

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2017

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
Debbie Mahon, Vice President
Mallory Menta
Dale Walton Jr.
Judy Coleman
Nick Lodise

Staff in Attendance

Solicitor Robert DeBias
Water & Sewer Clerk Pat Slater
Secretary Dorothy Omietanski
Treasurer Diane McKairnes
Fire Marshal Bill Wheeler
Mayor Dave Harris
Police Chief Bob Juno

Councilmember's Absent: Dan Mandolesi

Staff Absent: Authority Chair Jim Clark

Guests in Attendance: Joe Nicito, Minnie Nicito, Marlene Davis, Kurt Ledwig, John Cost, Ira Romberger, Roger Hedeman, Douglas Harris, Mercy Ingraham, Patricia Taggart, Daniel Davis and Sheri Wheeler.

Call to Order: Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:35pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Motion made by Ms. Mahon seconded by Mr. Lodise to approve the minutes of March 6 and 21, 2017; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

Public Comment:

- PENNDOT Snow Plowing – Mr. Hedeman wanted to register a complaint regarding the way the PENNDOT snow plows cleared the snow on Bellevue Ave. during the last snow event in March. The plows did not clear the snow in a timely matter, so by the time the plows came through at 6am the next morning all the sidewalks had been cleared by the residents. After the plowing the sidewalks were completely covered and children had to use them snow covered to get to the bus stop. The plows were also moving very fast because chunks of ice were thrown 20 feet onto his property. He did contact PENNDOT to complain however he did not receive a satisfactory response from them and wondered if there was anything that council could do. Mr. Wheeler suggested Mr. Lodise contact Brian Allen and explain to him the concerns Mr. Hedeman has and see if he can do anything about it.
- Residential Business – Mr. Hedeman would like to make council aware again that the home on the corner of Fairview and Bellevue seems to be running a business out of their house. There are a lot of people coming and going and the resident has a motorcycle for sale on the lawn. Mr. Wheeler will contact the zoning officer regarding this matter.
- Dead Deer – There is a dead deer on Trenton Rd and no one has collected it. Ms. Coleman searched the web and found a number to call 1-800-fixroad.

- Trash Cans – Mr. Romberger would like to see all residents spray paint their house number on their trash cans, so when there is a storm and the cans blow into the street or another person’s yard they can be identified and returned to the proper owner.

Police Report:

- Mayor Harris read the report for the month of March 2017: 11 Incidents, 17 Traffic, 2 Parking, 0 Accidents, 2 Assists, 0 Summary, 0 Criminal, 18 District Court, 0 County Court, 0 EMS for total hours worked: 216, Total Salary \$4,860.00.
- Vest Program – The vest program set up was finally resolved and the account is now set up so Chief Juno can apply to the program. The next date to apply will be sometime in August – October. The program will pay for 50% of the cost.
- Class – Chief Juno is requesting to attend an update meeting for police chiefs being held by PA State Association of Boroughs on April 25, 2017. The cost of the meeting is \$150.
- Clean Up of Main Street – Sunday April 9th at noon a few residents are planning to clean up Main Street from Ford to Zimmerman and are requesting police assistance.

Motion made by Ms. Mahon seconded by Ms. Menta to approve Chief Juno to attend the PA State Association of Boroughs meeting on April 25, 2017 at a cost of \$150; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

- Officer Training – Ms. Mahon would like to have a brief training for the officers regarding MS4. Ms. Menta is already trying to coordinate a meeting with the officers so if Ms. Mahon wants she can tag onto that meeting. Ms. Menta will keep her posted as to the date that is set for the meeting.

Borough Property:

- Front Door – The lock needed to be replaced on the front door to Borough Hall.
- Lawn Maintenance – Mr. Mandolesi gathered bids for lawn care and Mark Boone was the lowest price again this year. Mr. Boone gave a price of \$195/cut for 2017 and also included a price of \$200/cut for 2018 if council would like to sign a two-year agreement.

Motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Walton to sign a two-year contract with Mark Boone at a price of \$195/cut for 2017 and \$200/cut for 2018; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

Trash:

- Recycles – A resident was having an issue with recycle pick up, but the next trash collection day the issue was resolved.

