

**Meeting Minutes
December 7, 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
Fire Marshall William Wheeler

Councilmembers Absent: none

Staff Absent: Authority Chair Jim Clark and HHS President Marce Heald

Guests in Attendance: Ron Robbins, Roger Hedeman, Ira Romberger, Christopher Dolan, Joanne Dolan, Daniel Martin Mandolesi, Michelle Mandolesi, Clifford Harger Jr., Rebecca Harger, Sharon Harger, Anna Coleman, Stan Omietanski, Stanley Omietanski, Sarah Omietanski, Eric Schmid, Henry Nagel, Mercy Ingraham and Tom Dolan

Call to Order: Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:30pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Motion made by Ms. Mahon seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to approve the minutes of November 2nd and 17th, 2015; motion carries 7-0-0.

Address to Public Regarding RDA Grants: Mr. Wheeler addressed all in attendance regarding the RDA grant with regards to the grant given to Penn del. Mr. Wheeler wanted to stress that the money Penn del received was not in any way given to Hulmeville Borough. He also wanted to point out the RDA grants are good and have provided the community with many things but they are not without cost. The grants do not cover the cost of audits, legal or engineering fees. The costs incurred with these grants can be costly to the borough. The grant Hulmeville Borough received for the bridge cost the borough \$40,000 out of pocket. The last point Mr. Wheeler wanted to make was that Hulmeville is not the only township to support another townships in the area in receiving grants. It is a common practice that takes place.

Recognition:

- Mayor Harris and Ms. Mahon presented youth volunteers, who have completed community service for Hulmeville in 2015, with two certificates. One certificate was from the borough and the other from the office of Tina Davis. The youth in attendance were Anna Coleman, Becky Hanger, Daniel Mandolesi and Stanley Omietanski.

- Mayor Harris and Ms. Mahon honored Ira Romberger with a certificate for his continued support of the community.
- Mercy Ingraham is resigning from her position on the Hulmeville Municipal Authority. Mayor Harris presented Ms. Ingraham with a certificate of recognition for her years of service.

Public Comment:

- Mr. Romberger reported an oil stain on McCarthy Drive caused by the street sweeper. He also wondered why the streets were being cleaned. Ms. Mahon explained that the streets need to be cleaned as a way of reducing sediment which is a requirement sent down from the DEP. The DEP would like the streets cleaned monthly but right now the borough can only afford to do them two times a year. When the streets are cleaned what is collected is weighted and the borough receives credit for the amount collected. Council was aware that the street cleaner had a hydraulic leak and the only street affected appears to be McCarthy.
- Mr. Romberger suggested we announce the street cleaning in the Town Crier. Ms. Mahon explained that all storm water information is posted on our web site and that street cleaning has been announced in the past in the Town Crier.
- Ms. Ingraham wanted to make council aware that most of the cross walk lines in town have worn away and they are in need of repainting. Mr. Lodise made note of the need for repainting.
- Mr. Hedeman wanted to make council aware that the steps on the Neshaminy Street side of the park are in need of repair. Council is aware of the issue and currently the Historic Society is working on repairs. They removed the tree that was causing the steps to lift and next on their agenda are to repair the steps.

Police Report:

- Mr. Johnson read the report for the month of November 2015: 15 Incidents, 69 Traffic, 6 Parking, 1 Accidents, 5 Assists, 0 Summary, 2 Criminal, 20 District Court, 0 County Court, 0 EMS for a total hours worked: 293, Total Salary \$6,054.60.
- The police will be billing the turnpike commission 95 hours or \$1,674.00 for the month of November.
- Chief Juno confirmed that the police department did receive the RDA grant for a new police vehicle.
- Mr. Robbins asked Chief Juno if there were any other incidents reported of stolen Christmas decorations. Mr. Robbins had two decorations stolen at three o'clock in the afternoon. Chief Juno said he was not aware of any other cases of theft in the borough.
- Mr. Hedeman wanted to know how often the police patrol the upper part of Bellevue Ave. Mr. Hedeman feels more patrols are needed and that the cars going down Bellevue are traveling at very high speeds. Chief Juno said he would put more patrols on the road and see what they discover.
- Mr. Romberger wanted to bring to council's attention that the gentleman who always lowers the flags to half mast in the borough is in bad health and can no longer attend to the responsibility. Someone else needs to take over and Mr. Romberger would like to suggest that the duty be given to the police department. Chief Juno accepted the responsibility to manage the three flags in the borough.

Motion made by Ms. Mahon seconded by Mr. Walton to hire Christopher Nolan as a police officer of Hulmeville Borough at a rate of \$21.00 per hour; motion carries 7-0-0.

