

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2016

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
Dale Walton Jr.
Mayor Dave Harris
Debbie Mahon
Nick Lodise
Judy Coleman

Staff in Attendance

Solicitor Robert DeBias
Water and Sewer Jim Clark
Treasurer Diane McKairnes
Water & Sewer Clerk Pat Slater
Police Chief Bob Juno

Councilmember's Absent: Dan Mandolesi

Staff Absent: Fire Marshall William Wheeler, Secretary Dorothy Omietanski

Guests in Attendance: Angelo Menta, Mallory Menta, Patricia Taggert, Mary Johnson, Christopher Stewart, Ira Romberger, Marce Heald, Joe Heald, Betty Shapcott, Sherri Wheeler, and Tricia Boyle

Call to Order: Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:37pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: Motion made by Ms. Mahon seconded by Mr. Walton to approve the minutes of June 6 and 21, 2016; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

Public Comment:

- Mr. Heald mentioned water is seeping into his basement even when it has not rained. He thinks there might be a cracked pipe underground. Mr. Wheeler noted this.
- Mr. Romberger mentioned a safety issue at the corner of Bellevue and Green Streets. There is a huge amount of wash out at street and curb. PennDOT claims it is private property. Mr. Clark said it is storm water and should be checked to see if it is the road or the property that is washed out. Mr. Wheeler will visit this site.
- Mrs. Wheeler mentioned the bleachers on the soccer field are in bad shape. Mr. Lodise informed Mrs. Wheeler one of the boys in scouts is replacing them as part of their Eagle Scout project. He will put caution tape across them to prevent any injuries.
- Mrs. Boyle mentioned how lovely the wall looks at the Borough Hall. She also wanted to point out that the storm drain on Main Street in front of Castor's House is caving in, and the manhole cover on the sidewalk in front of Ludwig's house is protruding.

Police Report:

- Mr. Johnson read the report for the month of June 2016: 15 Incidents, 7 Traffic, 0 Parking, 1 Accidents, 5 Assists, 0 Summary, 0 Criminal, 18 District Court, 4 County Court, 1 EMS for a total hours worked: 222, Total Salary \$4,801.50. Also, 0 Training, 0 Equipment Maintenance and 3 SPC. Detail.
- Mr. Johnson reported the warranty is due for renewal on the camera system in the police car.

- Mrs. Shapcott asked if a fire arm has to be registered. Mr. Juno responded that she needs to change it to her name and directed her where to reregister the fire arms. He also informed her that shot guns do not have to be registered.
- Mr. Harris mentioned the old police car is up for sale and that council will advertise to sell it in the Courier Times.
- Mrs. Coleman asked about the Taser guns. Mr. Juno said in order to be able to use them the police department will be required to have training and that the training will not take place this year.
- Mr. DeBias asked if there is any added cost for the new police car. Mr. Juno mentioned \$400.00 for the painting of the roof and \$325.00 for the pre-emptive device installation.
- Mrs. Coleman asked if the added extra were within the budget for the new police car. Mr. Juno said yes.

Motion made by Mr. Johnson seconded by Mr. Lodise to allow Chief Juno to renew the insurance policy on the camera system; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

Motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Walton to allow \$725.00 be spent for the extra items for the police car; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

Borough Property:

Motion made by Mr. Walton seconded by Mr. Lodise to allow council to spend \$500.00 to have railings painted at Borough Hall; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

Trash: No Report

Streets:

- Mr. Lodise reports no lights out.
- The borough is in need of three street signs one at Washington and Ford, Green Street, and Beaver Street. Mr. Walton suggested making the poles higher to prevent stealing of the street signs. Mr. Lodise will look in to this.

Motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Walton to allow council to spend \$434.44 to buy new signs from Signarama with reflectors on both sides; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

Water Authority:

- Mr. Whitaker will be instructed to shut off water at Johnson Hall. The Customer will need to be contacted of this situation. Mr. DeBias informed the residents the reason for the shut off is due to lack of payment.
- Mr. Clark informed council that lead and copper testing will be done in the next month.
- Mr. Clark mentioned Act 537 was submitted and approved, but the DEP never received the report. Carroll engineering has made updates needed for the interceptor and Act 537 is ready to be re-advertised. The report will be ready for public comment on the August 16th Work Session.

Motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Walton to re-advertise the Act 537 Plan and ready for public comment on August 16, 2015; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

- Mr. Clark is very pleased with the work so far and is correcting the following issues.
 1. There is a need to replace about 603 meters
 2. Need to revisit the inspection that was done on the laterals. They need to find out if Carroll Engineering will come back and fix the cracks in any of the laterals that were found during the inspection. Mr. Wheeler was not sure if this work was done yet.
 3. The authority will need to purchase a laptop.
 4. BCW&S will be changing to radio meters, starting with oldest meters first.
 5. A new Reader will have to be purchased to read the new meters. Mrs. Wheeler will be able to walk down to street to get her information and then plug into computer to get her report to forward to Mr. Slater.
- Mrs. Johnson mentioned a concern of Floro Carbons found in Neshaminy Creek, and will this impact our municipal water system. Is there any research done about this? Mr. Clark will contact M.J. Reider about this testing.

Finance: no report

MS4

The Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Annual Progress Report for July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 is completed. Mrs. Mahon will make copies and forward to Mario.

