

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
August 7, 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
Dale Walton Jr
Judy Coleman
Dan Mandolesi.
Nick Lodise

Staff in Attendance

Solicitor Robert DeBias
Authority Chair Jim Clark
Secretary Dorothy Omietanski
Treasurer Diane McKairnes
Mayor Dave Harris
Sergeant Baran

Councilmember's Absent: Mallory Menta and Debbie Mahon, Vice President

Staff Absent: Water & Sewer Clerk Pat Slater, Police Chief Bob Juno and Fire Marshal Bill Wheeler

Guests in Attendance: Ken Lynn, Betty Shapcott, Sharon Gimpel Langhorne Manor, William McTigue Langhorne Manor, Gary Laild Penndel Fire Company, Rich Schramm Penndel Fire Company, Jim Bampfield William Penn Fire Company, Andy Conaway William Penn Fire Company, Chanelle Lyons William Penn Fire Company, Vinny Rossetti William Penn Fire Company, Dan Hoffman William Penn Fire Company, Kurt Ludwig, Ron Robbins, Joe McKairnes and Mary Johnson.

Call to Order: Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Walton seconded by Mr., Mandolesi to approve the minutes of July 10 and 18, 2017; Motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.

Public Comment:

- Hulmeville Soccer Club – Mary Johnson informed council that the Hulmeville Soccer Club would like to use the fields again this upcoming season. She has a check for \$200 from the club which she presented to Ms. McKairnes. Mr. DeBias reminded Ms. Johnson that the club must have stated on their insurance that Hulmeville Borough is an additional insured on their policy.
- 335 Main Street – Ms. Johnson wanted to bring to council's attention an ongoing issue she is having with the new homeowners at 335 Main Street. Ms. Johnson noticed that the new homeowners were doing work to their house without notifying the Architecture Review Board first to receive their approval given it is a historic property. The first time Ms. Johnson noticed they were doing work to the front pillar of the house she notified

them that they needed to contact the board first before any work is performed on the exterior of the home. Next, she noticed a downspout was installed and again she approached the homeowner stating they needed to contact the board and to date she has not heard from them. Now she noticed that there are markers on the lawn and she is very concerned that more work will be completed. Mr. Wheeler said he would contact BIU and who will issue a cease and assist.

- Moyer/Church driveway – Ms. Johnson wanted to make council aware that Ned and Virginia Moyer are starting to have issues with the driveway they share with the church. The driveway is starting to crack and they feel the damage was caused by the construction vehicles that used the entrance during the re-modeling of Borough Hall and the continued use of the driveway by the trash truck. They are also very concerned about the culvert in front of the house and feels it is in threat of caving into the street.
- Black Property – Ms. Shapcott asked council if they know of any progress being made on the development of the Black Property. She is very concerned with water runoff and wants to make sure the developers are going to manage the water issues that occur at the base of the hill. Mr. Wheeler did assure Ms. Shapcott that the prospective buyers would be responsible for managing the water. Mr. Wheeler has not heard from the developers in 2-3 months so he has no update to provide her.
- Hopewell Lane – Mr. Lynn came to the meeting to get an update on the water issues at Hopewell Lane. Mr. Wheeler apologized to Mr. Lynn and he explained that Ms. Mahon is sick and would not be attending the meeting tonight.
- Bees on Playground – Mr. Ludwig found a bee nest near the police station. Mr. McKairnes informed council that his son found a nest on the playground and did spray it with over the counter bee spray.

Mallory Menta arrived 7:50 pm

RDA Grant Requests:

- Langhorne Manor – Mr. McTigue thanked council for its willingness to hear Langhorne Manor's request for an RDA grant. They have a \$100,000 project to build an addition to their current police building. It will be a 702-square foot addition. Mr. McTigue distributed an outline of cost and design to council. Mr. DeBias informed all who were present that if a grant is awarded any additional costs or work required by the RDA regarding their project like completing quarterly reports, requests for payment and/or audits are the responsibility of the group and not Hulmeville Borough. Mr. DeBias also explained that all requests are to be submitted by 9/30/17 and then a scheduled presentation by each group would follow. All grants would be awarded before Thanksgiving.
- William Penn Fire Company – William Penn Fire Company is asking for financial support to replace their air packs. The life expectancy of their current units is 15 years and they are currently working on their 12th year. The cost to repair and maintenance their current units are becoming more and more expensive. The total cost for 31 5.5 Air Pak X-3 regulators with quick connect hose along with support equipment comes to a total of \$262,564.63.

