

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2019

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
Mayor Debbie Mahon
Doug Harris
Edward Preston

Staff in Attendance

Solicitor Robert DeBias
Fire Marshall William Wheeler
Chief John Baran
Water & Sewer President Kurt Ludwig
Treasurer/Acting Secretary
Diane McKairnes

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

Staff Absent: Secretary Dorothy Omietanski

Guests in Attendance: Ron Robbins, Marianne Fein, Eddy Vile III, Jackie Carroll, Donna Jean Castor, Jeremy Orr, Alicia Mondelli and Ed Mondelli

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. Lodise to approve the minutes of July 1 and July 16; Motion Passed with all in favor 4-0-0

Public Comment:

- 337 Main Street - Ms. Castor mentioned the property at 337 Main St has a large maple tree that has been losing branches and wants to know if she can trim the part of the tree hanging on her side. Mr. Wheeler said anything hanging over onto your property you can trim and limbs that have dropped on your property can be placed next to the tree. Mr. Wheeler asked if there is any ordinance for dangerous trees. Mr. DeBias said we can send someone out for a dangerous structure but not for trees. Mr. Wheeler said he will ask Mr. Spencer to look at the tree and see if it is dead or not. Mr. Schmid, the owner of 337 Main St, will have a certain number of days to clean up the property.
- Dog Bite - Mr. Vile said 2 dogs owned by the Staley's bit his renter at 107 Pennsylvania Ave. He talked to them and the owner of the dog claims their dogs do not bite. He said the State Police came to the house and he felt they were of no help. Mr. Wheeler mentioned the dogs have been a problem. The dog biting is situation is in the hands of the game warden. Chief Baran mentioned the State Game Warden said one dog got lost and the owner was cited for having a dangerous dog. The charges are now at District Court and he has no information on the hearing date as of yet. Mr. DeBias said the

process is to declare if the dog is a dangerous dog, they will check for all current shot, will have to have a muzzle on the dog, and specific fencing will need to be installed. Mr. Vile mentioned he is putting a fence up, and found out the neighbor's fence is on his property. Ms. Castor mentioned her dog was attacked by these same dogs. There were other incidents mentioned. Mr. Wheeler said to make sure our police are involved in an issue regarding the dogs. Mr. Orr wanted to know what should he do if this happens again and Chief. Baran told him he has the right to defend himself. Mr. DeBias said to take pictures. Ms. Mondelli said the State Trooper was not cooperative. He left a pamphlet for her. Mr. Vile asked if there could be more police on duty and have more hours. Ms. Mondelli said she feels the State Police do not want to come into our town. Chief Baran said he was having trouble getting reports from the State Police regarding the matter, and as soon as he gets the report, he will make a copy for Ms. Mondelli.

- School Signs - Mrs. Fein asked that the sign "School Bus Stop Ahead" at the top of Neshaminy St. be replaced. Mrs. Fein also believes there needs to be a bus stop sign at Michelle Ct. and Neshaminy St.
- Police Hours - Ms. McKairnes requested there be more police presence in our town.
- Black Property - Ms. Carroll asked about the Black Property and would be willing to be on a committee to help make it an open space property.
- Tree at Beaver and Bellevue - Mayor Mahon mentioned that a tree came down at 945 Bellevue Ave and the tree is preventing cars from being able to see coming out of Beaver St.

Police Report:

- Mayor Mahon read the report for the month of July 2019: 14 Incidents, 25 Traffic, 3 Parking, 0 Accidents, 4 Assists, 0 Summary, 0 Criminal, 14 hrs. District Court, 0 County Court, 2 EMS, for total hours worked: 198, Total Salary \$4833.00.

Motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to approve the police to purchase a hard drive for \$150.00; Motion Passed with all in favor 4-0-0

- RDA Grant - Chief Baran listed the items for request from the Police Department for the RDA grant. They are as follows:
 1. Informant police report software, \$1200 for initial set-up then \$1200 per year
 2. License plate reader at \$14025.00
 3. Watch Guard in-car HD Camera \$5295.00
 4. Body cameras together with HD Camera \$6245.00
 5. Set of solar speed signs at \$11373.00
 6. ENRADD EJU-91 Speed timing device at \$4395.00
 7. Double sided portable pedestrian crosswalk signs at 10 for 2924.51

Ms. Castor asked if speeding device can work in both directions which the chief confirmed they can. Mr. Preston said he got the Middletown Police Department bicycle for \$1120.00 each everything included.

