

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
September 14, 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
Dan Mandolesi
Dale Walton Jr.
Debbie Mahon
Nick Lodise
Judy Coleman

Staff in Attendance

Solicitor Robert DeBias
Fire Marshall William Wheeler
Treasurer Diane McKairnes
HHS President Marce Heald

Councilmember's Absent: Mayor Dave Harris

Staff Absent: Secretary Dorothy Omietanski, Authority Chair Jim Clark, Water & Sewer Clerk Pat Slater and Police Chief Bob Juno

Guests in Attendance: Michael Coates

Call to Order: Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:38pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Ms. Mahon asked to add a Storm Water category to the minutes even if there is no report. Mr. Mandolesi asked for a change to the work session minutes. He sent an email to Bucks County Planning Commission regarding fences and walls.

Motion made by Mr. Walton seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to approve the minutes of August 3 and 19, 2015 with changes; motion carries 6-0-0. (abstention by Mr. Wheeler as acting Mayor)

Police Report: No Report

Public Comment: No Report

Authority: No report

MS4:

- Mrs. Mahon informed the council work is being done on a new permit for the MS4 Annual Progress Report dated July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015. Mario will provide a copy and it will need to be signed by Mr. Tom Wheeler. A student designed informational plaques to go on the storm water drains and the Boy Scouts will attach the plaque to the drains. There was a discussion on which plaque was more favorable. There will also be signs placed at the curb side near each drain. Two months ago the DEP informed us the TMDL permit was not accepted. The permit has to include the entire Borough not just what is owned by the borough. We need to plant more

trees in the Borough's open space especially in the flood plan areas. Trees are very important for water drainage. TMPL training must be completed by all employees and council members.

A motion was made by Ms. Mahon seconded by Mr. Johnson to sign the certification MS4 Annual Progress Report; motion carries 6-0-0. (abstention by Mr. Wheeler as acting Mayor)

- Ms. Mahon has been trying to keep expenses down such as leaf clean-up and rain downspouts clean.
- Mr. Mandolesi asked when Scouts are contacted for work, an adult needs to be copied. Mr. Mandolesi requested to use him as the adult contact and to try to use email to protect both parties.

Storm Water:

- Mr. Walton received a phone call from residents Fritz and Cheryl Vornhold on Washington Ave. They reported when there is a heavy rain their property floods. There is a retention basin next door but is not working properly. It has standing water in it and has a drain coming out of it. The Zoning Officer will be informed.

Borough Property: No report

Health and Trash:

- Mr. Lodise reported a resident asked about a way to dispose of used needles. Mr. Johnson suggested talking them to pharmacy. Mr. Mandolesi said you can take them to the hospital and Bill Wheeler said to melt them down in coffee and then dispose of them in the weekly trash. Mr. Lodise was going to look in to this matter so as to ascertain all appropriate options.

Zoning:

- Mr. Mandolesi reported 7 hours for the zoning officer. Ms. Juno emailed correspondence with Lee Meier regarding a prior permit application on a curb replacement, reviewed and emailed Colin Rupp regarding Faust Funeral Home, emailed correspondence to Mr. Keenan regarding a shed, emailed Katie Bezick regarding recovery house issues, sent a final notice of violation to the residence of 209 Webster Ave regarding illegal discharge of water, filed complaint received regarding excessive loud music at Neshaminy Shore Picnic Park, emailed Sarita Williams of PECO regarding escrow release and drafting the monthly reports for July and August.

Streets: No Report

Finance:

- Ms. Coleman reported the budget will be ready for review on Tuesday night of the work session.

Solicitor Report:

- Mr. DeBias announced there will be a meeting with the Water Authority and Max Stoner for public comment at the upcoming work session to discuss the Act 537 Plan update. This is a required procedure to adopt the Act 537 Plan.
- The Planning Commission met about the Kiss property. The applicant didn't have anything prepared. Mr. DeBias called Kiss's lawyer to discuss several problems. Their lawyer requested time to get a revised plan together in that a revised plan will be easier. Applicant requested an extension to get this paper work together.
- Mr. DeBias presented the snow bids from Ossco Group and CDU and informed the council that by law the contract should be given to the most qualified and lowest responsible bidder, not just the lowest bid. Ossco Group provided four references in support of their bid, and only three responded to the request for information. Mr. Walton asked if the references were good. Mr. DeBias said yes but Ossco only did parking lots and private streets. They had no municipal street experience. Also the company had been in existence only since February 2015. Mr. DeBias suggested they should have at least some experience on street snow removal and relevant references before we use them. Council discussed the merits of both bidders.