Streets:

- Culverts – Mr. Lodise has not received any email responses regarding the culverts. He will resend his emails again.
- Street Signs – Mr. Lodise needs to order 3 – 35 miles per hour, 6 no parking, 3-30 by 30 watch children signs. Mr. Wheeler requested that Mr. Lodise provide him a list of signs needed and he will see if he can purchase the signs through Middletown Township.
- Green Street – Mr. Lodise noticed that the wood guard rail on Green Street looks like it is leaning and he will take a look at it more closely.
- Pot Holes – There are a few pot holes that need to be filled at the corner of Beaver and Bellevue.

- Borough Parking Lot – Mr. Lodise is collecting three bids for repairs and maintenance on the parking lot. There are cracks that need to be filled, the lot needs a seal coat, paint lines, and a sink hole needs some attention.
- Mr. Wheeler will contact the street sweeping company to schedule the streets to be cleaned before the Memorial Day Parade.

Lights: no report

Personnel: no report

Finance: no report

Zoning: Mr. Mandolesi emailed council Ms. Juno’s zoning report for March 2017. Her report stated that she had email correspondence with Jessica Bates requesting information on self-storage facilities, Chris Bradish requesting a property plan for 918 Neshaminy Street and Carla Hebling requesting requirements for an attached and detached garage at 227 Main Street. Ms. Juno also drafted and hand delivered a cease and desist order to stop an advertised event from taking place at Johnson Hall.

Fire Marshal:

- NIMS Training – The training is set for May 18th from 6:30-9:00. Everyone on council is registered.

MS4:

- Storm Drain Medallions – The storm drain medallions for Hulmeville Borough have been installed by Eagle Scout Ryan Idell and his team of volunteers. Mr. Lodise along with the police department assisted Ryan and 10 scout volunteers. Everything went smoothly and some special thanks goes out to everyone who assisted them.

Note – Mary Johnson arrived at 7:52

TMDL:

- TMDL No1: encourage riparian forest buffers for all residents along the creek
- TMDL No 2: conduct site inspections to encourage down spout disconnect
- TMDL No 3: install at least 3 trees (evergreen or deciduous) over the next year – note the trees must be 4 - 1/2 feet tall with a 2 - 1/2-inch trunk.
- TMDL No 4: for future borough owned property, look into infiltration measures
- TMDL No 5: modify basins for increased infiltration reduction
- TMDL No 7: install 4 rain barrels over the next year and encourage home owners to do the same
- TMDL No 8: additional provisions:
 1. Complete 2 street sweepings over the next year
 2. Possibly install 5 inlet filters over the next year
 3. Schedule storm drain cleaning of 17 drains over the next year. Ms. Mahon has been in contact with John Butler from BCWSA and is currently working on mapping information. The work that BCWSA will complete will cost \$140 per hour and they can install approximately 2 drains per hour.
 4. Continue with the 4 leaf pickups through the fall/winter season
- Sump Pump inspections information is being reviewed by the zoning committee.

Floodplain:

- April 18th Training – Flyers will be hand delivered by council members regarding the upcoming work session training on storm water and flood waters on April 18th. Everyone living in the flood area will receive a flyer. All residents whether or not they live in flood areas are encouraged to attend the meeting.
- New Maps – FEMA began distributing new maps on March 21st. Sarah Wolf will be mailing one set of maps and providing an electronic copy.

Storm Water:

- Newsletter – Ms. Mahon is currently working on the spring 2017 newsletter. She is still waiting on computer ready information regarding The Wall.
- Ms. Mahon submitted request for reimbursement for color cartridges in the amount of \$106.61.
- Earth Day Event – The Earth Day event is being held on April 29th from 11-2 pm at Core Creek Park. Set up will begin at 9am and Ms. Mahon is looking for help throughout the event. Council will be distributing seed packs and Ms. Wheeler will have the ponies again this year.

