

**Work Session Meeting Minutes  
June 20, 2017**

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, Mallory Menta, Mayor Harris, Nick Lodise, Dan Mandolesi, and Dale Walton Jr.

**Councilmember's Absent:** Debbie Mahon, Vice President and Judy Coleman.

**Other's in Attendance:** Solicitor Robert DeBias, Authority Chair Jim Clark and Secretary Dorothy Omietanski

**Guests in Attendance:** Sheri Wheeler.

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

**Public Comment:** none

**Solicitor Report:**

- Mr. DeBias presented two resolutions to be signed by Ms. Omietanski and Mr. Wheeler relative to the Fee Schedules adopted at the June 5, 2017 meeting.
- Mr. DeBias, Mr. Wheeler, Ms. Menta and Mr. Mandolesi attended a webinar on June 6, 2017 regarding subdivision and land development. One issue that was stressed in the webinar is the importance of not accepting incomplete applications. The time periods start on the application from the time of acceptance, whether it is complete or not.
- Mr. DeBias had a telephone conference with the attorney for BCWSA regarding the issue of sump pump inspections. The Fourth Amendment to the Constitution prevents involuntary inspections without a search warrant.

Note Ms. Mahon arrived at 7:40pm

The attorney recommended that the plan provide that the Ordinance would be enforced in accordance with state law. Mr. Clark agreed that the verbiage suggested sounds good and will discuss it further with John Swenson. Ms. Mahon requested that Mr. Clark inform her of the final wording so that she can use the same wording for MS4 and storm water.

**Water and Sewer:**

- Act 537 Plan – Mr. Swenson has the Act 537 Plan completed. The borough will need to advertise again and hold a public hearing. A resolution to accept the plan will need to take place and the resolution will need the borough seal. Ms. Omietanski will request that the Courier advertise the plan one time on July 12, 2017, public comment will be held on August 15, 2017, and the plan will be adopted on September 11, 2017.
- BCWSA Sewer Work Update – The curb at 335 Main Street is currently filled with gravel. BCWSA explained to Mr. Clark that this is temporary to allow the ground to settle. BCWSA will be coming back to put in a new curb. The last location for work to be completed at 505 Main Street has been approved by the homeowner. Mr. Clark assured the home owner that after the work is completed all will be replaced and brought back to current condition or better. Mr. Clark is currently coordinating scheduling the work to be done between the home owner and BCWSA.
- Delinquent Sewer Accounts – Ms. Wheeler spoke to BCWSA regarding the ongoing issues with delinquent sewer accounts. BCWSA offered to assist Hulmeville by shutting off water to the properties. Mr. DeBias asked Mr. Clark to find out what procedures would need to be

done and to make sure that proper notification would be given to any resident whose water would be shut off. Mr. Clark will look into the matter further.

**Fire Marshal:** no report

**Budget:** no report

**Borough Hall:**

- Mr. Mandolesi did schedule maintenance on the air conditioning units at Borough Hall.

**Streets:**

- Mr. Lodise fixed the stop sign on Walnut. He is going to call for prices on stop signs.
- Pole #99 needs a new light.

**MS4:**

- 342 Main Street – Ms. Mahon stopped by 342 Main Street today to address complaints regarding items in their back yard that should not be in flood plain. The owner was not available and she was only able to speak to the girlfriend. She will stop back again.
- 346 Main Street – Ms. Mahon was able to speak to the owner regarding issues in their yard with regards to flood plain. The owner was very accommodating and will do whatever is needed to resolve the issues.
- 3 Michelle Court – Ms. Mahon was able to view the area in question right after the rain event Monday. There is a definite issue that needs to be resolved. She also noticed there is a culvert without a grate and that culvert needs to have a grate installed. Mr. Lynn's yard is definitely suffering from too much water inflow onto his property from Hopewell Ln. The water is not funneling correctly and the current piping she sees is not on the original subdivision plans. This may be a civil issue; however Ms. Mahon feels strongly that council needs to mediate the issue between all parties. Seepage pits were installed pursuant to the approved subdivision plans, however Hopewell Lane residents have done work that is not on the plan and has not been approved, in that they have changed the impervious surfaces. There is a police report that does document an owner at Hopewell Lane agrees that the piping is theirs, and so they are responsible for the water issues. Debbie will continue to work on this matter and schedule a meeting with the owner.
- MS4 Cost – The costs this year are over budget and Ms. Mahon is very concerned about where the money is going to come from to pay for the added cost. The current budget set aside \$15,000 for engineering fees and \$6,500 for best management practices. Our total budget is for \$22,000 and will need to be increased to \$44,000 by next year. Mr. Wheeler feels confident that the EIT tax will cover the increase in cost of MS4. Ms. Mahon said we should be able to reduce cost this year by BCWSA only cleaning the drains and making the repairs to the items that are listed in Mr. Canales' report. The cost will be \$140 per hour and in 1 hour they can clean roughly 3 drains.

