

Work Session Meeting Minutes August 19, 2014

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, Dan Mandolesi, Debbie Mahon, Judy Coleman and Nick Lodise,

Councilmember's Absent: Dale Walton Jr. and Mayor Harris arrived late

Other's in Attendance: Solicitor Robert DeBias and Secretary Dorothy Omietanski

Guests in Attendance: none

Call to Order: Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Solicitor Report:

- Neshaminy Shore Picnics – Mr. Hunt informed Mr. DeBias that two payments have been received \$3,181.60 for May and \$4,475.20 for June. Half of the payments will go to the borough and the other half to the school district. Mr. DeBias also received an email from Neshaminy Shore Club's lawyer on August 14, 2014. Mr. DeBias forwarded this email to Mr. Hunt and discussed the contents of it on the phone. The email outlines how the shore club will pay the amusement taxes going forward. Mr. Hunt suggested that council agrees to the request in the email that the shore club has made regarding waving the interest and penalties for late payments. To date all payments have been made late and the email is requesting additional time be given going forward to make their payments. Council agreed that as long as Neshaminy Shore Club sticks to the schedule purposed from this time forward which is making the payment at the end of the month instead of by the 11th of the month no interest or penalties will be charged, however if they do not follow the schedule purposed interest and penalties will be charged.
- Conditional Use Application – The application will be reviewed by council at the next work session on September 16, 2014. Mr. DeBias requested that the public notice be posted to the front board at borough hall. Mr. DeBias also asked council if they would like a stenographer to be present for the meeting. There are no major issues but council thought it would be a good idea to have one present. Mr. DeBias will find out how much a stenographer will cost. The cost should come out of the application fee, however right now the borough's application fee does not include that cost so the borough will have to pay the fee themselves. The only issues Mr. Mandolesi sees is the basin waver on a 0 slope and the buffer water on wet lands from 50 to 30. Ms. Mahon also is concerned with the land clearing. They cannot remove trees outside the building envelop and would like to make sure they abide by that law. The fire marshall is concerned with the amount of room needed for a fire truck to turn around on the property. It was also brought up that Mr. Wheeler cannot run the hearing because he owns property that is adjacent to the one in question. Ms. Mahon has agreed to fill in for Mr. Wheeler for the review.
- Rental Inspection Ordinance – Mr. DeBias has advised council that a motion be made at next council meeting to withdraw the current ordinance and schedule a time in the future to rework it. Issues that need to be discussed are whether to add an administrative warrant, how often to have

inspections, whether to open it up to homeowners and whether the inspections should be completed at change of occupancy or every two years. Mr. Wheeler would like everyone to consider inspections be done when renters change hands.

- RDA Grant Program 2015- Council has two weeks to decide if they are going to submit anything to be considered for the 2015 grant program. The items need to be related to the casino or it will not be approved. Mr. DeBias suggested that a small ticket item be submitted since we are just coming off a very large ticket item with the bridge. Three items were suggested: LED lighting, preemption to be installed in the traffic light at Trenton and Bellevue Ave., or a new police car. It was decided the police car is too expensive and can wait till next year. Mr. Mandolesi will try to get a quote on conversion of the lights to LED and Mr. Wheeler will get quotes for a preemption system.
- Clean Water Act - Council discussed whether or not to have Mr. DeBias write a resolution to oppose the expansion of the clean water act.

Mayor Harris arrived 8:45pm

Ms. Mahon did some research and strongly agrees that we should write the resolution and will make a motion in September. Ms. Coleman said she would abstain from voting on this matter and everyone else was in support of the resolution.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Harris asked about the 2 Park Lane issue. He said he has not heard anything regarding this matter.

Old Business:

- 3201/2 Main Street – Mr. Woodburn left a message today on voice mail regarding an ongoing issue he is having with his neighbor. His neighbor according to Mr. Woodburn is placing his grill too close to his home and has actually caused damage to his vinyl siding. He has called the police, fire marshall and attended borough meetings. Mr. DeBias explained that this is a civil issue and requested that Ms. Omietanski write a letter to Mr. Woodburn explaining that this is a civil issue and if he needs resolution he may want to contact a lawyer.
- Judy is starting to work on the 2015 budget. She has requested that all committees discuss any cost for the upcoming year and submit them to her by mid-September. Ms. Mahon, Mr. Johnson, Mayor Harris and Ms. Omietanski all agreed to attend a budget meeting on September 23, 2014 at 6:30pm. The budget needs to be voted to advertise in November and to be adopted in December. Mr. Lodise mentioned to Ms. Coleman that so far 22 signs need to be replaced in the borough and that he would work on getting a price together for the budget. Mr. Mandolesi mentioned to Ms. Coleman that \$4,500 needs to be put in the budget for the wall at borough hall and recommended that the lawn care cost be increased.
- Ira Romberger assisted Mr. Mandolesi in cleaning out the basement at borough hall. The bottom steps were growing a little garden. While Mr. Mandolesi was down in the basement he noticed two issues. The drain in the basement needs to be cleaned out and he heard running water and realized that water was circulating through the heater. He shut the system down and he does not know what is wrong but it will need to be resolved.
- Ms. Mahon brought up an issue she observed regarding Neshaminy Shore Picnics. She was home on a weekend and noticed that the shore club had a tremendous amount of people that day and the customers were parking all over town. They had no one directing traffic and wondered if anything could be done. Mr. DeBias explained the best course of action would be

to encourage the neighbors to place a complaint directly with the shore club. We have many businesses in town that use public parking for their clients and if we bring up issue with one business we need to do it for all.

- Mr. Wheeler asked Mr. Lodise if he considered trash can pickup service for trash collection. He has read where other townships are doing it and it has cut trash collection costs. Mr. Loside feels it is too close to contract to discuss this and he is very concerned with cars parked in areas where trash pickup would need open space.

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 pm; motion made by Ms. Mahon seconded by Mr. Wheeler.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,
Hulmeville Borough Secretary