Solicitor Report: no report

Water and Sewer:

- Lateral Repair Work – After inspection of the laterals in the borough there are areas marked that need repair. The Water Authority received several quotes for the work and concluded that the best price was BCWSA. The repairs are estimated to cost \$27,000 and if any additional issues are discovered BCWSA will contact the borough before doing any work. There are six locations identified where the work will be done.

Motion made by Ms. Menta seconded by Mr. Walton to recommend that the Hulmeville Water Authority proceed with the work to completed by BCWSA recommended by Carroll Engineering at a cost of \$27,248.85; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

- Meter Replacement Program – Ms. Wheeler provided council with an update on the new meter program. The software is up and running. Currently 32 meters are working and billing accurately.

Mayor: The Mayor is attending the Bucks County Emergency Management meeting tomorrow.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report of April 3, 2017 was made available for inspection:

• General Fund Checking Balance as of March 1, 2017:	\$ 36,998.37
Expenses Totaled:	\$ -26,833.25
Income Totaled:	\$ 31,404.54
General Fund Checking Balance as of March 31, 2017:	\$ 41,569.66
• Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of March 1, 2017:	\$ 89,979.12
Interest Totaled:	\$ 3.42
Expenses Totaled:	\$ -32,249.75
Income Totaled:	\$ 5,840.57
Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of March 31, 2017:	\$ 63,569.94
• Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of January 1, 2017:	\$ 411,864.80
Interest	\$ 295.37

	Deposit	\$ 0
	Expense	\$ - 0
	Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of February 28, 2017:	\$ 412,160.17
•	Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of January 1, 2017:	\$ 40,723.32
	Interest	\$ 27.17
	Deposit	\$ 0
	Expenses	\$ 7,367.49
	Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of February 28, 2017:	\$ 33,383.00
•	General Fund PLGIT Balance as of January 1, 2017:	\$ 56,184.79
	Interest	\$ 39.55
	Deposits	\$ 0
	Expenses Total:	\$ 1,242.61
	General Fund PLGIT Balance as of February 28, 2017:	\$ 54,981.73

Bills: A copy of the bill list dated April 4, 2017 was provided to Council, and offered for review by the public. Ms. McKairnes added seven bills: Hulmeville Water and Sewer \$124.05 and \$385.75, Deb Mahon \$106.61, David Heiser \$56.00, Carroll Engineer \$736.20 and \$907.87 and All State Power Vac \$3,904.38.

•	General Fund beginning balance as of March 31, 2017:	\$ 49,983.53
	ending balance as of April 3, 2017:	\$ 26,487.74
•	Sewer & Water beginning balance as of March 31, 2017:	\$ 65,382.10
	ending balance as of April 3, 2017:	\$ 39,800.47
•	Highway Aid beginning balance as of April 3, 2017:	\$ 47,696.21
	ending balance as of April 3, 2017:	\$ 47,681.92

A motion made by Mr. Walton seconded by Mr. Lodise, and carried unanimously to approve the bill list dated April 4, 2017; motion carries 6-0-0.

Correspondence: none

Old Business:

- Johnson Hall – The prospective buyer of Johnson’s Hall sent a letter to Mr. Wheeler requesting council’s approval of 6 variances by May 1st. Mr. Wheeler informed council that there is no way these variances could be approved in that short of time period. He is going to inform her that the borough would need at least 6-8 months and suggest she try to receive an extension from the bank. Currently they have no detailed plans of what they are planning to do to Johnson Hall. There are issues dealing with impervious surfaces, having enough parking spots, and driveway entrance clearances. Mary Johnson said she has spent a lot of time on the phone with the prospective buyer and would love to see them move forward with their plans. She has visited other sites they have worked on and their work is beautiful. She also likes that they plan to keep and maintain the property. She feels this would be very good for the whole community. There was an estate sale scheduled to take place at Johnson Hall this past Friday – Sunday. The person in charge, Jim Jolly, never contacted the borough regarding the event and Ms. Juno had to force them to cancel the event due to the fact that there was no running water or electric in the building. There were no bathroom facilities and no lights working in the building plus there would be issues with parking. Bob Evans is taking over the auction, and Mr. Wheeler explained

that they would need to provide port-a-potties and proof of insurance before they can proceed with the event.