TMDL:

- TMDL Plan for upcoming year has been advertised and accepted. Items that need to occur over the following year are:
 1. TMDL No1: encourage riparian forest buffers for all residents along the creek
 2. TMDL No 2: conduct site inspections to encourage down spout disconnect
 3. TMDL No 3: install at least 3 trees (evergreen or deciduous) over the next year
 4. TMDL No 4: for future borough owned property, look into infiltration measures
 5. TMDL No 5: modify basins for increased infiltration reduction
 6. TMDL No 7: install 4 rain barrels over the next year and encourage home owners to do the same
 7. TMDL No 8: additional provisions: Complete 2 street sweepings over the next year, possibly install 5 inlet filters over the next year, schedule storm drain cleaning of 17 drains over the next year, and continue with the 4 leaf pickups through the fall/winter season.
 8. Gather needed addresses/contacts for all buildings in floodplain for a mailing for best management practices (BMP's) information
www.buckscounty.org/forms/PublicAccess
 9. Discuss sump pump inspections to include disconnects of downspouts that go directly to impervious surfaces or storm drains
 10. Letters have been sent to local schools, businesses, clubs, and churches on best management practices for storm water concerns.

Mr. Walton asked if resident place rain barrels in their yards will the Borough get credit for them. Mrs. Mahon responded yes the borough will get credit. There is a link on our website that

guides residents to on line companies that sell rain barrels. Mrs. Mahon mentioned the trees planted at the bank of Neshaminy Creek and the trees planted by the creek should be deep rooting trees. There should not be any fencing around these trees and if you want to protect the trunk of your trees from deer to use tree sleeves. Mr. Wheeler said there was a grant from the county that paid for the cost of planting the trees.

Fire Marshal: no report

Zoning: No Report

Floodplain: no Report

Solicitor Report:

- Kiss Electric – Mr. DeBias mentioned that Kiss Electric’s plans need to be resubmitted to the borough. Everything is on hold until the plans are complete.

Mayor: Mr. Harris made the following nomination, for President of Council, Thomas Wheeler and for Vice President of Council, Deb Mahon.

Motion made by Mr. Walton seconded by Mr. Lodise to nominate Thomas Wheeler for council president; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

Motion made by Mr. Walton seconded by Mr. Lodise to nominate Deb Mahon for council vice-president; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer’s Report of July 11, 2016 was made available for inspection:

• General Fund Checking Balance as of June 1, 2016:	\$ 97,169.58
Expenses Totaled:	\$ -27,545.26
Income Totaled:	<u>\$114,095.89</u>
General Fund Checking Balance as of June 30, 2016:	\$ 183,720.21
• Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of June 1, 2016:	\$ 148,019.40
Expenses Totaled:	\$ -19,780.75
Income Totaled:	<u>\$ 2,845.62</u>
Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of June 30, 2016:	\$ 131,084.27
• Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of June 1, 2016:	\$ 351,206.52
Interest April/May	\$ 83.36
Deposit	\$ 10,000.00
Expense	<u>\$ - 0</u>
Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of June 31, 2016:	\$ 361,289.88
• Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of June 1, 2016:	\$ 12,454.38
Interest April/May	\$ 6.30
Deposit	\$ 24,189.99
Expenses	<u>\$ -868.11</u>
Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of June 30, 2016 :	\$ 35,782.56
• General Fund PLGIT Balance as of June 1, 2016:	\$ 73,377.43

Interest April/May	\$ 13.63
Deposits	\$ 158.58
Expenses Total:	\$ -24,209.06
General Fund PLGIT Balance as of June30, 2016:	\$ 49340.58

Bills: A copy of the bill list dated July 11, 2016 was provided to Council, and offered for review by the public.

- **General Fund** beginning balance as of July 1, 2016: \$ 182,973.59
ending balance as of July 11, 2016: \$ 169,660.84
- **Sewer & Water** beginning balance as of July 1, 2016: \$ 119,783.17
ending balance as of July 11, 2016: \$ 110,393.95
- **Highway Aid** beginning balance as of July 1, 2016: \$ 35,760.36
ending balance as of June 11, 2016: \$ 35,744.26

A motion was duly made by Mr. Walton seconded by Mr. Lodise, and carried unanimously to approve the bill list dated July 11, 2016; motion carries 6-0-0.

Old Business:

- Mr. Walton suggested council consider having an ordinance to prohibit bamboo from being planted on Borough property. He noted some towns in our area are adding this ordinance.
- Mr. Walton also received a registered letter from a resident at 413 Main St. He had a contractor do some work at his home and was unsatisfied with the work that was done. The resident is taking the contractor to court. Mr. Wheeler said to get BUI involved for continuation of the work and proper inspections.
- Mrs. Mahon informed council of a sighting of a snake head fish at the falls and Beaver Pond. She is asking everyone to inform your neighbors if they are fishing and catch one of these to destroy it.
- Mrs. Mahon was looking into where Mr. Moser has been and was told he had a heart attack and is in currently in St Mary's Hospital. They are looking for a place for him to go to recover after the hospital.
- Mr. Wheeler noted there is a webinar on July 13th at 5:30 for those who can attend.
- Mr. Johnson mentioned a letter about names missing from the plaque at memorial park and it is in of repair. He will attend the next Historical Society meeting and discuss this with them.
- Mr. Johnson read his letter of resignation as of August 1, 2016. Mr. Wheeler said they will be accepting applications for the position on July 19th and we will fill the position at the August work session.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm

Motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Walton to adjourn meeting; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane McKairnes,
Hulmeville Borough Treasurer