

**Work Session Meeting Minutes  
May 17, 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, Mayor Harris, Judy Coleman, Nick Lodise, Dan Mandolesi, and Debbie Mahon.

**Councilmember's Absent:** Dale Walton Jr.

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

**Guests in Attendance:** Sheri Wheeler

**Call to Order:** Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:43 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MS4 Training:** Ms. Mahon completed the mandatory training for council from 7:43pm till 8:45 pm.

**Solicitor Report:**

- Snow Ordinance – The snow ordinance was advertised. Mr. DeBias confirmed with Ms. Omietanski that she received proof of advertising from the Courier Times.
- TMDL – TMDL was advertised. Mr. DeBias confirmed with Ms. Omietanski that she received proof of advertising from the Courier Times.
- Water and Sewer Liens – Mr. DeBias has 10 accounts that he is going to place liens on. He wanted to confirm with council that he should proceed with the paperwork. Placing the liens will prevent the homeowner from getting any loans, and if they sell their property they would be responsible for any amount due to the authority. In the past the precedent set was anyone who owed \$500 or more were sent a delinquent notice, and if not paid within 30 days a lien was submitted. All the amounts due were over \$1,000, and most were in the \$2,000 amounts. Mr. Wheeler took a vote, and all were in favor of moving ahead with the liens. The vote carried 6-0-0.
- Johnson Hall – The sheriff sale scheduled for May 13, 2016 was postponed for two months. The last two tenants have moved out, and the building is now completely empty. Mr. Wheeler would like to be able to prevent any new tenants to move in until the water bill is paid in full. Fire Marshal Wheeler also pointed out that he has not been able to get in to complete an inspection. He leaves messages but never receives a return call. Fire Marshall Wheeler will investigate the policies regarding occupancy permits. Mr. Wheeler suggested that the next step that council should take is to shut off the water until the bill is paid. Mr. DeBias will call Ms. Slater for an up to date bill and will draft a letter.

**Fire Marshal:**

- Snow Storm January - Fire Marshal Wheeler met with FEMA and PEMA regarding the snow storm. The bills the borough submitted were accepted. He received several documents that need to be completed in order for them to reimburse the borough. They will only pay the most expensive 48 hours so CDU needs to itemize their bill, so that this cost can be determined. They will only pay 75% of that 48 hour period, and the payment will come from FEMA. Fire Marshal Wheeler had a resolution that FEMA provided that needed to be signed by five council members, and a document that he will need to give to Ms. McKairnes. If he can calculate his time spent working on this they will also reimburse his cost incurred for time spent on this issue.

**Mayor:** The mayor attended John Wood's memorial service.

**MS4**

**Floodplain:** no report

**Old Business:**

- Appraiser – Mr. Mandolesi was able to find another appraiser who is willing to appraise the borough property for \$400. There is no conflict of interest, and the fee is the same so Mr. Mandolesi is recommending council uses George Sengpiel.
- 131 Trenton Road – There was a complaint registered, from 135 Trenton Road, with Mr. Mandolesi, regarding the address 131 Trenton Road. The property is empty, and the home is in disrepair. Mr. Mandolesi is recommending that council ask Ms. Juno to inspect the property, and determine if the structure is dangerous.
- 946 Bellevue Ave – There was a complaint registered with Mr. Mandolesi regarding the property of 946 Bellevue Ave. The homeowner has not cut their grass. Mr. Mandolesi did stop by to check on the property in question, and the grass was cut.
- 344 Main Street. Mr. Johnson reported what he believes is an illegal installation of a dock at 344 Main Street. The dock is new, and goes 1/3 into the creek. The owner has also constructed a cinderblock wall in a semi-circle into the creek. Mr. Mandolesi will ask Ms. Juno to inspect it.
- Park in Penndel – There will be a meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm regarding the new park off of Walnut Street in Penndel.
- Mason Work - The mason had planned to start work last week, but the weather is delaying his start. If he does not start before the Memorial Day Parade council agrees that the corner of the wall should be taped off so no damage occurs to the wall or pedestrians.
- Sign at Trenton and Main – There is one last sign that needs to be removed from the corner of Trenton and Main Street. Mr. Lodise said he would remove it.
- Ms. Coleman will not be present for the June council meeting.

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 pm; motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,  
Hulmeville Borough Secretary