

**Work Session Meeting Minutes  
February 16, 2016**

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, Mayor Harris, Judy Coleman, and Dale Walton Jr.

**Councilmember's Absent:** Debbie Mahon and Nick Lodise.

**Other's in Attendance:** Fire Marshal Bill Wheeler, Solicitor Robert DeBias, and Secretary Dorothy Omietanski

**Guests in Attendance:** none

**Call to Order:** Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:39 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Solicitor Report:**

- Kiss Electric – A planning meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2016 at 7 pm. Mr. Canales will be present at the meeting. Council will hold their hearing on March 7, 2016, which has been advertised in the Courier Times. Costs incurred for advertising will be billed to Kiss Electric's escrow account. If Kiss decides not to add sidewalks and curbs the cost of installing them will be paid directly to the borough.
- Request for Payment to RDA – Mr. DeBias needs a detailed receipt for the purchase of the new police vehicle in order to submit the request for payment to the RDA. Mayor Harris will follow up with Chief Juno regarding this matter.
- William Penn Fire Company – Mr. Wheeler and Mayor Harris meet with members from William Penn Fire Company on February 15, 2016 to express their concerns with the decision they made regarding not paying workman's comp. The fire department agreed to pay in full the bill from 2015, but has requested that moving forward the bill be sent to Middletown Township to be paid. Mr. Wheeler contacted Middletown Township to let them know that moving forward the workman's comp will be billed directly to them. Mr. Wheeler and Mayor Harris also addressed the issue regarding the Hulmeville Historical Society's request of dates for 2016. There was a misunderstanding, and dates were accepted. William Penn Fire Company asked that the events the Historic Society hosts be held mostly on Sundays. Sunday's dates can be honored, but if too many Saturday dates are requested then they need to charge an extra fee.
- Snow Parking Ordinance – Mr. DeBias investigated ordinances addressing parking on the streets during snow storms. Hulmeville currently does not have an ordinance addressing this issue. He read to council one that does exist, that is currently being used by Lower Southampton as well as Middletown Township. The ordinance requires that no vehicles be parked on the streets from 1 hour after a snow fall starts through 12 hours after snowfall stops to allow the clearing of the streets. If Hulmeville decided to pass this ordinance only the Hulmeville Police Department will issue tickets to violators. Council agrees that this ordinance is necessary due to the issues they faced during the past snow storm with vehicles preventing the snowplows from clearing the streets properly. The max penalty to violators would be \$300. Mr. DeBias will draft an ordinance to reflect the one currently in place at Lower Southampton as well as looking into any that exist in Bensalem.
- Law Suit – On February 2, 2014 a 29 year old female from Feasterville was sledding on the hill behind the William Penn Firehouse, and was injured when her sled went over a snow mound at the bottom of the hill. On February 3, 2016 papers were served by the sheriff to Hulmeville Borough and William Penn Fire Company. Others listed in the suit are Langhorne Wood Products, CDU Stormwater, Edward Black and Harriet Black. Hulmeville

Borough and the fire department have submitted the documents to their prospective insurance companies.

- Earned Income Tax – The mayor of Bensalem is reaching out to all the communities in the area and asking them to sign a petition he has drafted to eliminate the Sterling Act. The Sterling Act allows Philadelphia to collect 3.5% wage tax from all people who work in Philadelphia, and they keep all taxes collected. The mayor of Bensalem feels that if someone works in Philadelphia but is a resident of Bensalem then the tax should go back to Bensalem. Currently the earned income tax works that way and he feels that it should work that way across the board with no exceptions to Philadelphia. Mayor Harris will talk to the mayor's at Bristol and Middletown, and see what their views are regarding the petition and will report back to council.

**Fire Marshal:** no report

**Mayor:** no report

**MS4:** no report

**Floodplain:** no report

**Old Business:**

- Ms. Coleman brought to council's attention an article that was written regarding sump pump inspections that are being done in Penndel. According to the article, currently the inspections are voluntary and they are not going well. Only about 17% of sump pumps have been inspected since 2014.
- Mr. Johnson has not been able to speak to the owner along Main Street regarding the paper he has stored in his back yard. Mr. Walton explained that the owner is only there in the evenings, which Mr. Johnson was not aware of. He will try to visit him again, and report back to council at next meeting.
- Mr. Johnson has been researching the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) without much luck. He will continue to try to locate the requirements of the grant, and if anyone else would like to try to search they can do so by just typing CDBG in the search and many websites appear.
- Fire Marshal Wheeler did submit the cost to the county for snow removal during the last major snow storm. He will forward that information to Ms. Omietanski.
- Mr. Wheeler announced, for anyone who is interested, on Wednesday evening Middletown Township will be holding a meeting, to discuss plans for Spring Valley Farm. The farm is open space, and now they need to decide how they are going to develop the land. Currently the farm access does come out onto Walnut Street, which would affect the residents of Hulmeville, if the entrance remains the way it is now.
- Mr. Wheeler wanted to bring to council's attention a small issue with receiving our salt through Middletown. Monday was a holiday, and Middletown had very limited times to access the salt. CDU was able to pick up salt for one trip of salting, however when they went back to get another load Middletown was closed. Mr. Wheeler would like to suggest to CDU to take 3 tons of salt, and store in their yard to cover them incase this situation should ever arise again. Council agreed.

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm; motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Ms. Coleman.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omiotanski,  
Hulmeville Borough Secretary