- Penndel Fire Department – Penndel Fire Department is asking for support in the modernization of their fire house which was built in 1948 and last updated in 1964. They have a three-phase project. The first phase they are currently working on cost \$125,000 and should be completed this year. The second phase will cost \$512,000 and they would like to be completed that phase by the end of 2018. The third phase will cost \$821,000 and the goal is to be done that phase by the end of 2019. They are splitting their request for \$500,000 between Middletown Township and Hulmeville Borough. They are asking each township to submit a request for \$250,000. Mr. Wheeler asked if they would consider one request of \$500,000 to be submitted jointly by Hulmeville and Middletown. They feel they have a better chance by splitting the request and hopefully at least securing one grant.

Motion made by Mr. Walton seconded by Mr., Lodise to sponsor three candidates for the 2018 RDA grant; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

- Hulmeville Borough Street Light LED – Both Mr. Lodise and Mr. Mandolesi are in contact with companies regarding securing a cost for conversion of the borough’s street lights to LED lights.

Police Report:

- Mayor Harris read the report for the month of July 2017: 9 Incidents, 20 Traffic, 9 Parking, 0 Accidents, 3 Assists, 0 Summary, 0 Criminal, 14 District Court, 0 County Court, 1 EMS, for total hours worked: 226, Total Salary \$5,076.50.
- Yardley Drug Awareness Meeting – The Mayor informed council that tonight police officer Carragher is attending a meeting in Yardley regarding drug awareness.
- Chief Juno is returning tonight from a two-day training hosted by the NRA.
- The Mayor reminded council that 8 of the hours worked in July were attributed to the Vietnam Wall security coverage the Hulmeville Police Department provided.

Sheri Wheeler arrived 8:13 pm

- Solar Radar Speed Limit Sign – Council received an email from Carla Helbling on 227 Main Street. She is very concerned with the speed of traffic along Main Street and would like to ask council to consider installing a solar radar speed limit sign to help reduce car speeds. Chief Juno looked into her request and one sign would cost \$4,000. Mr. Wheeler said he would reach out to Bristol Borough and see if the borough could use their speed tracking device which would allow the police to see what speed cars are going at what times of the day.
- Ms. Menta informed council that she has been in touch with Mallory Showalter from the Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission. Ms. Showalter is going to provide Ms. Menta with information regarding the drug issues and she would also be willing to come make a presentation to the community. Ms. Menta will keep council informed as she receives more information.

Water and Sewer:

- Combined Sewage Overflow (CSO's) – BCWSA held a meeting that Mr. Clark and Mr. Wheeler attended. The meeting was to inform and discuss fees that the city of Philadelphia has started to impose on BCWSA which ultimately will be disseminated to the townships and boroughs. The fee is to cover CSO's which Philadelphia is currently struggling with and need to manage better. Hulmeville will be responsible to pay ½ million dollars which is 4% of the total cost. BCWSA did sign a 30-year contract with the city of Philadelphia and feel these fees are in violation of that contract. They would like all the townships to band together and litigate against these fees. Hulmeville Borough would be responsible for 1% of the estimated \$200,000 legal fees and the case could take 2 years to resolve. BCWSA is currently paying the fees from Philadelphia but starting January, each township will need to start paying their percentage of the fees charged. BCWSA will place the fees paid into an escrow account, while they are in litigation. If they win the case the fees will be returned; if they lose the fees will be paid to Philadelphia.

Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise, to acknowledge the problem that BCWSA has brought to council's attention regarding the standing contract with the city of Philadelphia and confirm to proceed with litigation; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

- Meter Issue – Mr. Clark informed council that BCWSA has brought to his attention they have discovered that the meter at Langhorne Gables that meters the water entering the borough has not been recording the correct water levels, and that the costs to the borough will be increasing once the meter is replaced.
- Properties with Liens on Bellevue Ave. – Mr. Clark has had several conversations with the landlord who has liens on her properties due to the overdue balance on her sewer bills of \$27,000. She would like to have the liens removed, and is asking if the borough could freeze the balance, which would give her the ability to pay them off. She would like to pay the monthly bill plus an agreed upon amount on the \$27,000. The owner has been making extra payments, but not on a consistent basis. Mr. Clark has invited her to attend their next authority meeting on 8/28 to present her plan to the board, and allow them to decide if they will accept her terms.
- Act 537 Plan – The plan approval process is still on going. The only township to be approved so far is Middletown Township. Mr. Clark is hopeful that it will be approved.

