

**Meeting Minutes  
November 2, 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  
Mayor Dave Harris

**Staff in Attendance**

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

**Councilmembers Absent:** none

**Staff Absent:** none

**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 Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Walton to approve the minutes of October 6 & 20, 2015; motion carries 7-0-0.

**Public Comment:**

- Ms. Mahon announced that the Garden Club is selling wreaths. You can order them now and payment will be at time of pick up on November 27<sup>th</sup> same evening as the tree lighting.
- Mr. Robbins wanted to bring to council's attention that he sees so many cars and trucks make the no left turn on onto Trenton Road. There was a semi-truck stuck at the corner trying to make the turn. Chief Juno said they are constantly monitoring the situation. Most people he tickets say they were just following their GPS. Right now the no turn sign is temporary due to the detour. Council all agrees they would like to see this become permanent. Council will need to petition the state and pass a resolution to keep the no turn sign in place permanently.

**Police Report:**

- Mr. Johnson read the report for the month of October 2015: 21 Incidents, 92 Traffic, 4 Parking, 2 Accidents, 7 Assists, 0 Summary, 1 Criminal pending, 16 District Court, 0 County Court, 0 EMS for a total hours worked: 343, Total Salary \$7,034.35.
- The police will be billing the turnpike commission 146 hours or \$2,988.25 for the month of October.
- Mr. Johnson requested that Chief Juno stress to residents the importance of locking cars and house doors. He has read in the paper many cases of theft in the area due to unlocked doors.

- Ms. Mahon wanted to bring to Chief Juno's attention a case of harassment that came in on her cell phone. It was a scam asking for money and she received the phone call on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Chief Juno reported that all was quiet on Halloween and that he is prepared for the Thursday evening before Thanksgiving. He plans to have police coverage from 6pm to midnight and will have officers on call in case they need extra support.
- Chief Juno requested that the police committee interview a person for the open position in the police department. The interview is scheduled for Monday at 7:30pm.

### **Borough Property:**

- Borough Wall - Mr. Mandolesi received two bids for repairs to the wall at Hulmeville Borough Hall. The bids received were from Ronald A Berko and Bill Kline's Masonry. Both bids outlined the same work and both companies have good references for their work. The lowest bid came in from Ronald A Berko for a total of \$3,950.

**Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Walton to hire Mr. Berko to make repairs to the wall at Hulmeville Borough Hall at a price of \$3,950.00; motion carries 7-0-0.**

Mr. Mandolesi will contact Mr. Berko to schedule the repairs to be completed before winter. Mr. DeBias reminded Mr. Mandolesi to make sure he requests Berko's insurance information before the work begins.

- Jersey Blocks - Mr. Mandolesi did go and look at the Jersey blocks stored at Brightline and he saw no yellow blocks in their inventory. To date the blocks have not been located.
- Leaf Pick Up - Ms. Mahon reminded Mr. Mandolesi to contact the lawn service to remind them to complete a leaf pick up before the tree lighting.

### **Streets:**

- Leaf Pick Up Dates - Mr. Lodise will call Republic to confirm the leaf pick up dates for the year. The dates have been scheduled for 11/11, 11/25 and 12/9. As soon as he has confirmation of the dates Mr. Lodise will email Bill Wheeler so he can post the dates.

**Motion made by Ms. Mahon seconded by Mr. Walton to schedule street cleaning with Riley not to exceed \$1,000 which will include the dumpster provided by Waste Management; motion carries 7-0-0.**

- The three barrels at Borough Hall are overflowing with trash. Mr. Lodise explained that we need to manually dump them into the dumpster. He will take care of emptying them out.
- PECO finally replaced the telephone pole at Main and Trenton. Council requested that Mr. Lodise collect bids for installing a light on the pole. There is a wire in place for the light and the bid should be for an LED light.
- There are 74 street lights in Hulmeville according to a 1996 report. Mr. Wheeler requested that Mr. Lodise ask Armor if they can provide us a cost per light for insurance purposes.
- Ms. Mahon asked who is responsible for the inlets along Main Street. She has noticed due to the extra traffic that they are starting to sink. Main Street is a state road and it's the responsibility of the State to repair.

**Finance:**

- Ms. Coleman asked if the borough received any reimbursement from the Turnpike Commission. Mr. Wheeler explained that we have not but he has talked to them and is resubmitting paperwork that will go to them tomorrow. A check should be arriving soon and will cover the past four month's expenses.
- Ms. Coleman confirmed with council that they had no more questions or corrections to the budget.

