

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
March 5, 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, Judy Coleman, Nick Lodise, Frank Lewis and Dan Mandolesi.

Councilmember's Absent: Mayor Harris

Other's in Attendance: Solicitor Robert DeBias, Police Chief Tom Walton, Treasure Diane McKairnes, Fire Marshall Bill Wheeler, Historical Society Chairperson Marce Heald, Authority Manager Roberta Turner and Secretary Patricia Boyle.

Guests in Attendance: Harry Crowe from Bucks County Emergency Management, Eric Schmidt, Mercy Ingraham, Ron Robbins, Rich Kohler, Ed Preston, Sheri Wheeler, Jim Cook, Terry Harger, and Jeff & Kathy Hirco.

Call to Order: Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. **In the absence of the Mayor, Mr. Wheeler will only vote in the case of a tie vote.**

Presentation: Mr. Crowe presented Mr. Bill Wheeler with a certificate of completion from Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) acknowledging his completion of Level One- Basic Certification.

Minutes: A motion was duly made by Mrs. Mahon seconded by Mr. Mandolesi and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of February 6, 2012 and February 21, 2012.

Police Report: Mr. Johnson reviewed the Police Report of February 2012: 18 Incidents, 8 Traffic, 8 Parking, 2 Accidents, 6 Assists, 1 Summary, 1 Criminal, 8 District Court, 2 County Court and 1 EMS Call; 230 total hours worked; for a combined salary \$4376.66.

- Mr. Johnson presented a bill for emergency repairs to the police department computer in the amount of \$170.00, payable to Sam Lodise.
- Mr. Johnson noted that the police department would like to retain Sam Lodise as their interim emergency repair technician until the IT Committee hires a tech.
- Chief Walton noted that the police have addressed the nuisance cars at 935 Bellevue Ave. /two citations have been issued.
- There were several residents in attendance to address an ongoing investigation; Chief Walton noted that Sergeant Juno is working diligently on the case and will make contact with the residents if he needs additional information.

Public Comments: Mr. Preston noted that there will be a benefit held on March 29, 2012 for the parade committee. Mr. Preston asked for permission to host another Soap Box Derby the weekend of April 14 & April 15, 2012; **motion was duly made by Mr. Johnson seconded by Mr. Lodise and carried unanimously to approve the Soap Box Derby.** Mr. Kohler noted that there will be a Planning Commission meeting held on March 13, 2012. Mr. Kohler also noted that the contractor has returned to his residence (TMP#16-3-43/ 6 Water St.) to complete work on the property. Mrs. Heald thanked everyone for their support at the Soup Off; \$426.00 was raised for the playground.

Fire Marshall:

- Mr. Wheeler noted that the court date has been set for Mr. Cubernot/Johnson Hall for March 28th at 10 am.

Boro Property:

- **Motion was duly made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise and carried unanimously to sign the rental lease agreement with Jeff and Kathy Hirko for lease of 114 Trenton Ave. (TMP#16-1-84) at the monthly rate of \$800.00 payable the first day of each month.**
- Mr. Johnson recommended that the lease also include that the tenant shall be responsible for snow removal from the sidewalk.
- **Motion was duly made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mrs. Mahon and carried unanimously to authorize payment not to exceed \$6000.00 for a new heating/air conditioner unit at 114 Trenton Ave.**
- Mr. Mandolesi noted that the Borough has been contacted by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry relative to the boiler at the Borough Hall; the letter stated that the equipment was inspected and revealed conditions which do not comply; Mr. Mandolesi has made contact with the inspector and will continue to attempt to have the matter resolved.

Health & Trash:

- Mr. Lodise noted that he received one complaint relative to the trash haulers/BFI; the matter was addressed and corrected immediately after he contacted BFI.

Streets: Mr. Lewis noted that Iron Horse has agreed to provide on call service to the Borough at an hourly rate of \$15.00.

Street Lights: Mr. Lodise noted that there are 6 street lights that need to be repaired.

Personnel: Mr. Mandolesi recommended that the Borough hire Sam Lodise as the IT Tech; after some discussion Mr. DeBias reminded members that any personnel matters should be held until an Executive Session. Executive Session was called for after the meeting.

