

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
April 2, 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: None

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: Mary Johnson, Eric Schmid, Jeff & Kathy Hirco, Joe Williams, Patricia Schauder.

Call to Order: Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was duly made by Mrs. Mahon seconded by Mr. Lewis and carried unanimously, to approve the minutes of March 5, 2012 and March 20, 2012.

Police Report: Mr. Johnson reviewed the Police Report of March 2012: 14 Incidents, 13 Traffic, 6 Parking, 2 Accidents, 6 Assists, 0 Summary, 0 Criminal, 12 District Court, 2 County Court and 0 EMS Call; 187 total hours worked; for a combined salary \$3,637.16.

- Invoice presented in the amount of \$60.00 for Sam Lodise to repair the police department computer.
- Chief Walton noted that issue of the nuisance cars at 935 Bellevue Ave. has been addressed and citations paid.
- Mayor Harris noted that the Easter Egg Hunt was held on April 1st; however, there were only two children in attendance. Chief Walton noted that the rainy weather may have deterred attendance. Next year there will be more advertising and a rain date set.
- **A motion was duly made by Mr. Johnson seconded by Mr. Mandolesi and carried unanimously to approve a reimbursement of \$50.00 payable to Tom Walton for the eggs supplied during the Easter Egg Hunt.**
- Mayor Harris met with neighboring Mayor's about the Mutual Aid Agreement; copy of the proposed agreement was presented to Mr. DeBias for review.
- Tom Walton will meet with Penn del Borough's Police Chief to discuss Penn del Borough's request for assistance on June 2nd when the borough plans a firework display. He will report back to Council when he receives further information.

Public Comments:

- Several residents from Main Street asked about the clean-up of the flood debris; they were advised that the Borough has been in discussion with the County.
- Mr. Joe Williams asked Mrs. Mahon if his family could donate a tree to be planted along the County Open Space lands in honor of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Helen Amodei who recently passed away.
- There was discussion about the Bucks County Recreation Department maintaining the lawns of the open space properties as some of the properties have not been properly maintained; Mrs. Mahon will contact the department.
- Mrs. Johnson spoke on behalf of the Architectural Review Board and asked Council for guidance with regard to property owners not properly following procedures. Mr. Wheeler noted that Mr. Buchhofer has indicated that he will forward all building permits to the Zoning Officer for a signature before the permits are issued; hopefully this will help alleviate some of the problems.

Boro Property:

- Mr. Mandolesi noted that he took care of some maintenance issues with the rear apartment.
- Patriot Heating Inc. has installed 2 heaters in the old Borough Hall at 114 Trenton Ave.
- The boiler in the Borough Hall at 321 Main Street has been repaired. Mr. Mandolesi attempted to contact the state L&I department but has been unsuccessful in speaking with a representative.
- **A motion was duly made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously to approve the expenditure of \$350.00 to Curt Sonlin for the boiler repairs.**
- Mrs. Mahon noted that she is extremely disappointed that the two flower pots/urns from 114 Trenton Ave. have gone missing. The tenant noted that he moved the urns to do work on the building and placed the urns on the side of the building and the urns have since gone missing.

Health & Trash:

- Mr. Lodise noted that he spoke with BFI about the complaint received last month with regard to the trash haulers returning the empty trash cans in the street rather than back onto the property; the matter was addressed and corrected immediately after he contacted BFI.

Streets:

- Mr. Lewis noted that Iron Horse will be painting the crosswalks and repairing street signs within the next few weeks.
- Mr. Mandolesi requested that three parking spaces be painted behind the Police Department marked for "Official Use".
- Mrs. Mahon noted that Beaver & Park Avenues are in "horrific shape"; she suggested that the commercial properties be informed about the road condition and asked to consider making repairs.

Personnel:

- **A motion was duly made by Mrs. Coleman seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried to hire Sam Lodise as the IT Tech at the rate of \$30 per hour (Monday through Friday 9 am to 6 pm) and \$40 per hour for weekends and evenings; all in favor with Mr. Lodise abstaining.**
- Mr. Lewis will send the letter to the State Ethics Commission requesting their opinion regarding the possible conflict of interest with him serving on Council and as the Zoning Officer.

