

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2018

The regular monthly meeting 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
Nick Lodise
Mallory Menta
Doug Harris

Staff in Attendance

Solicitor Robert DeBias
Treasurer Diane McKairnes
Secretary Dorothy Omietanski
Mayor Debbie Mahon

Councilmembers Absent: Doug Edge, Sarah Omietanski, Jr. Council and Judy Coleman

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

Guests in Attendance: Nick Toth, Kurt Ludwig, Ron Robbins, Mary Johnson, Ken Lynn, Joe Nocito and Minnie Nocito

Call to Order: Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Harris to approve the minutes of May 7 & 15 2018; Motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.

Note Nick Lodise arrived 7:45pm

Public Comment:

- Article in Courier – Ms. Johnson mentioned the article written about Hulmeville in the paper today, “Time’s Forgotten Town” which explains the history of Hulmeville and highlights the refurbishment of Johnson’s Hall.
- Hulmeville Soccer Club – Ms. Johnson spoke to Hulmeville Soccer Club regarding the trash issues. Ms. Johnson suggested the club bring trash bags and take their trash with them. The club was very apologetic and said they would take care of the matter.
- Speed on Bellevue Ave – Ms. Omietanski stated that several residents have complained to her regarding the speed of cars on Bellevue Ave around the area of her home. Mr. Wheeler said he would try to get the speed tracker and place it on Bellevue Ave for a week so the police can see how fast cars are going and at what times there may be an issue with speeding.

- Fireworks – Ms. Johnson’s neighbor wants to know what the law is regarding setting off fireworks. It is now legal in Pennsylvania to set off fireworks, however it is still against the law to set them off within 150 feet of an occupied structure. The laws regarding fireworks are posted on the Hulmeville website.

Water and Sewer:

- Manhole Repairs – The manhole repairs have started.

Police Report:

- Mayor Mahon read the report for the month of May 2018: 12 Incidents, 23 Traffic, 4 Parking, 1 Accidents, 2 Assists, 0 Summary, 0 Criminal, 8 District Court, 0 County Court, 2 EMS, for total hours worked: 189, Total Salary \$4,472.65.
- Vest Grant – Mayor Mahon is recommending that council orders 4 police vests which range in cost from \$933-\$1028 per vest. Each vest is a custom fit and they have an expiration date. Chief Juno put in a request for \$3,000 for the grant and they will cover half of the total cost. Mayor Mahon is also recommending that from this year on council purchases one vest a year to prevent officers from being without a vest.
- Water Street – Ms. Menta has been stopping cars going the wrong way on Water Street.

Motion made by Ms. Menta seconded by Mr. Lodise to accept Mayor Mahon’s recommendation to purchase 4 new bullet proof vests at a cost that will not exceed \$4,112.00; Motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.

Borough Property:

- Boiler – The boiler was repaired and the inspection is this Wednesday.
- Playground – The Eagle Scout has not completed his work yet on the playground. He has been delayed with end of school year work, and was waiting on a lumber donation from 84 Lumber.
- Lawn Maintenance – The lawns were cut before the parade.

Lights:

- LED Lights – Mr. Mandolesi received 9 requests for bids. Council will be opening the bids on June 19th.

Streets:

- Signs – A no parking sign and a stop sign is in need of replacement. Mr. Lodise suggested ordering an additional 4 stop signs. Mr. Wheeler will shop around for a cost and present it to council.

- Repairs Main Street – Sidewalk repairs were made to the area in question along Main Street. The owner of the adjacent property cemented the cracks and the repairs should hold until council can schedule the work to be done to fix the issues.

Personnel: no report

Finance:

- EIT – Ms. McKairnes emailed Judy information she received regarding EIT. Ms. McKairnes was told that the borough will not have true numbers for a year and 9 months. To date EIT totals \$27,115.

Zoning:

- Mr. Mandolesi read Ms. Juno’s report for the month of May. Ms. Juno had email correspondences with Lisa Baum regarding domestic animal limits per household, Anita Worthington at 305 Reetz Ave inquiring about potbellied pigs, Ramagli Real Estate regarding commercial U&O, Carla Helbing of 227 Main Street requesting assistance with feral cats and Daria Carr regarding tall grass at 910 Bellevue Ave. Ms. Juno also met with residents regarding storm water issues allegedly caused by illegal direction of water onto property of another. Ms. Juno noted that she will be off from 6/8 – 6/12.
- Pot Bellied Pigs – Ms. Worthington submitted several documents regarding Pot Bellied Pigs. She provided facts about pet pigs, Pa code regarding feed tax for pet pigs, a letter from Pa Livestock Association, a letter from Quakertown Veterinary Clinic, and a letter from Tom Ridge. Council concluded that Pot Bellied Pigs are very different from hogs, which is what is noted in the ordinance.

Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise to allow Pot Bellied Pigs as domestic pets in Hulmeville; Motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.

