

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
June 1, 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
Debbie Mahon

Staff in Attendance

Solicitor Robert DeBias
Secretary Dorothy Omietanski
Treasurer Diane McKairnes
Police Chief Bob Juno
Water & Sewer Clerk Pat Slater
HHS President Marce Heald
Authority Chair Jim Clark

Councilmember's Absent: none

Staff Absent: Fire Marshal Bill Wheeler

Guests in Attendance: Ron Robbins

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 Ms. Mahon seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to approve the minutes of May 4 2015; Motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

Public Comment: none

Police Report:

- Mr. Johnson read the report for the month of May 2015: 18 Incidents, 31 Traffic, 5 Parking, 0 Accidents, 6 Assists, 7 Summary, 1 Criminal, 1 District Court, 0 County Court, 2 EMS for a total hours worked: 209.0, Total Salary \$4,278.05.
- Chief Juno said summer is approaching and activity is picking up. They have been issuing tickets for turning left onto Trenton Rd from Main St. Hours for the police will be increasing and they are planning to add one additional part-time officer.
- There was a traffic stop over the weekend where a car was pulled over at the firehouse where the driver was headed for an event. The driver's friends and family came out of the firehouse and were observing the police officer handle the situation. People were filming the officer with their phones and the officer had to warn the group to remain at a distance from the police activity. Everything was resolved without incident.

Water and Sewer:

- BCWSA Contract – Mr. Clark attended the meeting on May 12th where BCWSA gave accolades to Hulmeville Borough for being proactive in addressing issues in the contract and pushing to have them resolved so the contract could be signed.
- Act 537 – Mr. Clark is hoping to have a document to present to council by September's meeting. He is currently working with Max Stoner. He has sent Mr. Stoner a task list for him to review. The most important items that need to be completed in the upcoming months are the creation of an environmental report, lateral inspections of all homes, capping open sewer vents and sub pump inspections. Mr. Clark would like to propose that the sub pump inspection program to be presented to homeowners will allow them to avoid a charge by providing the water authority with a document that has been completed by a licensed plumber that states the sub pump is installed and drained correctly by law. Mr. Clark needs to secure an exact copy of the sub pump law. A suggestion was made to go to the International Plumbing Code and it may have a copy of the sub pump code. Another suggestion was made that when laterals are checked, since the inspector is in the house anyway; check the sub pumps at the same time. Mr. Clark could not stress enough the importance of deciding on a way to do these inspections. The DEP is expecting the borough to reduce its I & I within a 10 year time frame.
- Sink Hole Main Street – Mike Whitaker is investigating the issue now.
- Fire Hydrant Washington and Pennsylvania Ave – BCWSA is aware of the problem and will fix it.

Floodplain:

- 404 Main Street – Ms. Mahon confirmed that the owner of 404 Main Street did in fact complete a land mass tilling. Ms. Mahon visited the property and informed the owner that he needs to place an erosion cover down on the ground that he cleared as soon as possible. The owner was not very receptive and told her he was an engineer and knew exactly what he needs to be doing. Ms. Mahon also explained the rules of trash collection and pointed out that trash cannot sit at the curb the whole week but that it needs to be taken out the evening before scheduled pick up.
- Fee Schedule - Ms. Mahon needs to finalize the fee list. She needs the fees that Hulmeville currently charges for things so she can base the new prices off the current. She is also working on the application. Once she completes the application Ms. Coleman has offered to convert it to Adobe so that it may be posted to the website.
- **Motion made by Mr. Lodise and seconded by Ms. Mahon to sign the agreement between BCWSA and Hulmeville Borough for the Neshaminy Interceptor; Motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.**

Storm Water:

- NPDES – Ms. Mahon received the information she needed on the salting of the roads this past winter. Last year a letter was sent out to all businesses. This year NPDES requires that a letter is sent out to all residents.
- FEMA storm water – Ms. Mahon has received several phone calls regarding the new flood plain maps. The maps the borough recently received on March 15th do not match the maps that are posted to the county website. A significant amount of property that was never flood plain area according to the new maps is now flood plain. This change is affecting homeowner's insurance rates significantly and the calls are coming in as homeowners insurance is up for

renewal. In order to fight the insurance rate increase the responsibility is placed on the homeowner. They need to complete a letter of map appeal (LOMA). They also need to secure a base flood elevation certificate at a cost of approximately \$350 and a survey to contest it at a cost of approximately \$850 and there is no guarantee after all this money is spent that they will win the case. Act 167 just made national news including the exact issue Hulmeville is experiencing with insurance rates increasing. Ms. Mahon received two flood insurance quotes for her own home, which is under question right now. These changes will affect a large portion of the community and the issue at hand needs to be resolved in a timely manner. Ms. Mahon's next step is to contact Mario.

Zoning Report:

- Mr. Mandolesi read Ms. Juno's zoning report for May. Ms. Juno emailed correspondences to Jeff King of 103 Green Street, Rush Davidson of CK Performance at 501 Main Street and Buczek residences of 5 Hopewell Lane. She also needed to spend time reviewing emails after her vacation. Ms. Juno worked a total of 8 hours. Ms. Mahon noted that Ms. Juno's report needs to be revised to include the issue at 209 Webster for NPDES file. Once the report has been revised she requested a copy be forwarded to her for her records.
- The issue at 827 and 829 Walnut Ave was investigated by Ms. Juno and her findings show that the wall and driveway work was not breaking any zoning laws. She feels that this is a civil matter and needs to be addressed that way.