Boro Property: Members were presented with a copy of the February 20, 2012 meeting notes from the Hulmeville Borough Historical Architectural Review Board which addressed four items for building repairs relating to 114 Trenton Ave. **Motion was duly made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mrs. Mahon and carried unanimously to approve recommendations made by the Hulmeville Borough Historic Architectural Review Board.**

Solicitor's Report: Mr. DeBias noted the following:

- Letter of February 21, 2012 from Pickering, Corts, and Summerson, Inc. recommending that the Borough return the Maintenance Bond from the Ford Avenue Resurfacing Project. **Motion was duly made by Mrs. Mahon seconded by Mr. Lodise and carried unanimously to release the bond to Bray Brothers.**
- **Motion was duly made by Mr. Johnson seconded by Mrs. Mahon and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 3/5/12-A- Concerning Appointment of the Board of Appeals of Building Insurance Underwriters as the Board of Appeals for Hulmeville Borough.**

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report of March 5, 2012 was made available for inspection:

- **General Fund Checking** Balance as of February 1, 2012: \$ 14,189.55
Expenses Totaled: - \$ 34,254.04
Income Totaled: \$ 26,402.29
General Fund Checking Balance as of February 29, 2012: **\$ 6,337.04**
- **Sewer Fund Checking** Balance as of February 1, 2012: \$ 123,259.15
Expenses Totaled: - \$ 17,597.09
Income Totaled: \$ 11,453.39
Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of February 29, 2012: **\$ 117,115.45**
- **Sewer Fund PLGIT** Balance as of January 1, 2012: \$360,479.77
Interest/ January: \$ 5.11
Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of January 31, 2012: **\$360,484.88**
- **Highway Aid PLGIT** Balance as of January 1, 2012: \$ 24,864.49
Interest/December: \$.35
Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of January 31, 2012: **\$ 24,864.84**
- **General Fund PLGIT** Balance as of January 31, 2012: **\$ 90,896.19**
Interest/January: \$ 1.29
General Fund PLGIT Balance as of January 31, 2012: **\$ 90,897.48**

Bills: A copy of the bill list dated March 5, 2012 was provided to Council and offered for review by the public:

- **General Fund** beginning balance as of March 1, 2012: \$ 12,980.43
ending balance as of March 20, 2012: \$ -16,431.20
- **Sewer & Water** beginning balance as of March 1, 2012: \$121,433.35
ending balance as of March 9, 2012: \$106,302.02
- **General Fund- PLGIT** beginning balance as of March 5, 2012: \$ 53,695.95
ending balance as of March 5, 2012: \$ 52,520.95
- **Highway Aid** beginning balance as of March 5, 2012: \$ 19,110.97
ending balance as of March 5, 2012: \$ 19,092.11

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A motion was duly made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise and carried unanimously to approve the bill list dated March 5, 2012 with the following additions: General Fund: Unemployment Compensation \$195.05, Sam Lodise \$170.00 & Kay Nicastro Taxes \$420.31. Water & Sewer Fund: Davey Plumbing \$95.00, First National Bank (paper) \$45.05, Metropro \$2368.00, Roger Carney \$225.00 & \$225.00.

Correspondence: Letter from Mr. Joe McKairnes dated February 29, 2012 regarding the property at 404 Main Street (TMP#16-003-029) being “in a complete state of disrepair.”

Mr. McKairnes also noted that there are rodents and animals living in both the shed and inside the house. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Lodise indicated that he would contact the Bucks County Department of Health for assistance.

Public Comment:

Sheri Wheeler questioned whether there are plans to clean the debris left behind after the flooding along Main Street: it was noted that Mayor Harris is still in discussions with the County.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:35 to discuss personnel matters.

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

Respectfully Submitted

Tricia Boyle
Hulmeville Borough Secretary

**HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Work Session Meeting Minutes
March 20, 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, Nick Lodise, Judy Coleman and Mayor Harris.

Councilmember's Absent: Debbie Mahon and Frank Lewis.

Other's in Attendance: Solicitor Robert DeBias and Secretary Patricia Boyle.

Guests in Attendance: None

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

Solicitor Report:

- Mr. DeBias reviewed the response he received from the State Ethics Commission relative to their position as to whether Mr. Lewis may continue to act as Zoning Officer while serving as Councilmember. The Commission responded to Mr. DeBias that the request for information needs to come directly from the Mr. Lewis or his employer.
- The Planning Commission met with Mr. Vile to review his proposed plans to subdivide his property at 309 Main Street (TMP#16-3-054). The Planning Commission suggested that he approach the Episcopal Church for a possible boundary change to help accommodate his proposed plans for a subdivision.
- Mr. DeBias reviewed in detail the procedures required for the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance. Council agreed to open the April 17, 2012 work session meeting for public comments to address questions about the new Zoning Ordinance.

Mayor Report: Mr. Harris noted that there will be a meeting between the four Boroughs to update the Mutual Aid Agreement.

Boro Property: Mr. Mandolesi noted that the boiler has been repaired.

Old Business: Mr. Lodise noted that he spoke with the Bucks County Board of Health about the complaints received from neighbors regarding the rodents and unsafe conditions of the property at 404 Main Street. He was advised to have the neighbors write a letter to the BCBH and the department will respond within a week.

Use & Occupancy Permit: Mr. DeBias reviewed the current Use & Occupancy permit conditions as currently written for new construction and commercial properties. Members discussed the matter at length. Mr. DeBias will request sample U&O permit information from surrounding communities.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10; motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Mandolesi.

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