Chief Juno arrived 8:50 pm

Fire Marshal: no report

MS4: no report

TMDL / BMP's: no report

Floodplain: no report

Storm Water: no report

Borough Property: no report

Trash: no report

Streets: no report

Lights: no report

Personnel: no report

Finance: no report

Zoning: Mr. Mandolesi read Ms. Juno's report for July 2017. Ms. Juno had correspondence with 523 Main Street regarding a sewer bill reimbursement, 107 Green Street regarding a permit for storage shed, 11 Beaver Street for request of information on use change to a funeral home, and 4 Water Street regarding violation sent for high grass and weeds. Notices of violations were drafted for 910 Bellevue Ave, and 4 Water Street. Ms. Juno attended a borough meeting to discuss permit procedures for 107 Green Street. Ms. Juno also completed property checks on 4 Water Street, 910 Bellevue Ave, 910 Bellevue Ave, and 4 Water Street. Ms. Juno will be away 8/11-8/19. Ms. Omietanski was asked to explain the issues surrounding 4 Water Street. According to Ms. Omietanski the owner of 4 Water Street no longer lives at the home. Currently his wife lives at 4 Water Street, and has a restraining order against the owner of the property, her husband. He cannot enter the property to cut the grass and feels that the warnings and fines should be directed to his wife. Ms. Juno explained that his name is on the title for the property so he is the one responsible.

Solicitor Report:

- Act 537 Plan – Mr. DeBias reminded council Act 537 Plan is open for public comment at the 8/15 meeting.
- Right To Know Request - Jim O'Donnell Senior Investigative Producer for NBC 10 sent a right to know request regarding firearms. Chief Juno does not want to honor the request unless it has been filed on an official right to know request form. Council asked that Ms. Omietanski contact Mr. O'Donnell, and request that they complete the right to know form located on the borough website. Chief Juno also pointed out that the letter also is not addressed to Hulmeville Police Department, but San Francisco Police Department. Chief Juno wonders if they are requesting the information from the wrong township. Chief Juno said he would contact San Francisco Police, and find out what they know regarding the request, and then will advise Ms. Omietanski on how to proceed.

Mayor:

- The Vietnam Wall – The Mayor would like to thank the Hulmeville Police Department for their coverage of the event.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report of August 7, 2017 was made available for inspection:

· General Fund Checking Balance as of July 1, 2017:	\$ 170,319.02
Expenses Totaled:	\$ -30,374.11
Income Totaled:	\$ 17,585.08
General Fund Checking Balance as of July 31, 2017:	\$ 157,529.99
· Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of July 1, 2017:	\$ 52,526.07
Expenses Totaled:	\$ -24,296.87
Income Totaled:	\$ 46,306.60
Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of July 31, 2017:	\$ 74,535.80
· Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of June 1, 2017:	\$ 412,702.30
Interest	\$ 477.50
Deposit	\$ 0
Expense	\$ - 0
Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of July 31, 2017:	\$ 413,179.80
· Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of June 1, 2017:	\$ 47144.30
Interest	\$ 54.02
Deposit	\$ 0
Expenses	\$ 890.53
Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of July 31, 2017:	\$ 46,307.79
· General Fund PLGIT Balance as of June 1, 2017:	\$ 68,692.13
Interest	\$ 66.32
Deposits	\$ 240.22
Expenses Total:	\$ 13,645.35
General Fund PLGIT Balance as of July 31, 2017:	\$ 55,353.32

Bills: A copy of the bill list dated August 7, 2017 was provided to Council, and offered for review by the public. Ms. McKairnes added three bills: Carroll Engineering \$3,464.75, BCWSA \$ 11,305.09 and Pest Master \$49.00.

· General Fund beginning balance as of August 1, 2017:	\$ 163,992.23
ending balance as of August 7, 2017:	\$ 142,972.62
· Sewer & Water beginning balance as of July 31, 2017:	\$ 75,907.53
ending balance as of August 11, 2017:	\$ 21,291.56