Motion made by Mr. Harris seconded by Mr. Lodise to adopt the Taser Policy for the Police Department; Motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.

- Drug Take Back Program - Chief Baran mentioned the drug take back program. The Borough will have a box on October 26th. There will be an officer manning the box the whole collection time, and the officer's salary will be paid by the District Attorney's Office.

Jr Council Member: no report

Water and Sewer:

- Mr. Ludwig said he is waiting for the man hole report.
- Today he received the video camera report.
- Payment Plan - The customers in bad standing are either fully paid or on a payment plan. All but two customers have signed their contracts. Ms. Slater will be informed about the payment plans and how to keep track of the payments. Some customers are paying on line and some by check. The cost of on line pay is 2.9% plus 30 cents so the fee for on line payments was raised to 3.25 to cover all charges.
- Budget – The new budget for 2019-2020 was distributed and approved.
- Vent Caps - Mayor Mahon informed council that while she was doing her inspection of backyards, she found 3 out of 5 residents need new vent caps on their lines. Mr. Ludwig thinks the excess water is coming through the laterals or the caps that Ms. Mahon is referring to. After the manhole repairs and videoing is complete the Authority may want to either rent or buy a portable water meter to assist in pinpointing where the extra water is entering the system.

MS4:

- Newsletter – Mayor Mahon is currently working on the fall newsletter. Mayor Mahon will follow up with Jr. Council Person Sarah Omietanski regarding her article for the fall newsletter. The Mayor is also looking for any businesses who would be willing to sponsor the news letter to help off set the costs of printing.
- 335 Main Street – The property at 335 Main street had an anonymous report of Illicit Discharge filed with Mayor Mahon. Mayor Mahon met with the home owner and sent a letter via email to the EPA on August 1, 2019.

TMDL / BMP's: Permit years 2018-2022 – items that need to be accomplished over the next 5 years.

- 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
 - Decide on sediment reduction project

Floodplain:

- Letter to Floodplain Residents – Property evaluation letters were mailed out on July 2, 2019. The response to the letter has been slow but steady.
- Old Colonial Inn has cleared trees in the floodplain/open space behind its establishment. Zoning officer is working on the violation as this is not yet cleaned up.
- The Water Street FIRM concerns have not yet been answered (16 months now). FEMA forwarded Mayor Mahon’s questions to PEMA for answers through the hazard mitigation grants.

Storm Water:

- Updated Data Base – Mayor Mahon appreciates any updates and contact information for new residents that have moved into our town in that stormwater affects all residents and not just those who live in floodplain.
- Storm Water Issue – The Jadczyk family who live at 135 Green Street have reported stormwater concerns during high rain events. Gilmore and Assoc. is currently looking into any easement restrictions on the Jadczyk’s property preventing them from doing land repairs.

Borough Property:

- Air Conditioner - Mr. Mandolesi said the air conditioner in the 2nd floor front unit had a clogged drain. The unit was fixed and council will need to think about regularly changing the filters.
- Lights - There are two street lights out in town. Chief Baran mentioned the parking lot lights are out too. Mr. Mandolesi will adjust them.
- Flag Pole - Mayor Mahon reported the hooks on the flag pole at Memorial park need to be replaced.
- Field Clearing - The clearing on the soccer field has not been done due to bad weather.

Lights: no report

Streets:

- Bridge Project - Mr. Mandolesi noticed that the Main St Bridge curbs are crumbling and council should look into the warranty provided for that work.
- Guard Rail Trenton - Chief Baran informed council that PennDOT is currently looking for the person who hit the guardrail on Trenton Ave.