Streets:

- Street Sweeping – The streets were swept on 5/21 by Reilly Sweeping and disposed of by Waste Management. Ms. Mahon is requesting a copy of the bills when it arrives be forwarded to her.
- The pothole at Reetz and Washington was repaired by CDU. There is a crack in the parking lot of borough hall still needs to be addressed. Mr. Lodise will be following up on that issue.
- Mr. Lodise received one price quote from Kiss Electric for the installation of the light at the corner of 1 Beaver Street. Kiss provided a summary of the work totaling \$2,435.00. He is still waiting for prices from Armor & Son and Neshaminy and will follow up with them this month to try to secure additional quotes. Mr. Casmiric did offer to pay \$800 of the cost and Mr. Lodise will talk to him about increasing his amount to half the total cost.
- West Nile – The DEP completed a dip test in the borough and did find spots where mosquitos are currently living.

Trash:

- Trash issues – There were a few issues with yard waste that were resolved.
- Republic did send out the trash collection flyer to all residents.
- Recycling Electronics – Mr. Lodise received a letter that explains that in the state of PA since 2011 retail outlets of electronic devices were required to collect old devices. Right now Best Buy is taking back old computers and TV's. Mr. Lodise is also in conversation with Republic who is looking for drop off sites that can be posted on the borough website.

Budget:

- Borough has received deposits totaling over \$70,000 from tax collection.
- Additional Police Hours – Chief Juno will be keeping a log of the additional police hours worked for policing the extra traffic along Main Street. Chief Juno will have to submit the hours worked to the turnpike commission who will then in return reimburse the borough. Ms. Coleman requested that she be copied on the logs so that she can explain the variances in the budget.
- Ms. Coleman and the budget committee are planning to start working on the 2016 budget in July so that they may be prepared for a possible tax increase.

Solicitor Report:

- **Motion made by Mr. Lodise and seconded by Mr. Johnson to make a resolution to authorize the submission of the application for Traffic Signal Approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation; Motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.**
- **Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi and seconded by Ms. Mahon to authorize Mr. Wheeler to submit the application for Traffic Signal on behalf of Hulmeville Borough; Motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.**
- Council needs to advertise the snow removal contract. Council agreed to advertise a 1-3-5 year contract. Mr. Wheeler also noted that in the new contract borough will be receiving the salt through Middletown Township. Mr. Wheeler will secure an agreement with Middletown regarding the salt and provide this agreement in writing before the snow removal contract is finalized.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer’s Report of June 1, 2015 was made available for inspection:

• General Fund Checking Balance as of May1, 2015:	\$ 23,778.69
Expenses Totaled:	\$ -30,899.66
Income Totaled:	<u>\$149,290.80</u>
General Fund Checking Balance as of May 31, 2015:	\$142,169.83
• Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of May 1, 2015:	\$133,997.63
Expenses Totaled:	\$ -28,944.46
Income Totaled:	<u>\$ 133,997.63</u>
Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of May 31, 2015:	\$ 134,699.78
• Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of April 1, 2015:	\$350,736.35
Interest February	\$ 8.36
Deposit	\$ 0
Expense	<u>\$ 0</u>
Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of April 30, 2015:	\$350,744.71
• Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of April 1, 2015:	\$ 32,357.62
Interest Feb & March	\$.74
Deposit	\$ 0

	Expenses	\$ -7,540.00
Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of April 30, 2015:		\$ 24,818.36
• General Fund PLGIT Balance as of April 1, 2015:		\$ 11,309.75
	Interest Feb & March	\$.27
	Deposits	\$ 0
	Expenses Total:	<u>\$ 0</u>
General Fund PLGIT Balance as of April 30, 2015:		\$ 11,310.02

Bills: A copy of the bill list dated June 1, 2015 was provided to Council and offered for review by the public. Note one bill was added for \$19.07 for trash bags.

• General Fund beginning balance as of May 18, 2015:	\$ 50,543.38
ending balance as of June 1, 2015:	\$ 135,483.25
• Sewer & Water beginning balance as of June 1, 2015:	\$ 133,878.34
ending balance as of June 5, 2015:	\$ 111,024.89
• Highway Aid ending balance as of April 15, 2015:	\$ 24,767.06

Old Business:

- Hulmeville Memorial Plaque – There have been some questions raised regarding who is qualified to have their name placed on the memorial plaque. Ms. Heald will find the outline of criteria and will send it out to all residents so they may have the opportunity to provide additional names to be added.
- Council thanked Mr. Lodise for his efforts at the Vietnam Memorial event at the Memorial Day Parade. He organized the scouts to take part in the event and they did a great job.

A motion was duly made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise and carried unanimously to approve the bill list dated June 1, 2015; motion carries 7-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm; motion made by Mr. Mandolesi and seconded by Mr. Lodise.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,
Hulmeville Borough Secretary