Note Sheri Wheeler arrived

- MS4 Meeting – Ms. Mahon will be meeting with Mr. Canales Thursday at 3pm. She will be reviewing the permit and speaking with the consultant firm that will be assisting Mr. Canales. Her main goal will be to find out what the consultant firm is going to do for the borough.

### Mayor:

- Mayor Harris attended the Mayors meeting
- Penndel Police Station – The Mayor attended the dedication of the new police station in Penndel Borough and was very happy to see how many Hulmeville Council members were present for the event. However, the Mayor was very disappointed that not one Hulmeville Police officer was present.
- Accident on Trenton and Main – Mayor Harris informed council that one of the Harris' trucks was hit while trying to make a left turn from Main Street to Trenton Road. The police officer who responded to the accident did ask the Mayor what happened to the no left turn sign on Main Street. The police officer thought that was a good sign to have there.

### Old Business:

- RDA Grant Program – Hulmeville Borough has received two requests to sponsor an RDA Grant, one from Penndel, and the other from Langhorne Manor. Ms. Mahon and Mr. Wheeler attended a presentation given by Penndel Fire House. The fire house is looking to either reconfigure the engine room or add an addition. Mr. Wheeler explained that the budget for this project would require them to also seek assistance from both Middletown Township and the county. They are working on gaining the necessary support by the end of July. Langhorne Manor would like an RDA grant for its police station. Ms. Mahon suggested that council place a small explanation in the next news letter explaining to the residents how the RDA grants work. Mr. Wheeler explained to council that Parks as well as all other casinos in PA no longer have to provide the funds for the grants. Parks has decided for now it will continue to contribute the funds, but it could stop at any time. The money to support the grants is generated from the slots, and is now considered a donation.
- Johnson Hall – A notice was sent to Mr. Cubernot on 6/4/17 which told him he was in violation for the tall grass, and it gave him 10 days to resolve the issue. Last Thursday Mr. Wheeler spoke to Mr. Cubernot, and the grass is still not cut.

**A motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Walton to authorize Mr. Wheeler to send Mr. Cubernot notice giving him 48 hours to cut the grass at Johnson Hall, or the borough will schedule to have it cut by Mr. Boone at a cost of \$125/hour for 2-3 hours work time, and bill Mr. Cubernot for the work completed; motion carries 6-0-0.**

- Culverts – Nick is meeting with PENDOT on Tuesday at 11 am. Debbie did leave a message for BCWSA, and has not heard back from them yet. Ms. Menta will follow up with Jim Clark regarding getting a price from BCWSA for the culvert repairs.
- Open Space – Mr. Wheeler has been trying to reach someone at open space regarding the grant, and has not received a return call yet.
- Push Out the Pusher – Ms. Mahon forwarded and circulated an article to council explaining the new program she discussed last meeting called Push Out The Pusher. It is a county wide crime stopping program run by the district attorney's office. Residents can put up signs in their yards, which list a phone number people can call to report a crime. Ms. Menta will also see if they have signs that also provide help for users.
- Core Creek Dam – Ms. Omietanski informed council that Carroll Engineering dropped off a flyer that Carroll Engineering would like the borough post regarding the Core Creek Dam. The dam has been classified by the Department of Environmental Protection as a

“high hazard dam”. An emergency action plan has been developed for the dam, and the information regarding this matter will be posted on the Hulmeville Borough website.

Ms. Mahon has requested an executive session to discuss a staffing issue. The time was 9:20 pm. At 9:35 pm council resumed to regular session.

- Johnson Hall – Mr. Cubernot responded to Mr. Wheeler’s text notice regarding the grass at Johnson Hall. Mr. Cubernot asked that council not cut the grass, and he will have it done. Mr. Wheeler responded it must be done in 48 hours, or council will have to have it cut.

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm; motion made by Mr. Walton seconded by Mr. Lodise.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,  
Hulmeville Borough Secretary