duly made by Mrs. Mahon seconded by Mr. Lodise and carried 4-0-1 (Mr. Johnson abstained) to re-appoint Mr. Raymond Johnson as Council Vice President.**

2012 Reappointments: Charles Thomas Walton, Police Chief; Robert DeBias, Solicitor; Patricia Boyle, Secretary; Diane McKairnes, Treasurer; Patricia Slater, Authority Clerk; Pickering, Corts & Summerson Inc. Engineering Firm; Building Inspector Underwriters, Building Inspectors, William Wheeler, Fire Marshall and Emergency Management Coordinator; Bucks County Courier Times, newspaper of record for publications & advertising; Roberta Turner, Authority Manager; Sheri Wheeler, Meter Reader; John Cost, Planning Commission; Glace Associates, Authority Engineering Firm; Doug Harris, Chairman of Vacancy Board and Daniel Ferry, Zoning Hearing Board Member. **A motion was duly made by Mrs. Mahon seconded by Mr. Lodise and carried 4-0-1 (Mr. Wheeler abstained) to approve the aforementioned reappointments. A motion was duly made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously to appoint Mrs. Mahon as President Pro Tem.**

Police Report: Mr. Johnson reviewed the Police Report of December 2011: 25 Incidents, 7 Traffic, 5 Parking, 0 Accidents, 5 Assists, 0 Summary, 5 Criminal, 8 District Court, 1 County Court and 1 EMS Call; 204 total hours worked; for a combined salary \$3733.18.

- Chief Walton reported that there were numerous incidents of cars being vandalized and break-ins during the past month. He noted that several of the cars were left unlocked and reminded residents to lock their cars. Chief Walton provided copies of a vehicle security check list which was created by the Police Department; a copy will be posted on the web-site.
- Chief Walton noted that Robert Juno has been promoted to Sergeant.

Minutes: A motion was duly made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of December 5, 2011 and December 20, 2011.

Public Comments: Mr. Henry Nagel of 9 Water Street read from a prepared statement addressing problems that he has been experiencing with regard to renovations to his home. These renovations are being conducted through the flood mitigation program which is a county and state funded program. Mr. Nagel also stated that Paul Buchhofer with Building Inspector Underwriters has been “a champion” during this “fiasco” and noted that he is very appreciative of Mr. Buchhofer’s professionalism. After some discussion, members suggested that Mr. Nagel continue to pursue the matter with the Bucks County Commissioners. (8:10 Mr. Lewis arrived) Ms. Roberta Turner questioned whether the building codes were available to the general public.

Solicitor’s Report: Mr. DeBias made the following recommendations for motion:

- A motion was duly made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mrs. Mahon and carried unanimously to release the maintenance bond to Waste Management.
- A motion was duly made by Mrs. Mahon seconded by Mr. Mandolesi and carried unanimously to release maintenance bond #SB 0350921 to Bray Bros., Inc.
- Motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Johnson to authorize Mr. Wheeler and Mrs. Boyle to sign the refuse collection contract with Republic Services of PA to include the following: 3 year weekly/ weekly refuse collection contract in the amount of \$310,079.00.
- A motion was duly made by Mrs. Mahon seconded by Mr. Lodise and carried unanimously to ratify for adoption the 2011 Bucks County Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Mr. DeBias noted that the bid limits for local government contracts and purchases has been increased from \$10,000.00 to \$18,500.00.
- It was noted that Hulmeville Borough will no longer be represented through the 142nd Legislative District, rather through redistricting Hulmeville and Penndel Boroughs will now be represented through the 141st District.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report of January 3, 2012 was made available for inspection:

- **General Fund Checking** Balance as of December 1, 2011: \$ 10,719.85
Expenses Totalled: - \$ 25,966.62
Income Totalled: \$ 38,133.14
General Fund Checking Balance as of December 30, 2011: **\$ 22,886.37**

- **Sewer Fund Checking** Balance as of December 1, 2011: \$113,395.10
Expenses Totalled: - \$ 19,927.66
Income Totalled: \$ 5,751.19
Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of December 30, 2011: **\$ 99,218.63**

