

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
November 4, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Hulmeville Borough Council was held on the above date at the Borough Hall, 321 Main Street.

Councilmember's Present

Thomas Wheeler, President
Raymond Johnson, Vice President
Debbie Mahon
Dan Mandolesi
Mayor Dave Harris
Dale Walton Jr.
Nick Lodise
Judy Coleman

Staff in Attendance

Solicitor Robert DeBias
Secretary Dorothy Omietanski
Treasurer Diane McKairnes
Police Chief Tom Walton
Water & Sewer Clerk Pat Slater
HHS President Marce Heald

Councilmember's Absent: note Dan Mandolesi arrived 10 minutes after the start of the meeting

Staff Absent: Jim Clark, Authority Chair

Guests in Attendance: Chuck Raudinbush of Waste Management and Michael Macaguone of Courier Times

Call to Order: Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:33pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Motion made by Ms. Mahon seconded by Mr. Walton to approve the minutes of October 6, 2014; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

Police Report:

- Mr. Johnson read the report for the month of October 2014: 14 Incidents, 12 Traffic, 6 Parking, 1 Accidents, 4 Assists, 1 Summary, 0 Criminal, 5 District Court, 1 County Court, 0 EMS for a total hours worked: 156.0, Total Salary \$4,554.16.
- Chief Walton discussed how some police departments in the area are starting to offer the police station as a safe haven for Craig's List exchanges. Residents call the police and schedule an appointment to have their meeting take place at the police station. This provides the resident a safe place to exchange money. They could do any exchange except car sales and it would need to take place during a time when the officer is on duty. This may be something Hulmeville will consider in the future.

Note – Mr. Mandolesi arrived 7:40pm

Public Comment:

- Ms. Slater wanted to bring to council’s attention that there has been activity at the apartment on Reetz Ave.
- Ms. Heald did make the police aware that she has had issue with a black truck parked partly out of their driveway onto the roadway at Main and Green Streets.

Maintenance on Borough Hall:

- Spot Lights – The Historical Society has offered to purchase an LED spotlight for the outside of Borough Hall and is waiting on a price.
- Heating – The circulator had a small issue that has been resolved. Mr. Mandolesi is getting a price for a thermostat.
- Dampers – The issue with the temperature control in the secretary office is due to the fact that there are no dampers. Mr. Mandolesi is going to get a price on the instillation of manual dampers.
- Apartments – A painter has been scheduled for November 15th to paint Apartment B. Apartment A tenants informed Mr. Mandolesi that she has never received an actual electric bill. Her bill always states that it is an estimated bill. Mr. Mandolesi will contact PECO and get someone out to do an actual reading. Ted Dorand is the contact person at PECO.
- The hole on Walnut Street has been patched by PENDOT and should hold till spring.

Water and Sewer Meeting:

- Valerie Myers will be resigning from the water and sewer committee as of January 1, 2015. Please spread the word that the position will be open.

Opening Trash Bids:

- Mr. DeBias confirmed with Ms. Omietanski that the bids were advertised and posted in front of Hulmeville Borough. Ms. Omietanski confirmed that this was done.
- At 8:00 pm Mr. Wheeler opened the three bids that were received.
- The bids were as follows:
Republic/BFI – 3 year \$309,810 – 5 year \$526,815 – 20 yard \$600 each – 10 yard 600 each
Waste Management – 3 year \$330,347 – 5 year \$573,372 – 20 yard \$500 each – 10 yard \$375 each
Mascaro & Sons – 3 year \$322,740 – 5 year \$558,885 – 20 yard \$550 each – 10 yard \$500 each
- Mr. DeBias will check the bids for compliance and council will discuss the bids at the work session.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer’s Report of November 3, 2014 was made available for inspection:

• General Fund Checking Balance as of October 1, 2014:	\$ 38,917.66
Expenses Totaled:	\$ -36,353.08
Income Totaled:	<u>\$ 14,152.58</u>
General Fund Checking Balance as of September 30, 2014:	\$ 16,717.16

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| • Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of October 1, 2014: | \$ 90,903.51 |
| Expenses Totaled: | \$ -15,339.94 |
| Income Totaled: | <u>\$ 39,903.51</u> |
| Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of September 30, 2014: | \$ 115,272.26 |

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| • Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of September 1, 2014: | \$350,703.09 |
| Interest July | \$ 4.05 |
| Deposit | \$ 30,000.00 |
| Expense | <u>\$ - 0</u> |
| Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of September 30, 2014: | \$380,707.14 |

