

**Work Session Meeting Minutes
October 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, Dan Mandolesi, Judy Coleman, and Dale Walton Jr., Mayor Harris, Nick Lodise and Mallory Menta.

Councilmember's Absent: none

Other's in Attendance: Solicitor Robert DeBias, Fire Marshal Bill Wheeler, Secretary Dorothy Omietanski, Dorothy Rino, Billie Satchell, Diane McKairnes, Joe Coleman, Ken Lynn, Jeff Koellner, Sharon Dachino, Len Dachino, Doug Harris, Nancy Mitchell, Marlene Davis, Eric Schmid, Ed Preston, Kurt Ludwig and Trisha Wheeler.

Call to Order: Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: no comments

Earned Income Tax Presentation: Mr. Wheeler presented to the public a slide presentation on the proposed Earned Income Tax for Hulmeville Borough. In his presentation Mr. Wheeler covered the need for EIT, local earned income tax, EIT already being paid by Hulmeville Residents, EIT revenue projected, and then answered questions. Council is proposing a minimum of \$12,000 income before the tax is charged, which would prevent students and any very low wage earner from paying. Someone did ask if there would be a cap, and council said they had not considered it. Mr. DeBias does not think a cap would be legal, but he will look into the issue further. Someone also asked if council ever considered business privilege tax? Council has not considered business privilege tax, but will look into that as well. Another member of the public is concerned that if council sets the EIT at 1% rate many young families will move out of Hulmeville to avoid the tax. The Black property also came up in discussion as a potential income. Council confirmed that the property, with the current proposal of 45 houses, if each house sold for \$400,000 would bring in approximately \$26,000 in real estate taxes per year. Council confirmed the EIT will be taken from the gross income. The plan is for council to vote on the EIT at the November 6th meeting and if passed adopt it by December 1st. The slide presentation will be posted to the Hulmeville Borough website.

Budget: Ms. Coleman reviewed the budget with council. She explained that the budget increased by 2.4% for 2018. The main reason for the increase in the budget came from the police department, and storm water management. The total budget is \$391,368 which is an increase of \$9,050. The budget will be voted on at the November 6th meeting. Ms. Omietanski will send Mr. DeBias a copy of the advertisement for his review.

Solicitor Report:

- BCWSA – Mr. DeBias did receive a response from BCWSA regarding the Water Termination Agreement. BCWSA agreed to take out the paragraph that Mr. DeBias requested be removed. Mr. DeBias forwarded the revised contract to Mr. Clark.
- MS4 – Mr. Canales forwarded an email which was distributed to council regarding the estimated costs for the MS4 projects. All the project costs remained relatively unchanged from the original discussions.
- RDA Grant Presentation – The RDA Grant presentations are scheduled for Friday from 11:30 – 11:50. Mr. DeBias will be presenting 5 applications in a 20-minute time period.
- ISP selling personal information – Three townships have proposed ordinances for consideration that will try to prevent ISP from selling personal information. Mr. DeBias recommended that council follow this issue closely, and see how these townships proceed with the ordinances. This may be an ordinance council wants to consider in the near future.
- EIT Tax – Mr. DeBias will contact Keystone to find out what is involved regarding moving from an established ½% to 1% EIT tax rate. He will also look into the rules around not charging IET for anyone who makes under \$12,000. As soon as he has a clear explanation he will forward it to council via email. Mr. DeBias also wanted to point out that a vote to advertise is not a vote for adoption. Council selected November 28, 2017 as a special meeting for EIT. The meeting will be held at Borough Hall at 7:30pm.

Fire Marshall: No report

Mayor: The Buckman family contacted the mayor and requested a proclamation recognizing the 100th birthday of their mother Joann Buckman a resident of Hulmeville Borough.

Trash: Mr. Lodise has contacted Chris Paoletti from Republic. Mr. Paoletti said that the residents can contact him directly if they have any trash issues in the future. Mercy’s wall was repaired.

Correspondence:

- Neshaminy Shore Club – Ms. Omietanski received a payment of \$2,279.60 from the Neshaminy Shore Club.
- Apt A – Ms. Omietanski read a letter she received from Carolyn McFadden who resides in Apt A. She was laid off and is currently looking for a new job. She asked if she could make her rent payment in two increments for October and November. She said she would pay \$550 on 10/12, 10/25, 11/8 NS 11/22. Council agreed that this would be fine and asked Ms. Omietanski to call her to let her know.
- 1004 Bellevue Ave – Ms. Omietanski received a call from Daniel who is renting at 1004 Bellevue Ave and wanted to know if the borough could come out and inspect the property. He has concerns with mold. Currently the borough does not have a rental inspection ordinance so they cannot get involved and he would need to contact the tenant or the Board of Health. Ms. Omietanski will contact him tomorrow.
- Municipal Engineering Rate Schedule 2018 - Ms. Omietanski informed council that she received the 2018 rate schedule for Pickering Corts & Summerson.

Old Business:

- Johnson Hall – A sale of the property is scheduled for Thursday.
- Jr. Council Member – Ms. Mahon announced that Sarah Omietanski has contacted her regarding the Jr. Council Member position. Sarah has submitted her application and Ms. Mahon would like to pass a resolution at the next council meeting.
- New Computer – Ms. Omietanski updated council on the status of the new computer build. Her son Stanley spent two hours at Micro Center on Sunday where he purchased all the items he needs to build the new system. The total cost came to \$1,156.88 and \$15 in rebates will be returned to the borough.
- Certificate of Exemption for PA – Ms. Omietanski wanted to clarify to all council that when anyone needs to receive tax exemption all they need to do is complete the PA Exemption Certificate, which you can find on line or in the office. Government agencies are not issued certificates of exemptions and so there is no state tax “id” number issued. The only number the borough is issued is the Federal ID number.

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 pm; motion made by Ms. Walton seconded by Mr. Mandolesi.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,
Hulmeville Borough Secretary