- **Sewer Fund PLGIT** Balance as of October 31, 2011: \$360,463.18
Interest/ November: \$ 11.73
Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of November 30, 2011: **\$360,474.91**

- **Highway Aid PLGIT** Balance as of October 31, 2011: \$ 26,718.60
Expenses Totalled: -\$ 422.66
Interest/November: \$.87
Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of November 30, 2011: **\$ 26,296.81**

- **General Fund PLGIT** Balance as of October 31, 2011: \$130,546.20
Expenses Totalled: -\$ 63,946.00
Income Totalled: \$ 40,101.00
Interest/November: \$ 4.18
General Fund PLGIT Balance as of November 30, 2011: **\$106,705.38**

Bills: A copy of the bill list dated January 3, 2012 was provided to Council and offered for review by the public:

- **General Fund** beginning balance as of January 1, 2012: \$ 21,822.90
ending balance as of January 20, 2012: \$ 11,724.09

- **Sewer & Water** beginning balance as of January 1, 2012: \$ 98,839.86
ending balance as of January 13, 2012: \$ 82,804.97

- **Highway Aid** beginning balance as of January 3, 2012: \$ 24,841.49
ending balance as of January 3, 2012: \$ 24,691.49

A motion was duly made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mrs. Mahon and carried unanimously to approve the bill list dated January 3, 2012.

Correspondence:

- Letter dated December 29, 2011 from Mr. Joseph McKairnes tendering his resignation as a Hulmeville Borough Councilmember effective immediately. **A motion was duly made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Mandolesi and carried unanimously to accept Mr. McKairnes' resignation.**

Mr. Lewis' Swearing In: At 8:45, Mayor Harris performed the swearing-in ceremony for Mr. Frank Lewis as Councilmember.

Dedication Ceremony: Councilmembers and guests honored Mrs. Harriett Black with the rededication of the new municipal complex in her honor. Mrs. Black thanked Council for the honor and the "lovely surprise".

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm; motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Mandolesi.

Respectfully Submitted

Tricia Boyle
Hulmeville Borough Secretary

**HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Work Session Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2012**

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, Raymond Johnson, Vice-President, Daniel Mandolesi and Debbie Mahon, Mayor Harris (8:05 pm) Nick Lodise (9:48 pm arrived).

Councilmember's Absent: Nick Lodise and Frank Lewis.

Other's in Attendance: Solicitor Robert DeBias, Fire Marshall William Wheeler and Secretary Patricia Boyle.

Guests in Attendance: Bob Keough from the Bucks County Planning Commission and Mary Johnson.

Call to Order: Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes Update: The December 5, 2011 minutes incorrectly indicated that Mr. Lodise was late arriving to the meeting.

FIRM- Flood Rate Insurance Maps: Bob Keough from the Bucks County Planning Commission presented members with information relative to the new flood insurance rate maps (FIRM) and the following web link: www.Gisweb.co.bucks.pa.us/floodplainviewer .

Mrs. Mahon will arrange a meeting with FEMA and Mr. Keough to address any additional questions and concerns with regard to the changes that will take effect in November 2012.

Solicitor Report:

- Mr. DeBias noted that he provided Mrs. Boyle with a copy of House Bill No. 281, Section 1402 which increased bid contract advertising limitations from \$10,000 to \$18,500.
- Mr. DeBias noted that the Mayberry's failed to make their monthly payment in December under their water and sewer payment agreement. He will address further at the February meeting.
- Mayor Harris noted that he has been in contact with Kevin Spencer from Bucks County relative to resident concerns with regard to the flood mitigation building projects.
- Mr. DeBias noted that Council needs to adopt a resolution appointing a Board of Appeals to conform to Ordinance No. 228 Uniform Construction Code.

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Harris noted that he received a complaint from Mr. Romberger that he did not receive the letter from the new waste hauler explaining the new service of weekly recycling. (9:48 pm Nick Lodise arrived)

Fire Marshall Report:

- Mr. Wheeler questioned whether new tenants of commercial buildings need to get occupancy permits. He was advised that occupancy permits are required; he will contact BIU.
- Mr. Wheeler filed citations with the District Court relative to Johnson's Hall.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:10; motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mrs. Mahon.

Respectfully Submitted

Tricia Boyle
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