Personnel: no report

Finance:

- Budget Meeting - Mr. Harris would like to have a meeting after next week. He will need a list of items for the budget. Someone from council will need to talk to Gilmore Associates to see if there is anything, they think we will need to add to the budget. Mr. Mandolesi mentioned the water proofing for the basement does need to be in the budget for next year.

Trash:

- Trash Bids - Mr. DeBias confirmed the bids requested for trash will be for a 1yr, 3yr and 5yr contract. Mayor Mahon asked if yard waste pick up could be added as a line item. A suggestion was made to have the yard waste price as a separate line item bid so council would know the cost involved. Council agreed to solicit bids for the trash/recycling collection one a week and yard and leaf collection on a different day every other week from April 1 to November 1. Mr. DeBias explained that the bids will be opened at the September 17th meeting. Mr. Preston reminded Mr. DeBias that the current contract includes 4 leave pickups, 4 dumpsters and 50 event boxes a year. The current contract also states if weather emergency trash will be picked up the next business day

Solicitor Report:

- RDA Grant Proposals - Mr. DeBias summarized the RDA grant proposals:
 1. Borough Parking lot for \$16350.00. Mr. DeBias asked if Ms. Wheeler will take some pictures of the current issues.
 2. The Borough will again sponsor Peace Valley Holistic Center.
 3. Police and emergency services for miscellaneous equipment.
 4. PA Veterans Memorial Fund for a memorial sculpture to be placed in Middletown.

Fire Marshal:

- Inverse Paradox - Fire Marshal Wheeler said he is leaving for 3 months for work and will meet with Inverse Paradox tomorrow about the software for the borough
- Address Change – Fire Marshal Wheeler wanted to inform council that the businesses along Reetz Ave have changed their address numbers. Chief Baran said he would like to get a list of the businesses that have cameras on their properties to assist the police.
- RDA Request – Fire Marshal Wheeler submitted a request for an RDA grant for emergency services totaling \$5002.00.
 1. Inverter/Generator \$1400.00
 2. Plastic Barricades \$1056.00
 3. Jersey Barriers water Fallible \$1494.00
 4. Rain Coat \$104.00
 5. Rain Paints \$100.00

- 6. Portable emergency lights \$752.00
- 7. 18-inch traffic cones \$96.00

Mayor:

- Parking on Reetz – The Borough received a letter from Gilmores Associates and they recommended not allowing parking on either side of Reetz Ave, because the street is not wide enough.
- Green Street Guard Rail – The Borough received a letter stating the cost of a new guardrail on Green St would be \$10,938.00. The cost for the whole bridge would range from \$100,000.00 to \$180,000.00

Motion made by Mr. Preston seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to install a new guardrail at the cost no more than \$11,000.00; Motion Passed with all in favor 4-0-0

- Bike Lane – Mayor Mahon will be getting a bike lane added along Bellevue Ave.
- Flood Plain – Mayor Mahon stated that landlords need to inform their renters of items that are not allowed on the rental properties along the Neshaminy

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer’s Report of August, 2019 was made available for inspection:

• General Fund Checking Balance as of July 1, 2019:	\$ 381,488.54
Expenses Totaled:	\$ - 52,742.47
Income Totaled:	<u>\$ 35,089.49</u>
General Fund Checking Balance as July 31, 2019:	\$ 363,835.56
• Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of July 1, 2019:	\$ 30,162.35
Expenses Totaled:	\$ -31,424.87
Income Toted:	<u>\$ 46,270.09</u>
Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of July 31, 2019:	\$ 45,007.57
• Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of June 1, 2019:	\$ 325,735.30
Interest	\$ 549.26
Deposit	\$ 0,000.00
Expense	<u>\$ 0</u>
Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of June 30, 2019:	\$ 296,284.59
• Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of June 1, 2019:	\$ 57,853.48
Interest	\$ 105.32
Deposit	\$ 0
Expenses	<u>\$ - 571.49</u>
Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of June 30, 2019:	\$ 57,387.31
• General Fund PLGIT Balance as of June 1, 2019:	\$ 259,775.58
Interest	\$ 457.97
Deposits	\$ 228.60

