

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2013

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
Debbie Mahon
Dan Mandolesi
Dale Walton Jr.
Nick Lodise
Debbie Mahon
Mayor Dave Harris

Staff in Attendance

Solicitor Robert De Bias
Police Chief Tom Walton
Fire Marshall Bill Wheeler
Secretary Patricia Boyle
Historical Society Chair Marce Heald

Councilmember's Absent: None

Guests in Attendance: Ron Robins and Dave Steinnger.

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

Minutes: Motion made by Mrs. Mahon seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes of October 7, 2013 and October 15, 2013.

Police Report: Mr. Johnson read the report for the month of October 2013: 10 Incidents, 12 Traffic, 9 Parking, 0 Accidents, 2 Assists, 0 Summary, 0 Criminal, 9 District Court, 0 County Court, 1 EMS for a total hours worked: 190, Total Salary \$3,947.00.

- Chief Walton addressed concerns relative to 2 cases of theft from vehicles. Chief Walton asked residents to lock their cars and homes and report suspicious activity. There was discussion about how to disseminate the information to residents that their homes and cars should be locked. The police department has prepared a tip sheet entitled; "Home and Auto Safeguarding Tips" which they believe should prove helpful in deterring the vehicle thefts.

Public Comment: Mr. Dave Steinnger, a new resident from 11 Trenton Ave.(TMP#16-1-069) came to the meeting to meet Council.

Authority: Mr. Clark indicated that he was away in India for the greater part of October and was disheartened when he returned that there was limited communication between the Authority Board and the paid employees. He noted that an email or letter will be sent to the employees asking that they make a greater attempt to attend the Authority meetings. There was discussion about the progress of the I&I Project. The Glace Associates invoices dated November 4, 2013 will be forwarded to the Authority for review and approval before payment is issued.

Motion made by Mrs. Mahon seconded by Mr. Lodise to adopt Ordinance No. 261 to increase the charge for water by \$7.00 per meter, per quarter as a result of the cost of a Certified Water Operator; motion carries 7-0-0. Proof of Publication dated October 16, 2013 from the Bucks County Courier Times provided for review.

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Fire Marshall/Emergency Management: Council approved a Resolution for the Emergency Management.

Parks & Recreation: Mrs. Heald noted that the new fence at the play ground is installed, the new tree at the Memorial has been planted and the Annual Tree Lighting is set for November 29, 2013.

Health & Trash: Mr. Lodise noted that he has been attempting to reach Mr. Brian Holt with Republic to arrange for the leaf pickup dates.

Streets: Mr. Wheeler noted that the demolition of the Main Street Bridge should begin within the next several weeks and the new culvert should be delivered the week of November 25th.

Personnel: Mr. Walton noted that the committee has finalized the identification badges. There will be approximately 17 badges ordered.

Finance: Motion made by Mrs. Coleman seconded Mr. Johnson by to advertise the proposed 2014 Budget and 2014 Tax Ordinance #262 establishing Tax Rate General Purposes 12.00 Mills; Tax Rate Fire .75 Mills: Total Tax Rate 12.75 Mills. Per Capita \$5.00; and Refuse Collection \$274.89 for adoption at the December meeting.

Boro Property: Mrs. Heald noted that Harvey Spencer offered to remove two trees at the Memorial Park for a cost of \$200.00. **Motion made by Mr. Johnson seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to authorize the \$200.00 expenditure to remove the trees.** Mr. Wheeler noted that the Nocito's have indicated that they will be applying to the Zoning Hearing Board for a variance to open an antique store at the 114 Trenton Ave. property. Mrs. Boyle mentioned that the stone wall outside the Borough Hall has been damaged; members will get a price to repair the wall.

Zoning: Mr. Mandolesi read from the report dated November 3, 2013 as prepared by Mrs. Juno.

NPDES: There was discussion about the seepage pits at Michele Court with particular attention to the inspection and maintenance of the seepage pits. Mr. Wheeler noted that the Borough streets were swept. Mrs. Mahon asked for another street sweeping to take place in the beginning of December to meet the required number of mandatory street cleanings. Mrs. Mahon noted that the Boro needs to facilitate a meeting to educate the residents about the NPDES guidelines.

There was discussion about SB 351 amending the "purposes and powers" section of the Municipal Authorities Act (MAA) allowing the creation of a separate authority to undertake storm water planning, management and implementation. After discussion, members agreed to continue to implement the management through the general fund and to not create a separate Authority.

Solicitor Report:

- Mr. DeBias the Dawson Zoning Hearing case has been continued until December 3, 2013.
- Presentation to the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority (RDA) for the 2014 grant applications will be on November 8, 2013.
- Towns Against Graffiti (TAG) has requested that the Borough sign a letter in support of their request in asking the RDA to consider their grant request a priority. **Motion made by Mrs. Mahon seconded by Mr. Johnson; 3 in favor (Mrs. Mahon, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lodise)-4 against (Mr. Wheeler, Mrs. Coleman, Mr. Walton, Mr. Mandolesi,)-0 abstained, motion failed.**
- Mr. DeBias asked that members review the police body armor policy to be discussed at the November work session.

Mayor Report: Mayor Harris attended the local Emergency Management Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report of November 4, 2013 was made available for inspection:

- **General Fund Checking** Balance as of October 1, 2013: \$ 16,354.32
Expenses Totaled: -\$ 30,267.25
Income Totaled: \$ 18,692.11
General Fund Checking Balance as of October 31, 2013: \$ **4,779.18**

- **Sewer Fund Checking** Balance as of October 1, 2013: \$ 154,259.13
Expenses Totaled: -\$ 17,175.47
Income Totaled: \$ 34,236.32
Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of October 31, 2013: \$ **171,319.98**

- **Sewer Fund PLGIT** Balance as of September 1, 2013: \$360,639.62
Interest/ September \$ 4.05
Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of September 30, 2013: \$ **360,643.67**

- **Highway Aid PLGIT** Balance as of September 1, 2013: \$ 40,494.78
Interest/September \$.46
Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of September 30, 2013: \$ **40,495.24**

- **General Fund PLGIT** Balance as of September 1, 2013: \$ **13,285.33**
Interest/September: \$.17
Deposit/ Fire Relief: \$ 7,679.83
General Fund PLGIT Balance as of September 30, 2013: \$ **20,965.33**

Bills: A copy of the bill list dated November 3, 2013 was provided to Council and offered for review by the public:

- **General Fund** beginning balance as of November 1, 2013: \$ 4,868.07
ending balance as of November 6, 2013: \$ - 4,167.55

- **Sewer & Water** beginning balance as of November 1, 2013: \$ 170,909.75
ending balance as of November 8, 2013: \$ 154,445.74

- **Highway Aid** beginning balance as of November 3, 2013: \$ 36,220.59
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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 November 3, 2013, motion carries 7-0-0.

Communications: No official communications.

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm; motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Mandolesi.

Respectfully Submitted

Tricia Boyle,
Hulmeville Borough Secretary