- Black Property – Mar Mar Builders sent over two proposed locations for the entrance into the development. They are considering moving the entrance further up Trenton Road to either come out next to Doug Harris’s home or near Hoover Elementary School. Ms. Mahon asked if the Black family had been informed regarding the change to the entrance, since it may now affect their property. Doug Harris voiced his concerns with moving the entrance to the location beside his home. He claims that the bus that stops to pick up his children constantly has issues with cars not stopping or almost hitting the bus. Ms. Coleman asked if we can request that Mar Mar complete a traffic study of Trenton Rd to determine if it is safe. In the letter sent by Mar Mar they stated that their traffic consultant confirmed that there is no sight distance issue with the first proposed location of the entrance based on PENNDOT performance standards. Several guests in attendance asked Mr. DeBias to go over the process of developing the land generally speaking from start to finish. Mr. DeBias reviewed the process and stressed at points along the way it would be open to the public to comment. The development will have a home owners’ association which means it will be responsible for the roads and maintenance of the development. The property is pending sale and they have 3 years to settle with two six month extensions. Mar Mar is requesting that council confirm that council would support the proposal to move the entrance to the easement by Hoover Elementary and then Mar Mar would proceed with contacting Neshaminy School District regarding the easement.

A motion made by Mr. Lodise and seconded by Mr. Walton to table the request made by Mar Mar to confirm that council would support the proposed change to the entrance to be moved to the easement by Hoover Elementary; motion carries 6-0-0.

- KKL Holdings – Kiss Electric is now asking for only the escrow money’s to be returned. Mr. DeBias is recommending holding \$1,500 in escrow to protect the borough in case Mr. Kiss does not maintain the property correctly. The driveway to the developed area is in floodplain, however the construction area for the building is not in floodplain. Mr. DeBias confirmed that cancelling a project like this is very unusual. Kiss Electric did receive the approval that the property is secured. He was told to leave the trailer where it was and the property has been approved the way it currently stands.

A motion made by Mr. Walton and seconded by Mr. Lodise to return all escrow moneys minus \$2,500 from the general fund escrow to insure compliance with any environmental issues that may arise. The refund amount will total \$27,446.71; motion carries 5-1-0.

- Open Space – Mayor Harris and Mr. Wheeler attended the county meeting regarding the open space grant, and presented their idea for a pavilion to be built at Borough Hall. The only request they made was to make sure that the property would be designated open space, and never be built on. Mr. DeBias pulled the deed to the property, and on it there is a restriction made when the school district gave the borough the property which states that the land must be used for recreational services only for children, educational purposes and non-profit groups. The county’s next meeting will be held on April 19th and at that time they will issue a check for 75% of the 75% of the total cost. The balance will be paid upon completion and inspection of the project.

A motion made by Mr. Lodise and seconded by Ms. Menta to accept the county’s easement if they do not accept the language as stated in the deed; motion carries 6-0-0.

- Hazardous Waste Drop Off Date – Mr. Walton wanted to make everyone aware that there is a hazardous waste drop off at Truman High School on Saturday May 27th.
- Vietnam Wall Committee - The Wall committee would like to request that council take into consideration naming a road in Hulmeville Borough after the only resident who lost their life

while fighting in the Vietnam War. The resident was James Boorman, and whichever street they choose to name after him could be marked on the street sign “also known as James Boorman Way”. The two streets that were suggested for his name were the corner of Ford and Washington or the small street between Bellevue and Beaver. Mr. Walton will distribute Mr. Boorman’s bio to council, and they can discuss the road naming change at the next council meeting. Mr. Lodise asked Mr. Walton if they needed any volunteers at The Wall event. Mr. Walton signed Mr. Lodise up for reading names. Mayor Harris also signed up to read names. Ms. Mahon offered to make a wreath that will be presented from Hulmeville Borough.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 pm; motion made by Mr. Walton seconded by Mr. Lodise.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,
Hulmeville Borough Secretary