A motion was made by Mr. Walton seconded by Mr. Lodise to award the snow removal contract to CDU for 5 years based on experience; motion carries 6-0-0. (abstention by Mr. Wheeler as acting Mayor)

- Mr. DeBias will have the snow contract for signature at the October meeting.
- Mr. Tom Wheeler informed council Middletown Township may back out of agreement to split the RDA grant money for a fire apparatus. The question is do we still want to apply for the grant at the cost of \$210, 00.00. This piece of equipment will be housed at William Penn Firehouse. Mr. DeBias said we have a better chance of getting the grant, if we go jointly. Mr. William Wheeler proposed to send one resolution with Middletown Township for the fire truck and one resolution for William Penn only if council wanted to apply. The RDA is working very hard to divide the funds fairly. The application to the RDA will be for a new police car first and then the Fire Truck.

Mr. Mandolesi made a motion seconded by Mr. Johnson to send a resolution for the RDA grant jointly with Middletown Township for the fire truck; motion carries 6-0-0. (abstention by Mr. Wheeler as acting Mayor)

Mr. Johnson made a motion seconded by Mr. Lodise to send a seconded resolution for the RDA grant for the borough alone for the fire truck; motion carries 6-0-0. (abstention by Mr. Wheeler as acting Mayor)

Mr. Lodise made a motion seconded by Mrs. Coleman for a resolution for the RDA grant for a new police car; motion carries 6-0-0. (abstention by Mr. Wheeler as acting Mayor)

- Mr. Tom Wheeler informed the council, Penndel Borough asked for assistance for their police station. They are asking Hulmeville to sponsor them for a RDA grant for \$50,000.00 to finish their project. Mr. Mandolesi said we should help them if we are able so no one can

say that we have not tried. Mr. Tom Wheeler said they helped us out a lot since they have 24 hour police coverage.

- Mr. DeBias will give the application and resolution to Penndel Borough, they will do all the paper work and all we have to do is sign the application. Penndel will also sign a sub-grantee agreement with Hullmeville.
- Mr. Tom Wheeler talked to the RDA, they said helping Penndel Borough to receive this money will not hurt our chances for RDA money. The RDA wants to help Penndel Borough and we are their direct connection.

Mr. Mandolesi made a motion seconded by Mr. Johnson to sponsor Penndel Borough for RDA grant for no more than \$50,000.00; motion carries 6-0-0. (abstention by Mr. Wheeler as acting Mayor) This application is third in priority.

- Just FYI Langhorne Manor will be asking for assistance with RDA grant application in 2016 for a police car.
- Mr. Tom Wheeler said it took six months to receive the report from state to install the preemptive device for traffic lights and it will be promptly installed.

Mayor's Report: No Report

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report of September 14, 2015 was made available for inspection:

• General Fund Checking Balance as of August 1, 2015:	\$ 118,560.34
Expenses Totaled:	-\$ 29,334.30
Income Totaled:	<u>\$ 26,568.22</u>
General Fund Checking Balance as of August 31, 2015:	\$ 115,794.26
• Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of August 1, 2015:	\$ 136,853.02
Expenses Totaled:	-\$ 21,905.37
Income Totaled:	<u>\$ 21,949.45</u>
Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of August 31, 2015:	\$ 136,897.10
• Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of July 1, 2015:	\$ 350,751.97
Interest July	\$ 12.98
Interest August	<u>\$ 7.76</u>
Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of August 31, 2015:	\$ 350,772.71
• Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of July, 2015:	\$ 24,915.44
Interest July/August	\$ 1.44
Deposit	\$ 0
Expenses	<u>-\$ 934.36</u>
Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of August 31, 2015:	\$ 23982.52
• General Fund PLGIT Balance as of July 1, 2015:	\$ 11,310.26
Interest July/August	\$.67
Deposits	\$ 0
Expenses Total:	<u>-\$ 0</u>
General Fund PLGIT Balance as of August 31, 2015:	\$ 11,310.93

