

**Work Session Meeting Minutes
May 15, 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, and Sarah Omietanski, Jr. Council Person

Councilmember's Absent: Doug Harris, Mallory Menta and Nick Lodise

Other's in Attendance: Solicitor Robert DeBias, Secretary Dorothy Omietanski, Fire Marshal Wheeler, Rob Walls ATT, Jason Robbins ATT and John Diegel William Penn Fire Department.

Call to Order: Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:46 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATT Presentation: Mr. Walls and Mr. Robbins came to provide information on First Net, a new program offered by ATT. First Net provides data and priority cell phone access for first responders, public safety and emergency management. They also provide data to extended primary providers who support the primary providers. The main goal is to provide priority over commercial cellular traffic, preemption, local control and cost-effective service. The service is unlimited for \$39.99.

Doug Harris arrived at 8:55pm

Main Street Sidewalk Repair:

- Project Cost Estimation – Mr. Canales submitted a project cost estimation to make the repairs to the sidewalk on Main Street. The amount that could be requested for an RDA grant would be \$50,000 and the Borough would have an out of pocket cost of \$50,000 for engineering fees.
- Steel Plate – Mr. Wheeler will contact the state and see if they have a piece of steel that could be placed over the damaged sidewalk until the necessary repairs can be made. The police are going to place no parking signs on the street in front of the sidewalk in question.

Jr. Council Member: no report

Solicitor Report:

- LED Lights – Mr. DeBias will send Ms. Omietanski the advertisement for the LED light bids. The timeline for the bids is to open them on June 19th and awarding the bid on July 2nd.

Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Harris to authorize Mr. DeBias to advertise the LED street light bids in the Bucks County Courier; Motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.

- RDA Check – Mr. DeBias will follow up with the RDA regarding the payment due to William Penn Fire Company.

Fire Marshall: no report

Mayor:

- Air Card – The router in the secretary office is currently listed as the Police Departments router and was provided for free from Comcast. Mayor Mahon is going to have that router transferred to Hulmeville Borough and purchase a router for the police department. The police department needs to have a static IP address which requires its own router. The monthly cost of the new router through Comcast will be \$154.85 a month. The static IP address is necessary to run the air card, and a new system is being rolled out on May 23rd which will only run with a static IP address. Mr. Edge suggested the Mayor look into purchasing a router instead of paying a month fee with Comcast. Fire Marshal Wheeler pointed out that you need to be very careful when purchasing a router because not every router will work on Comcasts system.

Motion made by Mr. Edge seconded by Mr. Harris to allow the Hulmeville Police Department to enter into a contract with Comcast for a new router with a static IP address at a cost of \$154.85 per month; Motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.

- Senior Citizen Luncheon – Tomorrow Donald Heffner will be honored at the senior citizen luncheon. Hulmeville Borough, Tina Davis and Tom Tomlinson will be presenting citations to Mr. Heffner.

Correspondence:

- PECO – PECO sent an invitation to attend a Bucks County Municipal Forum on May 24, 2018 in Ivyland.
- Pot Belly Pigs – Ms. Omietanski received a call this past week from Michelle Worthington who is an owner of two pot belly pigs. She would like to purchase her parents home and wanted to make sure it was ok to own pot belly pigs as pets in the borough. According to the boroughs ordinance farm animals need 5 acres of land. Ms. Omietanski explained that the pigs are pets and treated just like dogs. They reside in the home and are let out to go to the bathroom. Mayor Mahon asked Ms. Omietanski to reach out to Ms. Worthington and ask her if she can provide any veterinarian records for the animals and pictures. Once council has this information they will make a decision.

Old Business:

- Water and Sewer Shut Off – Mr. Wheeler asked council for its input regarding the water and sewer shut off policy that needs to be established. Currently the Authority has 25 outstanding accounts totaling \$119,000 in outstanding revenue. All accounts are on lien; however, the authority does not receive any payment until the property is sold or the owner tries to apply for a loan. Ms. Coleman suggested the trigger for shut off be on quarters not paid instead of a dollar amount. The steps to shut off water are complicated however it starts with a shut off notice, then a 10-day door hanger, and then the shut off. There are also administrative issues to be considered. It will also need to be decided who is sending the notices and managing the shut offs. It would also be helpful if the borough could accept credit card payments. With credit card payments Mr. Edge suggested that the credit card fees be passed onto the customer. Mr. Edge also suggested a two-trigger cut off of both a dollar amount and time amount. Council agreed to consider \$600 or 2 quarters, whichever comes first.
- Council Member Absent – Mr. Edge will be absent for the next meeting. Ms. Coleman will be missing the next three meetings.
- Board of Health – Mr. Wheeler will contact the Board of Health regarding the complaint Mr. Romberger made regarding the trash on Bellevue Ave.
- Crosswalks – Mr. Wheeler will look into the cost of adding crosswalks in the borough. If the project is a substantial amount of money it may be able to be presented to the RDA.
- Grass Trimming on Sidewalk – Mr. Mandolesi will contact Ms. Juno regarding 908 and 910 Bellevue Ave regarding trimming the grass and shrubs along the sidewalk area.
- Parade – Mr. Omietanski IV would like to film the parade with his drone and would like permission to do so. Mayor Mahon told him to contact Ed Preston.

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm; motion made by Mr. Edge seconded by Mr. Harris.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,
Hulmeville Borough Secretary