

**HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 2, 2015**

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  
Judy Coleman  
Dan Mandolesi  
Mayor Dave Harris  
Dale Walton Jr.  
Nick Lodise

**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:** Debbie Mahon

**Staff Absent:** Jim Clark and Fire Marshal Bill Wheeler

**Guests in Attendance:** Joe Heald and Sherri Wheeler

**Call to Order:** Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:42pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes:** Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise to approve the minutes of February 2 and February 17, 2015; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

**Police Report:**

- Mr. Johnson read the report for the month of February 2015: 10 Incidents, 7 Traffic, 5 Parking, 0 Accidents, 4 Assists, 0 Summary, 0 Criminal, 5 District Court, 0 County Court, 1 EMS for a total hours worked: 189.0, Total Salary \$4,127.71.
- This is Chief Walton's second to last meeting.
- Easter Egg Hunt - The Easter egg hunt will be held March 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm in the field behind borough hall. After this year the Hulmeville Historical Society will be in charge of all future Easter egg hunts.
- A no left turn sign has been posted at the corner of Main Street and Trenton Ave. After an adjustment period tickets will be given out to offenders.
- Traffic Counter – The borough will have use of a traffic counter from Bristol Borough. The counter will be able to provide the borough information regarding how many cars at what time are going down Main Street. The machine will record the speed of the cars and at what times cars may be speeding through town. They anticipate an additional 2,000 cars a day due to the bridge construction detour.
- Detour - Mr. Wheeler has scheduled a meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am with state representatives at the PENDOT engineering building. Mr. Wheeler is hoping to receive funding for additional police enforcement during the detour. Mr. Wheeler did request from

Tina Davis's office a traffic light, signs and funding for police and to date the only items received are the two signs. Council may want to consider posting a do not enter between certain times of the day sign at Green Street to prevent cars from cutting through to get to Trenton Ave.

- Monday at 7:00pm there will be a police committee meeting and at 7:30 a meeting with Sergeant Juno and at the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting Sergeant Juno if accepts the offer made to him will be sworn in as the new police Chief of Hulmeville Borough.

**Public Comment:** none

**Maintenance on Borough Hall:**

- The automatic water feed was not working in the secretary office. The feed was filled with air. It has been replaced and is working fine.
- The new auto damper units are in but have not been installed yet.
- The emergency lighting in the ladies room broke and a new light assembly had to be installed.
- The lease has been signed for apartment B and they can move in any time after March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Streets:**

- Trash - Republic will be mailing out letters to all residents regarding trash and will include information regarding the disposal of hazardous waste. Mr. Lodise also completed and sent the annual refuse reports to the county. Two calls came in this month regarding trash pick-up one was for a TV and the other for bulk trash.
- Mr. Lodise is aware of one light outage on Lincoln and Reetz. There was a report of an outage on McCarthy however every time he has checked it is functioning. He will keep an eye on the light on McCarthy. Mr. Wheeler wanted to make council aware that the borough pays a \$1,000 service fee yearly for the replacement of light bulbs. He believes we may do better financially if we hire an electrician and pay them each time a light is out. Last year only one light was out the entire year and this year so far we only have one light out. He would like to get three quotes from electricians on changing lightbulbs in the borough.
- Mr. Lodise did talk to the snow removal company about the calibration equipment. Ms. Mahon has not contacted them yet but they are aware of her request and will follow up with her when she contacts them.

**Water and Sewer:**

- Mr. Walton needs a photo of Jason McKairnes for his ID. Ms. McKairnes said she would follow up with him and make sure a photo is forwarded to Mr. Walton.
- Ms. Slater reported to council that no payment has been received from Johnson Hall. The payment was due 2/15/15.
- All Water and Sewer positions will remain the same this upcoming year with the exception of Jason McKairnes who will be the new secretary replacing Valerie Myers.

**Zoning Officer Report:** Mr. Mandolesi read Ms. Juno's report for February. During the month of February Ms. Juno emailed Ms. Omietanski regarding the Verizon impact study, emailed Ms.

Jones regarding Kiss Electric and prepared and emailed monthly reports for December, January and February. She also spent 7 hours working on a complaint from 103 Green Street. Her work included locating the ordinances in violation, calls made to investigate the issue and drafting documentation to the owner who is in violation. Mr. DeBias recommended that Mr. Mandolesi go through the ordinance book and make copies of any ordinance pertaining to zoning for Ms. Juno so she has it to reference when issues arise. Mr. Mandolesi asked Mr. DeBias if the borough can charge the owner of 103 Green Street for Ms. Juno's time. Mr. DeBias will check into it and will get back to council.

