

**Work Session Meeting Minutes
June 16, 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, Nick Lodise, and Mayor Harris.

Councilmember's Absent: Debbie Mahon, Judy Coleman and Dale Walton Jr.

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 7:37 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Solicitor Report:

- Flood Plain Maps – Mr. Wheeler, Ms. Mahon, Mayor Harris and Mr. DeBias met with Mario regarding the flood plain maps. Mario also had some difficulty understanding the maps and discerning which maps were official. The county flood plain maps, which are posted to their web site, are the wrong maps. Mario assisted the borough representatives in locating the correct detailed maps. The insurance and mortgage companies have the correct maps. The driving force behind the map revisions is FEMA. FEMA is making people in flood plain areas pay higher insurance rates to cover cost of flooding. They also want to avoid rebuilding in areas that get flooded. At the mayor's meeting an article was discussed that was published in the newspaper regarding the new maps and insurance rate increases. Tina Davis is proposing a bill be passed to help assist people in these areas. In March 2016 additional new maps will go into effect. The new maps will not affect Hulmeville.
- Snow Ice Contract – Mr. DeBias distributed a timeline for the new contract. In the July work session council will authorize to advertise the notice to bidders. The advertisement will run 7/28 and 8/4. In the August work session the bids will be opened, September's meeting the bid will be awarded and October's meeting the contract will be signed. Mr. Lodise will provide bid documents and packages to anyone who requests one. Mr. Wheeler did confirm with Middletown Township that they will provide salt to the borough.

Mayor: Habitat for Humanity sent the Mayor a letter. They would like to help residents in Hulmeville. People that qualify could receive assistance with things like ramps and safety railings.

Building Maintenance:

- Apartment Maintenance - The air-conditioning has been repaired in the back apartment. The issue was a clogged water line due to an overdue change of the air-conditioner filter. Mr. Mandolesi is recommending a maintenance schedule be put into place for maintenance on all the units. The filters should be changed twice a year.
- The apartment hallway light is not working. A new light bulb was just installed last year.

Streets:

- Trash – There have been several issues with trash collection which have for the most part been resolved. Issues on 404 Main Street and Catherine Street have been resolved. Mr. Lodise still needs to follow up with the couches on Bellevue Ave and the mattress that was dumped next to the bin at borough hall.
- Beaver Street Light – Mr. Lodise received three bids for installing a street light on Beaver Street. The bids came in from Neshaminy Electric for \$3,000, Kiss Electric for \$2,435 and Armour & Sons for \$920. Mr. Casmaris has committed to paying for half of the cost of installation.
- Mr. Lodise will collect three bids to repair the crack on the back parking lot of borough hall and a crack on the street at Washington & Reetz.

Old Business:

- Fee Schedule – Mr. Mandolesi, Mr. Lodise and Mr. Wheeler met to create a new fee schedule. They were able to view Penndel's fee schedule which was a very useful guide to assist them in creating one for the borough. Issues that need to be addressed are the application and escrow fees for zoning hearing board. Currently the single fee is \$750 which barely covers the cost of advertising which can cost roughly \$425 and a stenographer which is at a minimum of \$250. Many surrounding townships charge a fee plus an escrow fee. Zoning board and escrow fees can cover costs of having members present, secretary services and administrative overhead. Zoning board and escrow fees cannot be for any legal charges or advice from experts like engineers. Middletown Township has a \$500 nonrefundable fee. The group will meet next Thursday to have more discussion on the fee schedule.
- RDA – Council will need to decide soon what they are going to submit for next year's RDA grant. The RDA applications will be distributed in August. Two proposals have been made, one from the Hulmeville Firehouse and the other from the Hulmeville Police Department. The firehouse would like to co-sponsor with Middletown Township to purchase a pumper truck for \$210,000. The police department is in need of a new police vehicle. They would like to purchase an SUV.

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm; motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,
Hulmeville Borough Secretary