

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
December 1, 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

Councilmember's Absent: none

Staff Absent: Jim Clark, Authority Chair

Guests in Attendance: Joe McKairnes

Call to Order: Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:38pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Walton to approve the minutes of November 4, 2014; Motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

Police Report:

- Mr. Johnson read the report for the month of November 2014: 13 Incidents, 14 Traffic, 8 Parking, 2 Accidents, 4 Assists, 1 Summary, 1 Criminal, 4 District Court, 0 County Court, 0 EMS for a total hours worked: 167.0, Total Salary \$4,790.66.
- Chief Walton informed council that all officers have qualified on their weapons test.
- There was one DUI and 1 drug arrest this month.
- The tree lighting went very well without incident.
- The historical society presented the police with a memorial to fallen officers of 911 and presented it to them at the William Penn Firehouse.
- Chief Walton just wanted to remind everyone to not leave valuables in plain sight in your car. Also be careful and aware of your surroundings as you are holiday shopping. Always have your keys in hand as you enter a parking lot and be aware of who is around you.
- Be aware of a phone scam that is common now where people are posing as an IRS agent and need you to make immediate payment. Do not give any information to these people and if you can get a phone number please call the police to report the scam.

Public Comment:

- Mr. McKarines was having a casual conversation with the police regarding speed enforcement. It came up in the conversation that the speed enforcement lines have faded and it would be helpful if they were repainted. Mr. McKarines has offered his assistance in getting the lines repainted. Mr. Lodise told council that he has been having discussions with Sargent Juno regarding the lines. Mr. Lodise is waiting on Sargent Juno to let him know when the reflective paint arrives and then they will use the paint machine stored in the garage to repaint the lines.

Maintenance on Borough Hall:

- Heating – Mr. Mandolesi received a quote for \$275 which would cover the cost of installing a shut off system in the basement so the heater would not run during the summer months.
- Dampers –Mr. Mandolesi received two prices for installing the dampers. The first price is \$659 and would cover the cost of installing a mechanical air damper and a 24 volt thermostat. The second price is \$230 and would cover the cost of installing a manual damper.
- Apartments – The apartment was painted this past Wednesday and the meter was replaced with a new one. Mr. Walton has someone coming on Wednesday to look at the apartment. The person is a police officer in Bristol and is looking for an apartment in the area. The security deposit can be returned to the previous renter.
- The leaves have been picked up on the borough property.

Trash Bids:

- All bid packages were complete. The best price came from Republic and the 5 year contract seems to be the best choice. The contract is for 380 households so should the number of homes increase the price may need to be renegotiated.
- **Motion made by Mr. Walton seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to accept the bid for Republic as our trash service for five years at a price of \$526,815; Motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.**
- Mr. Lodise will contact Dominic from Republic and let him know that he will receive a letter from Mr. DeBias and that he will need to complete the contract and submit their insurance information.
- Mr. DeBias will also notify the other bidders and inform them of the decision council made.

Water and Sewer:

- Mr. Walton will take care of ordering badges for Dan Hillegas and Debra Mahon. Dan needs to provide Mr. Walton a photo and his title will be Water and Sewer Plumber. Ms. Mahon's badge will have the photo on file, her name will be written as Debbie Mahon and her title will be Flood Plain Administrator.
- The Water and Sewer board position is still open. Anyone interested in filling the position should contact Mr. Walton or Ms. Mahon.
- The application for the permit was drafted by Mr. DeBias and will be reviewed by the adhoc committee in January.
- BCWSA will be meeting on Thursday to discuss act 537.

- Mr. Cubernot paid Mr. Wheeler \$1,500 for November and December water bill. Pat will apply \$250 to the current bill and the rest to the late amount.
- Ms. Slater confirmed the a bill was mailed to and paid by the Neshaminy Shore Club for the 100,000 gallons of water it used the spring to fill their pools.