- Michelle Court – Council discussed the issue of Ms. Juno getting involved in the ongoing water issue at Michelle Court. Council several months ago had agreed that the water issue was a civil matter. Because council had decided it was a civil issue Mayor Mahon offered to try to mediate between the two parties to help resolve the issue so that they would not have to take it to court. Mr. Mandolesi stated that now he disagrees with the decision that this is a civil issue. Mr. Mandolesi believes the issue is land development plans were drawn up, approved and finalized, and then changes were made to the plans without getting approval. Mr. Mandolesi believes the owner who made the changes without getting approval should be the one responsible for all costs to correct the current issue. Mr. Mandolesi also feels the borough is responsible to make sure the issue is resolved. Mr. DeBias disagrees with Mr. Mandolesi. Mr. DeBias stated that the borough is not responsible on an ongoing basis to police what takes place after a property is developed. Mr. Lynn feels that since the area is a subdivision the borough should hold everyone in question accountable to the original plans. Mr. DeBias said if that were true it would make the borough police all complaints in the borough. Mr. DeBias also pointed out that the borough has many subdivisions; they are not the only ones and the Borough does not police

the other subdivisions. According to Mr. Mandolesi Hopewell denies that any changes were made since the subdivision and that the piping was there at the original subdivision. Mr. Mandolesi stated that there was only one pipe on his plans and no pipes on Hopewell Lane when the subdivision was planned out. Now there are two pipes from Hopewell Lane. Mayor Mahon voiced her frustration with how everything transpired. Council decided it was a civil issue, she took time to assist in mediation and make recommendations and then Ms. Juno was called. If Michelle Court did not like the suggestions being made to rectify the issues they should have gone back to Mayor Mahon or council before contacting Ms. Juno. Mr. Harris suggested council table the discussion until Mr. DeBias has time to do further research into the matter. Ms. Juno's notes only state that there is an illegal direction of water. Mr. Lynn stated that Hopewell Lane did claim ownership of the piping on April 9, 2017. Mr. Lynn also stated that he has submitted complaints every time a Hopewell Lane resident made a change to their property making the water issue worse. Residents have paved a driveway, cemented property and added a pool. Each change to the impervious land increased the water into Michelle Court. Council suggested going back to the borough engineer to study the plans in order to evaluate what was there at the time of the development of each subdivision.

MS4:

- Public Outreach Letters – Mayor Mahon is currently working on public outreach letters for existing permit year. She is also looking for a thorough way to receive updated business names and contact information for the mailing.
- Spring News Letter – Mayor Mahon is currently working on the spring newsletter.

TMDL / BMP's: Permit years 2018-2022

- TMDL No1: encouraged riparian forest buffers for all residents along the creek
- TMDL No 2: conduct site inspections to encourage storm water control measures
- TMDL No 3: installation of 2 deciduous trees in open space or within the borough proper
- TMDL No 4: reduce infiltration
- TMDL No 5: modify basins for increased infiltration reduction
- TMDL No 7: encouraged home owners to install rain barrels
- TMDL No 8: additional provisions:
 - Continued with the 4 leaf pick-ups through the fall/winter season
 - Sump Pump inspection enforcement

Floodplain:

- For all residents in and out of floodplain, contact information is being added to the newsletter to assist residents and business owners on propose practices and procedures during weather events.
- The Water Street FIRM concerns have not yet been answered (3 months now). FEMA forwarded Mayor Mahon's questions to PEMA through the Hazard Mitigation Grants. Mayor Mahon did send another email but still has not receive a response back.

- 410 Main Street – The resident at 410 Main Street requested permit information on completing landscape work on their property along the Neshaminy Creek. Permit information was forwarded to them and Ms. Juno was copied on the email.

Storm Water:

- Please continue with updates for any new residents that have moved into our town as storm water affects us all and not just those that live in floodplain.
- Hopewell Lane – Mayor Mahon drafted a follow up email to the January 2018 meeting between the residents of Michelle Court and Hopewell Lane. A copy of the email was also dropped off at each resident’s home. Copy of letter is attached and incorporated into these minutes.

Jr Council Member:

- Homeless Teens – Ms. Omietanski could not attend tonight’s meeting, however she wanted to let council know that she did collect the information on homeless teens and will present it at the work session in June.

Solicitor Report:

- RDA – The Borough received payment from the RDA for William Penn Fire Company.
- Waste Management – Mr. DeBias confirmed that council received the sample resolution for Waste Management plan.

Motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Harris to sign a resolution for Bucks County Waste Management Plan; Motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.

- Webinar – Mr. DeBias asked Mayor Mahon if she contacted the Borough Association regarding the presentation that was made on rental property inspection. Mayor Mahon was not aware that she was asked to contact them. Mr. DeBias said he would contact them and see if they have any materials they can send on the presentation. He also announced that on 6/6 from 12-1 there is a webinar on working with district judges.

Motion made by Ms. Menta seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to allow Mr. Wheeler to set up a subscription to First Net for the Borough and Police Department; Motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.

Fire Marshal: no report

Trash: no report

Mayor:

- Weddings Report – Mayor Mahon performed two weddings one on 2/16/18 and the other on 3/6/18. The report is attached.

Note: Mr. Harris suggested Ms. McKairnes post on her report the amount due for Water and Sewer customers. Ms. McKairnes will need to contact Ms. Slater to receive the information monthly so she can place it on the report.

