

**Work Session Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2018**

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, Dan Mandolesi, Vice President, Mayor Mahon, Judy Coleman, Doug Edge, Mallory Menta, and Sarah Omietanski, Jr. Council Person.

Councilmember's Absent: Doug Harris and Nick Lodise

Other's in Attendance: Solicitor Robert DeBias, Secretary Dorothy Omietanski, Frank Lucisano, Sheri Wheeler and Ray Johnson.

Call to Order: Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

- Paper Road - Mr. Lusicano resides at 400 McKinley Street. He lives on a paper road and has been maintaining the road for as long as he has lived there. He would like to claim title to the land and asked council how he could go about becoming a legal owner. Council confirms that he could take ownership of half the road; the other half of road would belong to the Black family. Mr. DeBias explained that council would need to accept a dedication of the street and then draft an ordinance stating that the borough is vacating the street. Both actions would need to be advertised, which would incur a cost that Mr. Lusicano would be responsible to pay. Mr. Wheeler will look into his request and call him once he has more information.

Jr. Council Member:

- Sarah Omietanski asked council why do you have to second a motion? Mr. DeBias explained that most councils use Roberts Rules of Order to run their meetings. When making a motion if no one seconds the motion the motion ends. The second to the motion opens the motion for discussion and then a vote. This process is designed to eliminate wasting time in the meeting. Mr. DeBias also pointed out that the person who seconds the motion does not have to vote in favor of the motion when a vote is taken.

Solicitor Report:

- RDA – The borough received a signed copy of Langhorne Manor's inter-governmental agreement for the police station rehabilitation.
- BCWSA Water Termination Agreement – The borough received a signed copy of the Water Termination Agreement with BCWSA.
- RDA LED Lights – Mr. DeBias requested that council start working on the LED light project. Council needs to write specs for the project including number of street lights and

wattage of bulbs they want to use. Council will then need to advertise bids in the Courier. Mr. Lodise and Mr. Mandolesi will gather this information.

- Falls Internet Ordinance – Currently Verizon is taking Falls Township to court over the ordinance they enacted regarding customer information being sold by internet providers.
- Planning Commission Meeting – A meeting was held on January 9, 2018. The group met to review lot line changes between TMP # 16-5-54-001 and TMP # 16-5-54-005. Bucks County Planning Commission had 7 recommendations/ comments which were addressed by the Planning Commission. The two biggest issues had to deal with sewer connection availability and classification of the property as an R3. The Planning Commission unanimously agreed with a contingency that a letter be submitted stating Mr. Feriods, the owner will comply to items discussed and that BCPC resolves the deed restriction on Lot 2.
- Kiss Electric Real-Estate News – Many people have been inquiring about Kiss Electric and RDA. Kiss Electric received assistance from the RDA for clean-up of property along Main Street. When you take a loan out from a redevelopment authority it is common practice for the lender to hold the title to the property.

Fire Marshall: No report

Mayor:

- EIT Tax – Mayor Mahon received an email from a resident asking very technical tax questions. She will advise them to seek out professional advice. She will email Bill Wheeler to put a direct link to the forms for Keystone as well as a link to Keystones website. Mayor Mahon wanted to point out that Keystone has not posted 2018 forms yet on their site.
- Police Committee Meeting – Mayor Mahon emailed the committee to set up the next meeting to take place on 1/23/18 at 7pm. She requested that Ms. Omietanski provide her with a copy of the last four monthly police reports. Ms. Coleman offered to send data she has collected for the budget regarding each police officer's salary.
- Storm Water Committee – The committee met last night and Mayor Mahon distributed a packet of information to help the new committee members better understand what storm water is.

Borough Property:

- Borough Hall Heater – Mr. Mandolesi would like to schedule the state inspection for the heater, however he has noticed a few spots where the heater is leaking. The water leaks need to be repaired before he can make the appointment for the inspection. He would like to call the plumber the borough has used in the past and have him come out and fix the leaks. Council agreed.

Streets:

- Trash Fees – There are 7 residents who have not paid their taxes for the year. This year the borough is responsible to collect the trash fee. In the past a lien was placed on the total amount, which included the trash fee. Now the lien is only placed for the taxes.

Nancy Wheeler, Tax Collector, drafted a letter with the assistance of Tom Wheeler. She sent out the letters on 1/9/18 to seven residents. The total amount she hopes to collect is \$2,200. The trash fee is \$274.89 per year per unit.

Personnel: no report

Correspondence: no report

Old Business:

- Pavilion – Ms. Coleman asked if the pavilion was still on hold. Mr. Wheeler confirmed that the money for the pavilion was frozen. He will contact open space to see what the status is on the funding.
- Act 537 Plan – Ms. Menta reminded council that the educational meeting will be held in March. Colette from BCWSA will be attending the meeting, but Ms. Menta is still unsure of DEP attendance.
- Jim Clark’s Replacement – Currently Mr. Ludwig is overseeing the Water Authority. Mr. Schmidt did have a person in mind for the position, however Ms. Menta is not sure if they are going to take the position or not. Mr. Clark is still actively involved until the Authority finds a replacement.
- Snow Plowing – Mr. Mandolesi felt the new snow plow company did a good job plowing the borough. Chief Juno issued 7 parking tickets. He gave a warning ticket of \$25 to each car parked in snow route areas during the storm. Mr. Mandolesi asked who authorized the snow plow company to salt the roads tonight. Mr. Wheeler explained that it was up to the snow plow companies’ discretion as to when to salt roads. Salting before the storm allows them to clear the roads better after.

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm; motion made by Mr. Edge seconded by Mr. Mandolesi.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,
Hulmeville Borough Secretary