Finance:

- Mr. DeBias confirmed with Ms. Omietanski that the budget was advertised and posted at borough hall.
- **Motion made by Ms. Coleman seconded by Ms. Mahon to adopt 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. Noting that the refuse fee will need to be revised at the January meeting to reflect the price of the new contract.**

Zoning:

- Mr. Mandolesi reported that Ms. Juno worked a total of 5 hours for the months of October and November 2014. She had two email correspondences for the Buczek residence of 5 Hopewell Lane regarding permit information. She attended a meeting at borough hall for permit packet submission of 5 Hopewell Lane, reviewed the packet and delivered it to BIU. She investigated an illegal signage, contacted the owner and advised them of the necessary actions and requirements for the sign.
- There is a planning meeting next Tuesday to review the flood plain ordinance. On December 17th there will be a hearing regarding the cell tower proposal. Kiss's paperwork has been received and a zoning hearing needs to be scheduled.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report of December 1, 2014 was made available for inspection:

• General Fund Checking Balance as of November 1, 2014:	\$ 16,717.16
Expenses Totaled:	\$ -19,072.81
Income Totaled:	<u>\$ 13,171.72</u>
General Fund Checking Balance as of November 30, 2014:	\$ 10,816.07
• Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of November 1, 2014:	\$115,272.26
Expenses Totaled:	\$ -15,201.15
Income Totaled:	<u>\$ 21,429.67</u>
Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of November 30, 2014:	\$ 121,500.78
• Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of October 1, 2014:	\$380,707.14
Interest October	\$ 8.74
Deposit	\$ 0
Expense	<u>\$ - 0</u>
Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of October 31, 2014:	\$380,715.88

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| • Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of October 1, 2014: | \$ 26,117.67 |
| Interest October | \$.60 |
| Deposit | \$ 0 |
| Expenses | <u>\$ -72.30</u> |
| Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of October 31, 2014: | \$ 26,045.97 |

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| • General Fund PLGIT Balance as of October 1, 2014: | \$ 18,335.64 |
| Interest October | \$.42 |
| Deposits | \$ 0 |
| Expenses Total: | <u>\$ 0</u> |
| General Fund PLGIT Balance as of October 31, 2014: | \$ 18,336.06 |

Bills: A copy of the bill list dated November 3, 2014 was provided to Council and offered for review by the public. Note ten bills were added at the meeting for Verizon Wireless, Kevin Gulliver, PA Boro Association and police uniforms.

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| • General Fund beginning balance as of November 18, 2014: | \$ 20,817.25 |
| ending balance as of December 1, 2014: | \$ -8,339.78 |

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| • Sewer & Water beginning balance as of December 1, 2014: | \$ 120,600.82 |
| ending balance as of December 12, 2014: | \$ 103,132.16 |

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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.

Meeting Schedule:

- Mr. Wheeler emailed council a tentative meeting schedule next year for council, water and sewer, planning committee, historical society and zoning hearing board.
- Mr. Wheeler is suggesting, due to the sunshine laws, that council advertise committee meetings. He is proposing a set schedule of all available Tuesdays and Thursdays with the caveat that meeting will only be held when there is an agenda.

Solicitor Report:

- **Motion made by Ms. Mahon seconded by Mr. Lodise to have Mr. DeBias send the FEMA ordinance to Bucks County Planning Commission; Motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.**
- Mr. DeBias has a copy of Bensalem’s dog ordinance which he says is very detailed. The only exception to picking up after your pet is for owners of eye seeing dogs.
- The RDA sent out the approved grants for 2015. Hulmeville did receive their grant for \$9,247 to install the emergency vehicle preemption device. Mr. DeBias told council they need to try to get three bids for the installation.

- At the January meeting council will need to sign the trash contract and advertise the flood plain ordinance.

Mayor:

- Wanted to know where everything stands regarding the barricades on Washington.

Streets

- The house at the corner of Bellevue and Green is driving their cars over the curb and pushing mud onto the sidewalk making it difficult to walk on. Also the third house up from the corner of Green and Bellevue is also driving up on the curb and parking on the lawn. The police and the zoning office will be notified of the issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm; motion made by Mr. Wheeler seconded by Mr. Walton.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,
Hulmeville Borough Secretary