- Mayor Harris swore in Christopher Nolan as a police officer of Hulmeville Borough

Zoning:

- Ms. Juno submitted her report for the month of November. Her report included an email to Sharon to advise her to hire a private surveyor to have her property lines marked. Ms. Juno also followed up on complaints for 1 Green Street and 910 Bellevue Ave and at the time the properties did not seem excessive and she followed up later in the month and still found them to be fine. Ms. Juno reviewed a permit package for 216 Main Street. The package was incorrect and could not be completed. She reported to council that 216 Main Street as well as a property on Fairview Ave was working without a permit.
- Ms. Mahon suggested informing Ms. Juno that she can advise residents that instead of hiring a private surveyor they can call Bucks County Recorder by way of Deeds or recorded plans and for \$2 charge they can provide property line information if they have it on record.

Borough Property:

- Mr. Mandolesi is still trying to contact the mason regarding the work on the wall at borough hall.
- Mr. Mandolesi wanted to report that the leaves were picked up before the tree lighting occurred.
- Ms. Mahon wanted to inform council that the wreaths that decorate borough hall were donated by the Garden Club.

Streets:

- Mr. Lodise reminded council that there is one more community leaf pick up scheduled.
- Mr. Lodise reported that all street lights are in working order.
- Mr. Lodise is working on securing some prices for street signs. There are a few signs in the borough that need to be replaced.

Personnel:

- Council hired another part time police officer.
- Hulmeville Water Authority needs to find someone to replace Mercy Ingraham who is resigning.

Finance:

Motion made by Ms. Coleman seconded by Mr. Walton to adopt 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:

Motion made by Ms. Mahon seconded by Mr. Walton to adopt the resolution for the amendment of the emergency operations plan for Hulmeville Borough proposed by William Wheeler; motion carries 7-0-0.

Authority: no report

Storm Water:

- TMDL Plan – The plan will be completed this month. Council will need to advertise the plan for public comment and needs to be finalized by 3/21/16.

MS4: no report

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report of December 7, 2015 was made available for inspection:

• General Fund Checking Balance as of November 1, 2015:	\$ 70,953.69
Expenses Totaled:	-\$ 32,569.25
Income Totaled:	\$ 26,203.45
General Fund Checking Balance as of November 30, 2015:	\$ 64,587.89
• Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of November 1, 2015:	\$ 127,074.55
Expenses Totaled:	-\$ 21,956.71
Income Totaled:	\$ 24,068.29
Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of November 30, 2015:	\$ 129,186.13
• Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of October 1, 2015:	\$ 350,780.52
Interest September	\$ 23.05
Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of November 30, 2015:	\$ 350,803.57
• Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of October 1, 2015:	\$ 23,196.35
Interest September	\$ 1.51
Deposit	\$ 0
Expenses	-\$ 203.65
Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of November 30, 2015:	\$ 22,994.21
• General Fund PLGIT Balance as of October 1, 2015:	\$ 18,188.44
Interest September	\$ 1.37
Deposits	\$ 9,432.02
Expenses Total:	-\$ 6,877.22
General Fund PLGIT Balance as of November 30, 2015:	\$ 20,744.61

Bills: A copy of the bill list dated December 7, 2015 was provided to Council and offered for review by the public:

• General Fund beginning balance as of December 1, 2015:	\$ 64,495.75
ending balance as of December 7, 2015:	\$ 42,791.36

- **Sewer & Water** beginning balance as of December 1, 2015: \$ 128,751.75
ending balance as of December 11, 2015: \$ 104,294.20
- **Highway Aid** beginning balance as of November 17, 2015: \$ 22,974.91
ending balance as of December 7, 2015: \$ 21,725.58

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

Solicitor Report:

Motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Walton to advertise the 2016 meeting schedule for Hulmeville Borough as set forth by Ms. Omietanski; motion carries 7-0-0.

- Mr. DeBias distributed the RDA list of awards granted. Hulmeville was granted an award for the police vehicle and Penn del Borough received an award for the Police Building Renovations.

Motion made by Mr. Mendolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise to authorize the signing of the sub-grantee agreement for the RDA grant with Penn del Borough; motion carries 7-0-0.

- Mr. DeBias requested that Ms. Omietanski distribute to council the comments sent back from the insurance company as a follow up from a prior meeting. These comments will be reviewed and discussed at the December work session.

Mayor's Report:

- The Mayberry's voiced a complaint they had regarding their house raising. The Mayor informed them that is not an issue the borough would be able address.
- Mayor Harris attended an emergency planning committee meeting
- Mayor Harris received pamphlets regarding the new toll on the turnpike and distributed them to council.

Old Business:

- Ms. Mahon said the tree lighting went very smoothly this year. She would like to note that as long as the larger pine tree is standing the lights should be placed on it and not the very small pine next to it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm; motion made by Mr. Walton seconded by Mr. Lodise.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski
Secretary Hulmeville Borough