**Motion made by Ms. Coleman seconded by Mr. Walton to advertise the 2016 budget for \$367,388.86 with assessed property value of \$8,601,990, millage 14.50, combined tax millage 16.00, mills real estate 14.50, mills fire tax 1.50 and per capita \$5; Motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.**

**Fire Marshall:** no report

**Authority:**

- Mr. Stoner emailed a letter confirming that the Act 537 Plan was submitted.
- Mr. Clark is planning to attend a technical meeting in Norristown on November 11 for Act 537 Plan.
- Meter Replacement Program – The water authority discussed the current state of the meter replacement program and decided that it is not working under the current plan. They agreed that they need to contact the current plumber and tell him he must replace at least three meters before the end of the year. Mercy contacted BCWSA to see if the authority can utilize them for the meter replacement program. She is still in the process of collecting the information. One concern the Hulmeville Water Authority has is BCWSA does not use the same type of meters. Mr. Clark will contact the plumber and explain what is expected by the year end.

**Solicitor Report:**

- Zoning Ordinance – BCWSA has not gotten back to Mr. DeBias regarding the legal authority for lateral inspections. Next time Mr. Clark talks to BCWSA Mr. DeBias requested he remind them that we are still waiting for this information.
- Water Leak Washington Ave – Mr. Wheeler did inspect the complaint and water is definitely coming up through the street. Mr. Wheeler will contact BCWSA to request that they inspect the area.

**Zoning:**

- Ms. Juno had no report to submit this month
- Mr. Mandolesi was in contact with the Bucks County Planning Commission (BCPC) to clarify conflicting ordinances in sections referring to fences, accessory structures and heights of accessory buildings.

**Mayor's Report:** no report

**MS4:**

- Mario is asking for links for all costs and Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) options.
- Ms. Mahon needs Mr. Lodise to email her the leaf collection dates so she has them for her records.
- Mario is planning to attend a DEP meeting on November 12 to explain how to complete the paperwork for the MS4 permit.
- A letter was received from FEMA with regards to an amendment determination document removal. The location that was removed from floodplains was located in Bensalem.

**Storm Water:** no report

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report of November 2, 2015 was made available for inspection:

• <b>General Fund Checking</b> Balance as of October 1, 2015:	\$ 93,037.85
Expenses Totaled:	-\$ 27,591.79
Income Totaled:	\$ <u>5,507.63</u>
General Fund Checking Balance as of October 31, 2015:	\$ <b>70,953.69</b>
• <b>Sewer Fund Checking</b> Balance as of October 1, 2015:	\$ 113,792.62
Expenses Totaled:	-\$ 18,066.57
Income Totaled:	\$ <u>31,348.50</u>
Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of October 31, 2015:	\$ <b>127,074.55</b>
• <b>Sewer Fund PLGIT</b> Balance as of September 1, 2015:	\$ 350,772.71
Interest September	\$ <u>7.81</u>
Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of September 30, 2015:	\$ <b>350,780.52</b>
• <b>Highway Aid PLGIT</b> Balance as of September 1, 2015:	\$ 23,982.52
Interest September	\$ .53
Deposit	\$ 0
Expenses	-\$ <u>786.70</u>
Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of September 30, 2015:	\$ <b>23,196.35</b>
• <b>General Fund PLGIT</b> Balance as of September 1, 2015:	\$ 11,310.93
Interest September	\$ .29
Deposits	\$ 6,877.22
Expenses Total:	-\$ <u>0</u>
General Fund PLGIT Balance as of September 30, 2015:	\$ <b>18,188.44</b>

**Bills:** A copy of the bill list dated November 2, 2015 was provided to Council and offered for review by the public:

• <b>General Fund</b> beginning balance as of October 20, 2015:	\$ 75,060.94
ending balance as of November 30, 2015:	\$ 48,033.68
• <b>Sewer &amp; Water</b> beginning balance as of November 2, 2015:	\$ 126,648.85

ending balance as of November 6, 2015:	\$ 106,449.81
• <b>Highway Aid</b> beginning balance as of November 2, 2015:	\$ 23,177.19
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**A motion was duly made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Walton and carried unanimously to approve the bill list dated November 2, 2015; motion carries 7-0-0.**

**Old Business:**

- Ms. Mahon would like to honor the youth volunteers who served this year at the December meeting. Ms. Mahon is reaching out to Tina Davis's office to see if they will provide a plaque for each person to receive. Council agreed to schedule this event for the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and it will be placed first on the meeting agenda. Ms. Mahon will also contact the Courier Times to see if they would be interested in covering the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm; motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski  
Secretary Hulmeville Borough