

**Work Session Meeting Minutes  
August 19, 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, Mayor Harris, Debbie Mahon, Judy Coleman and Dale Walton Jr.

**Councilmember's Absent:** none

**Other's in Attendance:** Solicitor Robert DeBias, Secretary Dorothy Omietanski, Hulmeville Planning Commission Rich Kohler, Water Authority Michael Whitaker, Eric Schmid, Jason McKairnes and Jim Clark.

**Guests in Attendance:** Max Stoner, authority engineer, Michael Coates and Kyle Millox

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

**Public Comment:** none

**Snow & Ice Bids:** Mr. Wheeler opened two sealed snow and ice bid packets and read them out loud. The results are as follows:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>1 Plow</b>	<b>2 Plows</b>	<b>Backhoe</b>	<b>Wheel Loader</b>
Ossco Group	1 year	\$130/hr	\$130/hr	\$155/hr	\$145/hr
	3 year	\$125/hr	\$125/hr	\$145/hr	\$135/hr
	5 year	\$115/hr	\$115/hr	\$135/hr	\$125/hr
CDU	1 year	\$135/hr	\$180/hr	\$150/hr	\$300/hr
	3 year	\$130/hr	\$175/hr	\$140/hr	\$290/hr
	5 year	\$125/hr	\$170/hr	\$130/hr	\$280/hr

Mr. DeBias will review the two packages sent and once council awards the bid a package will be sent out to the winning bidder. Mr. DeBias announced the bid would be awarded at the September 14, 2015 council meeting.

**Act 537 Plan:** On July 27 at a meeting of the Water Authority it was decided that a meeting between borough council and the authority needed to take place to review Act 537 plan. The purpose of the meeting would be to summarize Act 537 plan and gain council and authority approval of the preliminary plan. Once the plan is finalized a copy needs to be distributed to Bucks County Planning Commission, Hulmeville Planning Commission, BCWSA and will need to be posted for public comment. The groups will have 30 days to review and comment on the plan. Any comments or questions need to be recorded along with any explanation or answers provided. The plan will also be advertised for consideration at a public meeting at the borough hall at 7:30pm on September 22, 2015.

- Mr. Stoner's summary of the issues surrounding Act 537 plan - The whole issue started about 15-20 years ago. BCWSA operates the Neshaminy Interceptor and Hulmeville Borough decided to connect to the interceptor. Other townships in the area (Pennel, Langhorne, Southampton, Newtown, etc.) also decided to connect. Over the years the water flow has increased and at times has caused the pumping station in Philadelphia to receive a tremendous amount of water flow. During these water surges Philadelphia was receiving fines. In order to reduce their costs Philadelphia informed BCWSA that they needed to reduce their water flow or they would be charging BCWSA. In order for BCWSA to reduce their costs they are now putting the responsibility on each township to lower its water flow. BCWSA for the last 10 years has been using meters it installed to monitor water flow and determine what townships are responsible for surges in water flow. Now each municipality is responsible to update Act 537 plan to show how it will control overflow and predict future flow of water. The goal is to reduce I & I (Infiltration and Inflow). There were two studies done in Hulmeville one in 2005 and the other in 2013 and the studies determined there was no change in the mains and concluded that the water issue must be coming from the laterals, sub pumps, vents and manholes. If Hulmeville's I & I is not reduced and the plan is not put into place the borough will be issued fines and no EDU's will be issued.
- Mr. Stoner's summary of Act 537 plan – Act 537 plan contains a four step plan over a 10 year period. The plan includes metering at an estimated cost of \$15,000, lateral inspection at an estimated cost of \$31,000 - \$40,000, sub pump inspection at an estimated cost of \$60,000 - \$72,000 and raising and capping the manhole covers at a cost of \$50 per cap. The goal is to determine what the problem is, where it is and how bad it is. Every effort has been made to have Act 537 plan be voluntary not mandatory for the community. The goal is to educate the community and make people aware of the issues surrounding I & I.
- The first step in Act 537 Plan – The first step in the plan is to purchase 6 meters, a laptop and software to monitor the meters. The plan is to meter water flow for a period of time keeping track of the rainfall and then reviewing the findings. The meters should help in narrowing down areas of concern and help to pinpoint the problems. Mr. Stoner recommends the borough purchase the meters. Borough could rent meters but within 6 months of renting the borough would incur the cost it would be to purchase them. The meters are dropped down into the pipes and are attached to the manhole covers. They require recharging once a month and the information they collect would need to be downloaded once a month. All meter information should be collected at the same time for the most accurate information. Mr. Whitaker will be in charge of the meter data collection. The estimated cost of 6 meters with the laptop and software is \$15,000. The meters are very simple to install and vender support would be provided. The meters should last roughly 5 years before needing updating.
- Next step – On September 22, 2015 at a council meeting Act 537 plan will be open to the public to come ask questions. Any questions that arise along with the explanations need to be recorded and submitted. BCWSA is asking for the final version of our ACT 537 plan be submitted to them by 10/1/15 so that they may have time to collect from all involved municipalities and submit one document to DEP. Mr. Stoner is attempting to obtain an extension to 10/15/15. Mr. Stoner will send copies of Act 537 plan by certified mail to BCWSA, BCPC, HPC. Ms. Omietanski will be sending a public notice to the Courier Times to be run on 8/24/15 and 8/31/15 as well as posting the notice at borough hall.
- Revisions to the draft of Act 537 plan – Mr. Clark proposed the following changes to the current draft of Act 537 plan:
  1. Section 6.1.C Lateral Inspection Program should state the following: Implementation details to be determined following evaluation of results from Section 6.1.A. Alternative Measure: Supplemental Hydraulic Flow Metering.

