

**Work Session Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2015**

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, Dale Walton Jr. and Mayor Harris

Councilmember's Absent: Nick Lodise.

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 9:01 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Solicitor Report:

- Main Street Bridge - Brightline will be working on the punch list starting tomorrow and anticipates the work being completed by Thursday. Mr. DeBias did receive a 90 day extension on the bond.
- BCWSA Contract – Mr. DeBias received the documents from BCWSA and they have adjusted the 5 year average water consumption to 73,948 gallons per day. If council agrees to this amount Mr. DeBias can contact BCWSA to move forward with the agreement. Council agreed to the amount.
- Zoning Officer Fees – Mr. DeBias confirmed with Mr. Mandolesi that we cannot charge the owner of the property on 103 Green Street for Ms. Juno's time. Her fees will have to be paid by the borough. The only way fees can be charge is if an amendment is made.
- Johnson Hall – Mr. Wheeler received payment of \$1,500 for the months of February and March today from Mr. Cubernot. Mr. Wheeler proposed that moving forward the secretary draft a standard letter that would go out to Mr. Cubernot every time he is delayed in sending in his payment. Mr. Wheeler is concerned with the amount of money and time spent every time he misses payments. Mr. Wheeler also wanted to bring to council's attention that while he was at Johnson Hall PECO arrived with a notice that they were cutting service.
- Storm Water Ordinance - There was an article published discussing the new storm water ordinance. It highlighted how strict the new ordinance was going to be and listed many municipalities who have waited till the last minute to pass the ordinance for their community. Good news that Hulmeville is in compliance and was not mentioned in the article.

Mayor:

- Police Chief – There was a meeting held with Sergeant Juno regarding his promotion to Chief. Sergeant Juno accepted the borough's offer and will be sworn in at the April meeting. He will be working 70 hours on the street at \$21.50 per hour. The committee decided not to move anyone up to Sergeant at this time and is not hiring any more officers. The committee

also received a letter of resignation from Officer Ulysses Barger. The committee has decided to divide his hours among the remaining officers to give them more working hours.

- Bridge Construction in Bensalem – Sergeant Juno, Mr. Wheeler and Mayor Harris met with the engineers who are overseeing the construction of the turnpike 95 bridge. They went to request addition funds to be spent on patrolling Main Street. The borough did use Bristol Townships counter device for 4 days along Main Street. The four days also coincide with the snow storm. During the four days which ran from Wednesday to Saturday with Thursday and Friday being snow days counted a total of 24,800 cars at an average of 6,200 cars per day. The turnpike commission anticipates this spring that as much as 17,500 cars per day could be driving through Hulmeville. The borough will most likely not reach 17,500 due to the fact that some people will take alternate routes; however this spring once the weather is warmer there is anticipated significant increase in car volume. The turnpike commission claimed they have never had a request like this and that they would be the ones who would be paying the expense if it is approved. Mr. Wheeler made them aware the reason for the request which they may not be aware of is because Hulmeville is a very small town and we only have part-time police. We are not equipped to manage the amount of cars that will be traveling through our town and requested \$30,000 for funding of police during the 9 month detour.
- Bucks County Planning Commission – Mayor Harris attended a meeting on March 3 for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The commission is planning to hold meetings to discuss the changes every two months. All information will need to be updated for the borough and will be very time consuming. Mayor Harris will update Mr. Wheeler on all the information he gathered at the meeting.
- Emergency Management Meeting – The mayor attended a meeting for the Emergency Management System where they announced they are again changing the system. They are now calling the new system Every Reach.

Building Maintenance:

- There is a swarm of boxelder bugs at the front door of borough hall. The best recommendation for eliminating them is using traps which Mr. Wheeler will purchase.
- The damper for the secretary's room has been installed at the agreed amount of \$659.
- Mr. Mandolesi received the bill for the emergency repairs on the auto fill valve. The cost of the service was \$616.02 and will be presented to council for payment at the next meeting. A suggestion was made to Mr. Mandolesi that the borough schedules regular maintenance on the heating system.

Chief Walton's Retirement:

- Mayor Harris has had chief's badge mounted at an estimated cost of \$65.
- Ms. Mahon is organizing the invitations. A total of 65 people will be invited including council, all police, Joe Nicastro, Harriet Black, Mr. Romberger, Ferd and Alma Reetz, Jeffrey Tomlinson, George Vile, Police chiefs from the area, Tina Davis, Frank Farry, planning commission, zoning board, HARB, and chief's family members.
- The family of Chief Walton has offered to provide soda, juice and a cake for the party. **A motion was duly made by Ms. Mahon seconded by Mr. Mandolesi and carried unanimously to allow Ms. Mahon to spend no more than \$250 on food and supplies for the party; motion carries 6-0-0.**

Old Business: Mr. Wheeler presented a list to council of items that need to be resolved in upcoming meetings. The items on the list have been discussed in the past and placed on hold for various reasons. These items need to be discussed and settled upon. The items are as follows:

1. Rental inspection ordinance – Mr. Wheeler asked council to be prepared to discuss this item at next work session meeting in April.
2. Zoning ordinance items that need to be evaluated – pool fences, FEMA, sprinkler systems in homes and commercial space
3. Zoning fees i.e. land development, floodplain and zoning issues as well as a new inspection form
4. Updated contracts for snowplowing and street light replacement. Regarding snowplow contract Mr. Wheeler will contact Middletown Township regarding purchasing salt from them. Regarding street lights currently the borough pays a monthly fee of \$83.37 regardless of any service done. Armour Electric will charge \$100 per hour that would be paid when needed.
5. Unfinished business – a letter from the trash company to all residence, street sign at Trenton and Main, and the barricade at end of Washington Ave
6. Other items – evaluate the service provided by the current auditors, insurance review of service and repairs made to stonewall at borough hall. The stone wall will be paid for by the Hulmeville Historic Society and Mr. Mandolesi will contact them regarding the information he has gathered regarding the repairs.

Storm Water:

- Zoning Issue: At the corner of Washington and Webster there is a zoning violation. There is a pipe that is going directly into the storm water sewer. Ms. Juno has addressed this with the home owner once before but needs to go back again. During times of bad weather there is a hose that runs from the house, connects to this plastic tub and runs directly into the sewer. Ms. Mahon will email Ms. Juno regarding this matter.
- Earth Day – Ms. Mahon is preparing for the Middletown Earth Day on Saturday April 25 at Core Creek Park from 10am to 2pm. This event will satisfy the best management practices for both NPDES and MS4 requirements Act 167. She will have a table set up along with another table for the garden club. The first 400 families will receive a free sapling and the garden club is trying to secure a donation from Burpee to hand out packets of seeds. Ms. Coleman has offered to assist Ms. Mahon with the project. Ms. Mahon would like to advertise the event on the Hulmeville web site as well as posting at the firehouse. The event is free and they are expecting to reach 120 thousand people.
- Bucks County Visitors Center – The second annual garden fest opened today at the visitor's center. This year the Hulmeville garden club had an opportunity to set up a display. It is a free event and cost the club \$150 in flowers for the display. Also at this event there will be a flyer posted that advertises the Earth Day event at Core Creek Park.
- Flood Ordinance Inspection Form – Ms. Mahon would like to finalize the inspection form.
- Welcoming Ms. Davis – Ms. Mahon has offered to provide a plant to welcome Ms. Davis to her new office in Pennel. Mr. Mandolesi has offered to deliver it to her.

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm; motion made by Ms. Mahon seconded by Mr. Mandolesi.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,
Hulmeville Borough Secretary