

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
July 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, Judy Coleman, Nick Lodise, Debbie Mahon, Frank Lewis, Dan Mandolesi and David Harris, Mayor.

Councilmember's Absent: None

Other's in Attendance: Solicitor Robert DeBias, Police Chief Tom Walton, Treasure Diane McKairnes, Sewer Clerk Pat Slater and Fire Marshal Bill Wheeler.

Guests in Attendance: Eric Schmid, Ron Robins, Rich Kohler, Dale Walton Jr.

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

Minutes: A motion was duly made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise and carried unanimously, to approve the minutes of June 4, 2012.

Human Resource: Letter of resignation from Mr. Frank Lewis read along with request to be reinstated as Zoning Officer.

Motion Mr. Lodise to accept resignation, seconded by Mrs. Mahon, passed 4 to 0

Motion Mr. Lodise to appoint Mr. Lewis as Zoning Officer, Code Enforcement Officer, Public Works, seconded Mr. Johnson, passed unanimously.

Mr. Dale Walton Jr. spoke on desire to join Borough Council in seat recently vacated by Mr. Frank Lewis.

Motion Mr. Mandolesi to nominate Dale Walton Jr. to council, seconded Mrs. Mahon, passed 5 to 0. Following vote, Mr. Walton was sworn in by Mayor Harris and joined Council at table.

Police Report: Mr. Johnson reviewed the Police Report of June 2012: 16 Incidents, 5 Traffic, 9 Parking, 1 Accidents, 5 Assists, 5 Summary, 3 Criminal, 10 District Court, 2 County Court and 0 EMS Call; 194 total hours worked; for a combined salary \$3,727.66.

- Discussed at meeting report of a dog bite. Complaint received by radio call, then was posted to Facebook by victim's mother (posted pictures of bite victim). Since she has "friended" borough, it now appears on Borough's Facebook. Mentioned that the picture can be deleted from the Borough's Facebook. Questioned whether Hulmeville should have a Facebook page at all. Debbie was of opinion that should maintain Facebook since it is a useful tool, but needs to be controlled.

- Chief Walton mentioned with respect to the above incident, that after reported incident, there were reports the dog had bitten another person previously. Chief Walton has not received any substantiation of that claim. Owner of dog has been cited on two counts.
- Discussed having AED in Borough Hall. Discussion followed. Chief Walton mentioned possibly could get through a grant. Mrs. Mahon mentioned should do more research. Mr. Dale Walton mentioned he would research cost, maintenance needs, etc.
- Light on police car is inoperative. Chief Walton is looking into whether can be repaired or light bar needs to be replaced. Discussed cost may be greater than \$1000 (to replace).
 - **Motion Mr. Johnson, seconded Mr. Lodise to spend up to \$1500 to repair or replace as appropriate, motion passed.**
- Mentioned grant program for vests. No one can remember username/password so will need to resign up for program.
- Chief Walton requested that anyone requesting police, if Pennsylvania State Police or other police departments respond, please leave him a message on the police answering machine.

Public Comment:

- Eric Schmid mentioned he believes Facebook can be set so only an authorized person can post information on the Borough wall.
- Ms. Pat Slater mentioned Mr. Stoneback called her to inquire about air in the water lines. She wasn't aware. He also wanted to know when trash would be picked up this week (answer is Thursday).
- Ms. Slater also mentioned that if anyone mentions water/sewer bills, remind them that is not a 24-hour telephone line.
- Mrs. McKairnes mentioned a couple of water shutoff valves on Main St are missing caps. Mr. Lodise will check for spares and ensure replaced.

Fire Marshal: Mentioned issues with Mr. Cubernot (TMP# 16-1-82) at Johnson Hall property are resolved, from fire code violation standpoint. If deck is not completed to Bldg Inspector's satisfaction, we can file other violations for that purpose.

Water and Sewer:

- Mrs. Mahon inquired whether everyone received report.
- Regarding sale of water system, Mrs. Mahon contacted 4 companies of potential interest. Only response was from Aqua requesting a meeting. Mrs. Mahon inquired whether the ad hoc committee should meet with Aqua alone, or invite any other potential bidders to come to the meeting. Advised should be an "all come" meeting.
- Mrs. Mahon commented she is unable to access the FEMA flood plain web site. Mr. Lewis mentioned he was able to access the website and locate his property. He noted you need to put a community in first. If not, need to dig down to get to your property. Discussion how we would provide information to residents and how we can make the information available. Suggested in addition to posting information on our website how to access the FEMA site, we will print hard copies and make them available at the Borough Hall. People affected ideally need to get flood insurance by November.

Before then, they can get current rates. After then, new adjusted rates. Storm water committee to get mailing out to potentially affected households.

- Mrs. Mahon provided update on NPDES Renewal Permit Information.

Boro Property:

- HVAC repaired; parts where under warranty, labor was not.
- Roof on garage repaired; John Helstrom repaired.

Trash:

- Mr. Lodise spoke with Republic to confirm pickup on July 5th.
- Light out on Washington Ave.
- Scouts held flag retirement ceremony and replaced flag at Borough Hall.

Streets & Zoning:

- Mr. Tom Wheeler spoke with Mario Canales, Pickering, Corts & Summerson, Inc. regarding resurveying the streets annually to ensure we didn't get behind on street repairs (as occurred in past). Discussion whether annual is too often. Consensus that bi-annually starting in 2012 made more sense.
 - **Motion Mr. Johnson to authorize Pickering, Corts & Summerson, Inc., NTE \$500 (estimated at \$200 - 500) to do survey. Seconded Mr. Lodise. Passed.**
- Mr. Lewis issued 3 warnings for high grass (one was a vacant house). All were quickly resolved.

Authority:

- Nothing

Solicitor Report:

- New reapportionment report out. Hulmeville moved back to Tina Davis' area. Needs to be approved by state Supreme Court.
- The Borough's certified public accounting agency will be at July work session.
- Police mutual aid agreement being approved by 4 boroughs and Middletown.
 - **Motion Mr. Lodise, seconded Mr. Johnson to advertise. Approved.**
- Need short executive session.
- Zoning ordinance needs to be reviewed tonight. If no changes, will be advertised for adoption in August.
 - **Motion Mr. Mandolesi, seconded Mrs. Mahon to advertise enactment of the ordinance at August 6th council meeting. Passed.**

Mayors Report:

- Mayor Harris received telephone call followed by email from Mr. Moyer. Was coordinator for the Bucks County Workforce Investment Board, Inc. group that cleared the flood debris along Main Street. They would like a letter of thanks. The mayor will take care of sending them a letter of appreciation.

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Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report of July 2, 2012 was made available for inspection. Copy provided to secretary.

Motion Mr. Mandolesi, seconded by Mr. Lodise, to accept Treasurer's report as presented.

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

A motion was duly made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise and carried unanimously to approve the bill list dated May 7, 2012.

Comments:

- Mr. Johnson:
 - Inquired about feasibility of purchasing George McConnell's house and the hut for open space. Discussion followed. Agreed it was worth contacting the County to see if there are funds available.
- Mr. Manodolesi:
 - Requested letter of appreciation be sent to Boy Scouts of America, Troop 82, for the flag ceremony at Borough Hall.
 - Someone inquired of Mr. Mandolesi about the Laretti sub-division. Said it wasn't finalized and wanted to know of status. Mr. Tom Wheeler will check with Pickering, Corts & Summerson, Inc..
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Communications:

- None

New Business:

- None

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 8:50 to discuss personnel matters.

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm; motion made by Mr. Lodise, seconded by Mrs. Mahon.

Respectfully Submitted

William Wheeler, Fire Marshal
Acting Secretary