Ad Hoc Committee:

- Mrs. Mahon noted that a meeting was held to discuss the possible sale of the water & sewer systems. Mrs. Mahon asked for two Council members to volunteer to serve on the committee; Mr. Mandolesi and Mr. Lodise agreed to serve.
- Mrs. Mahon questioned how much funding needs to be maintained in the Authority saving account; she was advised to contact Mr. Reetz for clarification.
- The committee discussed reimbursing Sheri Wheeler for the time she spends meeting with the plumbers when replacing meters; committee to discuss further.
- Mrs. Mahon asked for a volunteer to serve as a back-up for reading the master meters; Mr. Wheeler agreed to serve.

Authority: Ms. Turner had no report.

Building Code: Mr. Mandolesi noted that the committee recently met; plans are currently in the preliminary stage.

Fire Marshall:

- Mr. Wheeler noted that the court date has been rescheduled for Mr. Cubernot/Johnson Hall for May 2nd.

Mayors Report:

- Mayor Harris will speak with Mayor Bladen from Langhorne Borough regarding his request for financial contribution toward the repairs of the speed limit monitoring machine. **A motion was duly made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mrs. Mahon and carried unanimously to authorize an expenditure of up to \$100.00 toward the repairs of the speed monitoring machine.**
- Mrs. Mahon expressed concerns with cars parking on the sidewalk along the 930 block of Bellevue Ave. across from the Memorial Park. Mr. DeBias suggested that the matter be tabled further until the Executive Session following the meeting.

Boro Property:

- Mrs. Mahon noted that she had sent out several requests for lawn maintenance quotes. She received back multiple quotes with Mark Boon having the most favorable quote of \$185 per mowing. **A motion was duly made by Mrs. Mahon seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously to retain Mark Boon at a rate of \$185.00 per mowing.**

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report of April 2, 2012 was made available for inspection:

• General Fund Checking Balance as of March 1, 2012:	\$ 6,337.04
Expenses Totaled:	- \$ 34,049.52
Income Totaled:	<u>\$ 32,281.40</u>
General Fund Checking Balance as of March 31, 2012:	\$ 4,568.92
• Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of March 1, 2012:	\$ 117,115.45
Expenses Totaled:	- \$ 9,758.70
Income Totaled:	<u>\$ 4,236.94</u>
Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of March 31, 2012:	\$ 111,593.69
• Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of February 1, 2012:	\$360,484.88
Interest/ February	<u>\$ 10.82</u>
Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of February 29, 2012:	\$360,495.70
• Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of February 1, 2012:	\$ 24,864.84
Interest/February:	\$.63
Expenses Totaled:	<u>\$ 4,421.21</u>
Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of February 29, 2012:	\$ 20,444.26
• General Fund PLGIT Balance as of February 1, 2012:	\$ 90,897.48
Interest/February:	\$ 1.81
Expenses Totaled:	<u>\$ 33,009.48</u>
General Fund PLGIT Balance as of February 29, 2012:	\$ 57,889.86

Bills: A copy of the bill list dated April 2, 2012 was provided to Council and offered for review by the public:

• General Fund beginning balance as of April 1, 2012:	\$ 3,432.33
ending balance as of April 5, 2012:	\$ -9,910.52
• Sewer & Water beginning balance as of April 1, 2012:	\$111,173.39
ending balance as of April 6, 2012:	\$ 87,406.33
• General Fund- PLGIT beginning balance as of April 2, 2012:	\$ 52,172.76
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• Highway Aid beginning balance as of April 2, 2012:	\$ 19,074.78
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A motion was duly made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mrs. Mahon and carried unanimously to approve the bill list dated April 2, 2012 with the following additions: General Fund:Lopez, Teodosio & Larkin \$4000.00, Patriot Fuel \$5200.00, Langhorne Borough \$100.00, Mr. Dawson Sonlin \$350.00 & Tom Walton \$50.00.

Communications: No official communications.

New Business: Mrs. McKairnes questioned whether the obnoxious weed ordinance pertained to back yards as well as front; Mr. DeBias noted that the ordinance was not limited to front yards.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:45 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