Correspondence:

- Asbestos Removal – Ms. Juno forwarded a letter from the Department of Environmental Protection agency regarding the removal of asbestos. Ms. Omietanski distributed the letter to council. The DEP included Asbestos Abatement and Demolition Renovation Form with instructions for filing.

Old Business:

- Cameras for Neshaminy Creek – Ms. Menta followed up on the cameras she read about and found they are geared towards helping identify waste not dumping in the creek.
- Shore Club – Mr. Mandolesi is having issues with the noise level at Shore Club. He called the police twice and both times the volume reduced after the police arrived. Mr. Mandolesi would like Ms. Juno to draft a letter reminding the Shore Club of the noise ordinance. Ms. Johnson suggested Mr. Mandolesi call them directly when he is having an issue.
- Dedication of Langhorne Manor Police Department – Langhorne Manor has invited Hulmeville Council to attend the dedication of their new police department on June 16th at 10am.
- Playground Equipment – Ms. McKairnes made council aware that some of the playground equipment is showing signs of wear. Mr. Mandolesi is hoping the Eagle Scout will have money left over from his project to use to make some repairs to the equipment.
- First Net – Ms. Omietanski explained that a list needs to be created listing all the police officers and fire fighters. The list would be sent to ATT and they would generate an email to everyone on the list. Each person would then go to see the ATT representative at the local store and the ATT representative would set up a First Net account. Each person would have their own account and be billed individually. Council cannot qualify on their own for First Net. The only way council can receive First Net is through an account set up by the borough. The account would have to be set up and the borough would be billed for each account and it would have to be worked out that each person utilizing the offer would have to reimburse the borough.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm; motion made by Mr. Harris seconded by Mr. Lodise; carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,
Hulmeville Borough Secretary

Subject **Follow up to Hopewell Lane and Michelle Court meeting**

From <d.mahon@hulmeville-pa.gov>

To D Mahon <d.mahon@hulmeville-pa.gov>

Cc <johnbuczek@comcast.net>, <buczek1@gmail.com>, <robert@roddyinc.com>, <km105@yahoo.com>, <kmk828@aol.com>, <danmandolesi@verizon.net>, <kml05@raho.com>

Bcc Wood and Floge <woodandfloge@verizon.net>, T Wheeler <t.wheeler@hulmeville-pa.gov>

Date 2018-05-15 07:10 PM

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- Hopewell Lane Swale.jpg (~22 KB)

Hello to all,

This is a follow up to the January meeting held at borough hall. It seems as if I have misplaced the sign in sheet from that evening, my apologies. Please let me know if you might have seen it.

If you are receiving this in multiple email addresses, please let me know which address is best used for you.

I do not have email addresses nor phone numbers for the following (but will drop a copy of this email off to them):

Frank and Denise Gumienny
Frank and Brandi Linder
Marianne Fein
Necattin Atabas (7 Michelle Court)

I attempted to leave messages for the following but their mailboxes were full:
Tom McClave
Steve Grosso

Knowing that this is a civil matter, I can only suggest the following to help alleviate future water event concerns:

- It is shown on the Buczek 1996 subdivision plan (BSP); see attachment. That there should be a swale along 2 Hopewell Lane. After a visual inspection, that swale is no longer there.

1a.) Swale on west side of Hopewell Lane (along property of #2 Hopewell Lane) should be reinstalled.

-As we all saw, the BSP does not clearly show a burm nor the drain pipes. But the Mandolesi subdivision 2002 subdivision (MSP) plan does show one existing 12" PVC under the existing stone driveway of Hopewell Lane. After a visual inspection, there are two PVC pipes both going into the natural buffer between both the BSP and MSP. However, the MSP also shows a swale that runs behind lots 1, 2, & 3. Also, the storm drain at the rear of 1 Michelle Court does not have a natural flow of storm water allowance - possibly soil was regraded at the time of landscaping the yard? With all of the above mentioned items, it is suggested that:

- 1b.) Within the 10' wide natural buffer, recreate a berm
- 2b.) Regrade soil areas at the rear of 1 and 3 Michelle Court to allow water to enter the existing storm drain

I hope that this email assists with keeping communications open for all residents affected.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Mahon
Hulmeville Borough Mayor

Hopewell Lane Swale.jpg~22 KB

Hulmeville Borough
321 Main Street
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Mayor's Quarterly Wedding Ceremony Report
1st quarter - 2018

Memo

To: Dorothy Omietanski, Hulmeville Borough Secretary

From: Debbie Mahon, Mayor of Hulmeville Borough

Date: June 4, 2018

Re: Quarterly Mayor's Wedding Report

The following ceremonies were performed:

Julina John Yeager to June Nicole Birnbaum

02/16/18 at the William Penn Fire Company Hall in Hulmeville, PA

Fee: \$100 that was donated to the Hulmeville Garden club

Paul Oppenheimer to Judi B. Barr

03/06/2018 at Osteria Saporino in Huntingdon Valley, PA

Fee: None charged

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Mahon

Mayor of Hulmeville Borough