2. Section 6.1.D Capping/Covering/Raising of Sewer Lateral Vents & Selective Manhole Vents should state the following: Implementation details to be determined following evaluation of results from Section 6.1.A. Alternative Measure: Supplemental Hydraulic Flow Metering.
3. Section 7.D Capping/Covering/Raising of Sewer Lateral Vents & Selective Manhole Vents needs the same content as Sections 7.A through 7.C.

**Motion made by Ms. Mahon seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to approve the Act 537 sewage plan update including reduction of infiltration inflow for submission to the agencies set forth above and to public comment at a public meeting on September 22, 2015; Motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.**

Note: A 5 minute recess was taken at 8:53pm and the meeting resumed at 9:05pm.

### **Solicitor Report:**

- RDA Grant – A resolution for the RDA Grant needs to be signed on 9/14/15. The application for the grant is due on 9/30/15. There are two requests this year for the grant. The first request comes from the police department for a new police vehicle. The vehicle they are requesting is a 2016 Ford police interceptor SUV all-wheel drive at a cost of \$43,000. The police will transfer all they can from the existing car and are requesting a new laptop. The second request comes from the Hulmeville Fire Department for a pumper truck. The proposed plan is to split the grant with Middletown Township which makes Hulmeville's half \$105,000. Council agreed to present both requests.
- Snow and Ice Bids – Mr. DeBias will check Ossco's references and qualifications. He is recommending if council goes with Ossco to accept the one year bid since Ossco is a new company.

### **Streets:**

- Street Lighting – There is a light on Neshaminy Street (#116) that is going on and off. Casmire made a donation of \$475 for the light on Beaver Street.
- 404 Main Street – There continues to be issues with high grass and too much trash on collection day. Mr. Lodise did take some pictures of the issues. To date the lawn has been cut and 8 containers were out for collection this week.
- Green Street – A call came in regarding a tree branch hanging over Green Street. Mr. Mandolesi placed cones on the road and by days end the branch was removed.

### **Old Business:**

- Issue on Walnut Street – Mr. Mandolesi did visit the location in question and confirmed the wall does come out past the telephone poles. He sent an email to Bucks County Planning Commission regarding the matter. Cathy from BCPC did respond and explained in her opinion it was not clear as to how to handle the matter. The zoning ordinance states that you can and cannot build a wall past the setback. It was determined that the wall would be considered an accessory building and that the borough needs to determine if the wall is in the street way. Mr. Mandolesi will contact Ms. Juno and see if she can make that determination.

Once that is established the borough would have done all they can do and it would be up to the homeowner to continue with a civil suit if she so chooses.

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm; motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Walton.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,  
Hulmeville Borough Secretary