

**Work Session Meeting Minutes
July 18, 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, Debbie Mahon, Vice President, Mallory Menta, Mayor Harris, Nick Lodise, Dan Mandolesi, Judy Coleman, and Dale Walton Jr.

Councilmember's Absent: none

Other's in Attendance: Solicitor Robert DeBias, Authority Chair Jim Clark, Fire Marshal Bill Wheeler, and Secretary Dorothy Omietanski

Guests in Attendance: Sheri Wheeler, Diane McKairnes, Kara Kalupson with RETTEW, Bryan Allen from State Representative Tina Davis's office, Bob Winkler, Mayor of Penndel, Andrew Tomlinson from State Representative Frank Farry's office, Meghan Schroeder and Sean Roche from Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick's office.

Call to Order: Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Bob Winkler, Mayor of Penndel, presented council with a resolution passed by Penndel council to express appreciation and gratitude for all the effort Hulmeville Borough Council put forth regarding the RDA grants that were given to Penndel Borough for the new police station. Without Hulmeville's assistance in helping them secure the grants the building Penndel would have never been able to fund the purchase and rehabilitation of the building.

MS4 Permit Discussion: Kara Kalupson, with RETTEW who has been working with Mr. Canales regarding the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Neshaminy Creek for the MS4 Permit, was present tonight to review options with council regarding the sediment reduction plan that will now need to be included in the MS4 permit due in September. The borough is required to reduce sediment by 10% or 9,648 lbs within the next 5 years. The DEP is requiring that the borough submit its plans for sediment reduction, however DEP is allowing changes to be made to the plan as long as the 10% reduction goal is achieved by March 2023. The goal is to try to get water into the ground, and not discharged into the creek. Ms. Kalupson presented four options:

1. Pond/Floodplain area located between Neshaminy Shore Club and Casmirii's – This project would involve creating a bio swale which would reduce sediment by 10,304 lbs, which exceeds the goal set by the DEP.
2. Hulmeville Soccer Fields – This project would involve creating a vegetative swale. The concern with this area is it has little impervious area so the reduction would be low only 2,600 lbs.

3. Ford Ave – This project would involve creating a stream bank stabilization, which would reduce sediment by 8,000 lbs, which is short of the goal, but Ms. Kalupson suggested extending the wall enough to meet the goal.
4. Inlets on Main Street – This project would focus on the three outfalls located at the far end of Main Street. Ms. Kalupson did not calculate the sediment reduction for this project, but will forward it to Ms. Mahon to include in the permit application.

Ms. Kalupson explained that if the project exceeds the goal for reduction set by the DEP the extra reduction amount cannot be carried over to the next project cycle. She believes every five years the DEP is going to require the borough to reduce sediment by 10%, so the borough is looking at a possible three projects. Ms. Kalupson also pointed out that this permit application will cost the borough \$2,500. The plans are due to the DEP by 9/15, so the plan will need to be advertised on 7/24 for a public meeting to take public comments on 8/15, and council will adopt the plan on 9/11. Mr. Tomlinson made council aware that Frank Farry has passed a resolution to repeal these requirements and the MS4 program, and calls on Congress to act. Council agreed to include all four plans in the permit application.

Water and Sewer:

- Act 537 Plan – Mr. Clark gave a brief summary of the Act 537 Plan for all the guests present at the meeting. Mr. Clark is extremely frustrated with the process. Every time he submits his plan the DEP responds with additional changes that need to be made. Mr. Clark addresses their concerns resubmits the plan, and DEP responds with more changes. He just received 13 items that the DEP is requiring he address, and he would like to move on this quickly to avoid having additional costs incurred by advertising. Carroll Engineering has helped assist him in addressing all but one issue, which is how to address the issue of people who refuse lateral inspections.
- Mr. Clark is submitting four bills to council to be paid - \$65 to DEP, \$15,759.50 to BCWSA, and 6,988.85 and \$3,325.75 to Carroll Engineering.

Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise to approve the payment of four bills presented by Mr. Clark for the Water and Sewer Authority; Motion passed 7-0-0.

Solicitor Report:

- Lateral Inspections - Mr. DeBias addressed Mr. Clark's question regarding the lateral inspections. Pennel Borough is currently working on an Ordinance that council may want to consider to address the DEP's question of how the Borough will deal with people who refuse to have their laterals inspected. The Ordinance would require an inspection of all laterals upon the sale of a property or if work is being done to the line. If the homeowner refuses an inspection a \$25 per month surcharge would be added to the sewer bill. After 60 days, the surcharge increases to \$50 per month. A second-time offender would have a \$1,000 per day fine. Mr. DeBias will provide Mr. Clark the correct verbiage, which he can forward back to DEP in response to their request.

Fire Marshal: no report

Budget: no report

Borough Hall:

- Air Conditioning Unit - During the scheduled maintenance on the air conditioning units at Borough Hall it was discovered that the compressor on apartment B air-conditioning unit was broken. The current compressor is still under warranty so the borough will receive \$500 back. Mr. Mandolesi, with the aid of his son Daniel, took an air-conditioning window unit up to apartment B until the unit is fixed.

Streets: no report

Mayor:

- Open Space - Mayor Harris received a letter from Dave Johnson with Open Space regarding the grant promised to Hulmeville Borough. Mr. Johnson explained that Open Space is behind in issuing the grants and that our grant will be issued in conjunction with Middletown Township.

Old Business:

- Curbs Trenton Ave – Mr. Lodise, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Canales inspected the curbs along Trenton Ave. Mr. Canales concluded only 10 feet of curbing are salvageable. In order to replace the curbs major work would be required to bring them up to code. This would be a very costly project. The Borough would need to hire a certified contractor because it is a state road. Council agreed it is not in the budget plus there is not enough time to address the issue before PennDOT's scheduled paving of the road will take place.
- Johnson Hall – There is a pending sale on Johnson Hall, but the offer is low and it is believed will be rejected.
- Bees on Playground – Kurt Ludwig inspected the playground for bees and none could be located, however a hive was found in the air conditioning unit at Borough Hall.
- Eagle Project – Mr. Mandolesi is working on an eagle project to clean up the playground located at Borough Hall.
- Newsletter – Ms. Mahon is planning to send out the newsletter tomorrow to all residents. The letter will highlight National Night Out which is a program to bring town watch, police and the community together. People are encouraged to be outside the evening of 8/1 and the police will be present in the community. She is also explaining the signs push out the pusher and offering a limited number on a first come first serve basis to place on resident's yards.
- 111 Ford – Ms. Mahon received a complaint that she will forward to Ms. Juno regarding the resident at 111 Ford running a welding business out of their home.
- Hopewell Lane – Ms. Mahon is still gathering information regarding the water issue that involves Hopewell Lane and Michelle Court. She is currently trying to secure property line maps. Mr. Mandolesi has offered his assistance. Once she has the maps she plans to mediate a meeting between the affected parties.

- Pictures of Council and Staff – Ms. Wheeler would like to schedule a time to take pictures of everyone on council and staff. She would like to frame the pictures and hang them in the meeting room of Borough Hall.
- Neshaminy Shore Club – Ms. Omietanski informed council that the Borough received their first check of the season from Shore Club for amusement tax. The check was for \$1,829.60 and is \$100 less than the one received last year at this time.

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 pm; motion made by Ms. Mahon seconded by Mr. Walton.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,
Hulmeville Borough Secretary