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| • Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of September 1, 2014: | \$ 56,117.29 |
| Interest May/ June | \$.38 |
| Deposit | \$ 0 |
| Expenses | <u>\$ -30,000.00</u> |
| Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of September 30, 2014: | \$ 26,117.67 |

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| • General Fund PLGIT Balance as of September 1, 2014: | \$ 11,108.34 |
| Interest June | \$.15 |
| Deposits | \$ 7,227.15 |
| Expenses Total: | <u>\$ 0</u> |
| General Fund PLGIT Balance as of September 30, 2014: | \$ 18,335.64 |

Bills: A copy of the bill list dated November 3, 2014 was provided to Council and offered for review by the public. Note two bill were added at the meeting for Verizon Wireless and Allied Services.

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| • General Fund beginning balance as of October 21, 2014: | \$ 29,245.11 |
| ending balance as of November 4, 2014: | \$ 1,185.03 |

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| • Sewer & Water beginning balance as of November 1, 2014: | \$ 114,380.78 |
| ending balance as of November 7, 2014: | \$ 100,295.11 |

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| • Highway Aid beginning balance as of October 14, 2014: | \$ 26,024.89 |
| ending balance as of October 14, 2014: | \$ 26,024.89 |

A motion was duly made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise and carried unanimously to approve the bill list dated November 3, 2014; motion carries 7-0-0.

Finance:

- Ms. Coleman needed to adjust the budget by \$500. She increased the lawn care by \$500 and decreased building capital fund by \$500.
- **Motion made by Ms. Coleman seconded by Mr. Lodise to advertise the 2015 budget for \$335,593.72 with assessed property value of \$8,601,990, millage 12.00, combined tax**

millage 12.75, mills real estate 12.00, mills fire tax .75 and per capita \$5; Motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

Solicitor Report:

- FEMA Map Modernization Floodplain Ordinance – Mr. DeBias and Ms. Mahon met with Mr. Canales and were assisted by Ms. Rhoads to create a stand in ordinance. They clarified the meaning of a manufactured home. A manufactured home will not include modular homes it will only apply to mobile homes which have 2 or more parts on a chassis. There are several issues that will need to be discussed by the committee. An application for a permit will need to be created, the meaning of water course will need to be defined, and the new ordinance omits definitions that were in the old ordinance (impervious surfaces and junk yards) will need to be addressed. There will also need to be discussion regarding the floodplain soils. Floodplain soils are areas subject to periodic flooding; Hulmeville Borough has two areas that are outside the floodway area. The committee will need to decide if we want to regulate these two areas and if so they need to be added to the floodplain ordinance. Council also needs to be aware that the underlying zoning ordinance must comply with the new floodplain ordinance. Floodplain provisions have priority over all others. The committee also needs to check to see if Bucks County Planning Commission is going to be updating the maps. The last floodplain maps were issued in 2010.
- Sewer Rate Charge – Mr. DeBias confirmed with Ms. Omietanski that the sewer rate charge was advertised and posted. **Motion made by Ms. Mahon seconded by Ms. Coleman to approve the ordinance for the sewer rate increase; Motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.**
- Outstanding Bridge Issues – Ms. Mahon is looking to purchase a bush for Debbie Earnest of 10 Main Street. Ms. Mahon needs to wait for spring to make the purchase.
- Johnson Hall – Mr. DeBias sent a letter to Mr. Cubernot outlining the updated payment schedule. There has been no response to the letter.

Mayor:

- Last Tuesday the Mayor attended the Bucks County Commission's gathering to celebrate the completion of the raising of the houses in Hulmeville.

Zoning:

- Mr. Mandolesi did not have a report to submit for October for Ms. Juno. She only had 1.5 hours to report for two items she handled so she will report the two items on the next month's report.

Streets:

- Mr. Lodise is planning to start replacing some of the signs in the borough. He would like to start with the stop signs.
- Mr. Wheeler will get prices on street sign replacement.

PA One Call:

- Ms. Mahon wanted to bring to council's attention that she received a report that claims the borough did not respond to a PA one call. Ms. Mahon will check with them to see what phone number they have on file and council needs to determine who should be contacted. Hulmeville Water and Sewer cannot be the contact because they do not have the proper equipment to locate a line. Bucks County Water and Sewer can assist but will charge the borough for the service.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20pm; motion made by Mr. Walton seconded by Ms. Mahon.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,
Hulmeville Borough Secretary