**Mayor:** Mayor Harris is attending the meeting with the Bucks County Planning Commission tomorrow.

**Solicitor Report:**

- Johnson Hall - The owner of Johnson Hall has missed his agreed to payment on 2/15/15. Mr. Wheeler has tried to reach out to Mr. Cubernot regarding collecting the payment and has not received any response. The Tea Room did offer the Water and Sewer Authority to make the monthly payments for the water and sewer at Johnson Hall but Mr. Clark declined her request. The Water and Sewer Authority never bills a renter only the owner and if Mr. Cubernot misses a back payment his water will be cut off even if they are making the monthly payments on time. Council requested that Mr. DeBias mail Mr. Cubernot a letter informing him that the water to Johnson Hall will be turned off on April 6, 2015 if payment is not received immediately. The tenants will also receive a notice at the same time regarding the water shut off date. Mr. Wheeler will hand deliver the tenants letters.
- Brightline – Mario has been trying to contact Brightline regarding the punch list he sent to them back on January 26, 2015 by certified mail regarding the 8 punch list items still unresolved. The borough's maintenance bond expires on March 27, 2015 and the items need to either be resolved by the expiration or an extension needs to be made on the bond. Mario has had no success in reaching anyone from Brightline. Last week after numerous calls someone was going to schedule a meeting with Mario but no one ever did get back in touch with him. At this point Mario is recommending that council either secure an extension or make a claim on the bond. Mario is suggesting the borough extend the bond by 6 months and hire another firm to make the inspection and complete the work. Most of the issues that need to be completed require concrete work. Right now due to the weather conditions no concrete work can be accomplished, however Brightline should have responded to Mario's letter and numerous calls.
- **A motion was duly made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to have Mr. DeBias contact the bonding company to request a 6 month extension; motion carries 6-0-0.**
- Penndel RDA Grant – Penndel Borough is purchasing a police building and has asked that Hulmeville Borough request \$200,000 from the RDA for payment.
- **A motion was duly made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to have Mr. DeBias draft a resolution authorizing Mr. Wheeler to submit a request for payment in the amount of \$200,000 from the RDA; motion carries 6-0-0.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report of March 2, 2015 was made available for inspection:

• <b>General Fund Checking</b> Balance as of February 1, 2015:	\$ 812.81
Expenses Totaled:	\$ -30,836.78
Income Totaled:	<u>\$ 46,382.71</u>
General Fund Checking Balance as of February 28, 2015:	<b>\$ 16,358.74</b>
• <b>Sewer Fund Checking</b> Balance as of February 1, 2015:	\$129,790.74
Expenses Totaled:	\$ -18,114.59
Income Totaled:	<u>\$ 22,117.44</u>
Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of February 28, 2015:	<b>\$ 133,793.59</b>
• <b>Sewer Fund PLGIT</b> Balance as of January 1, 2015:	\$380,722.87
Interest January	\$ 5.79
Deposit	\$ 0
Expense	<u>\$ -0</u>
Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of January 31, 2015:	<b>\$380,728.66</b>
• <b>Highway Aid PLGIT</b> Balance as of January 1, 2015:	\$ 25,973.42
Interest January	\$ .39
Deposit	\$ 0
Expenses	<u>\$ -36.15</u>
Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of January 31, 2015:	<b>\$ 25,973.81</b>
• <b>General Fund PLGIT</b> Balance as of January 1, 2015:	\$ 18,536.61
Interest January	\$ .19
Deposits	\$ 7,227.30
Expenses Total:	<u>\$ 0</u>
General Fund PLGIT Balance as of January 31, 2015:	<b>\$ 11,309.50</b>

**Bills:** A copy of the bill list dated March 2, 2015 was provided to Council and offered for review by the public. Note one bill was added for \$498.61 for Bucks County Courier Times.

• <b>General Fund</b> beginning balance as of March 2, 2015:	\$ 15,049.16
ending balance as of March 7, 2015:	\$ 3572.83
• <b>Sewer &amp; Water</b> beginning balance as of March 2, 2015:	\$ 133,585.23
ending balance as of March 2, 2015:	\$ 132,315.45
• <b>Highway Aid</b> beginning balance as of March 2, 2015:	\$ 10,987.18
ending balance as of March 2, 2015:	\$ 10,951.04

**A motion was duly made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise and carried unanimously to approve the bill list dated March 2, 2015; motion carries 6-0-0.**

**Recent Fire in Hulmeville:** Mr. Mandolesi asked council how water that is used to put out fires is paid for in the borough. The water used is billed to the borough. Also the BCWSA needs to be contacted regarding the stem on the fire hydrant located at Washington and Pennsylvania. The stem was broken during the fire and needs to be fixed. Mr. Lodise asked Ms. Omietanski to make the call.

**Next Meeting:** Mr. Wheeler is going to email everyone on council regarding a list of issues that have been put aside for future discussion. He would like council to be prepared to discuss all issues at next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm; motion made by Mr. Walton seconded by Mr. Johnson.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,  
Hulmeville Borough Secretary