

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

December 2, 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
Mayor Debbie Mahon
Doug Harris
Nick Lodise
Judy Coleman
Edward Preston
Stanley Omietanski IV, Jr. Council
Sarah Omietanski, Jr. Council

Staff in Attendance

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

Councilmembers Absent: Doug Edge

Councilmembers Late to Arrive: none

Staff Absent: none

Guests in Attendance: David Preston, Sheri Wheeler, Jackie Carroll, Shana Carroll, Ron Robbins and Marce Heald

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. Preston to approve the minutes of October 7 and 15; Motion Passed with all in favor 6-0-0

Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Preston to approve the minutes of November 4 and 19; Motion Passed with all in favor 6-0-0

Public Comment:

- Water and Sewer Bill – David Preston came to council hoping to get his water and sewer bill explained to him. He feels the charges are too high. Mr. Wheeler asked Mr. Preston if Mr. Ludwig spoke to him regarding his bill. He did not. Mr. Wheeler will have Mr. Ludwig call him and go over the billing with him.
- Black Property – Jackie and Shana Carroll asked for an update on the Black Property. Mr. Wheeler knows that an interested party is in discussion regarding buying the property. The person has no plans right now, but knows he is planning to develop the

property by building homes. Mayor Mahon said she would email them if and when council hears any updates.

Police Report:

- Mayor Mahon read the report for the month of November 2019: 17 incident reports, 1 accident reports, 8 assists, 0 EMS call, 1 summary citations, 39 traffic citations, 1 criminal arrests, 3 parking, 10 hours district court and 0-hour county court or total hours worked: 210, Total Salary \$5,115.00.
- Traffic Details – The police department conducted three traffic details on Main Street. They chose a Saturday 10am-1pm, a Saturday 12pm-3pm and a Friday 6pm-9pm. They wrote 14 traffic citations for speeds over 35 miles per hour. The total tickets issued was 2 percent of the total traffic and $\frac{3}{4}$ of the drivers were residents of Bensalem.
- Trailer Parking – The police will continue to issue warnings and citations for trailer parking in the Borough. The owners of the trailers receive numerous warnings first then citations if they continue to park their trailer on the street.

Jr Council Member:

- Newsletter Article – Ms. Omietanski said she will submit an article for the spring newsletter.

Water and Sewer:

- Video of System – The preconstruction meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.
- Water Shut Off – All customers made their October payments. No water shut offs were necessary.
- Woodruffs – The certified letter that was sent to the Woodruffs was returned unsigned. They have made payments till the end of the year, but have never rescheduled the meeting they cancelled.

Borough Property:

- Basement Repairs – Mr. Mandolesi needs to collect new bids for the work on the basement. One of the companies he had spoken to originally is out of business. He had an appointment with one today and has scheduled another.
- Toilets in Apartments – While in the basement Mr. Mandolesi heard water running, and discovered it is coming from an upstairs toilet. He recommends having a plumber come out and put new parts in all toilets in the apartments.
- Ladies Room Door – Mr. Mandolesi concluded after looking at the bathroom door lock that it is working fine. However, if you do not have the door completely shut it will not lock.
- Outside Lights Borough Hall – Chief Baran requested that the lights outside Borough Hall be adjusted for the change in daylight. Mr. Mandolesi will adjust the light on and off times.
- Printer Issue Historical Society Office – Whenever the Historical Society runs its printer the lights in the office dim. Mr. Mandolesi will investigate.

Lights: no report

Streets:

- Curb Repairs – Gilmore inspected all curbs on Main Street and Bellevue Ave and submitted a report. They found 86 properties with bad curbs. Mr. Preston will take Gilmore’s information and put it in a spreadsheet. Mr. Wheeler will ask Gilmore if there are any grants available to help assist with the cost of repairs.
- Signs – The arrow sign at Trenton and Green is a little beat up but still reflective. The do not enter sign is not reflective anymore and needs to be replaced.

Personnel: no report

Planning:

- Meeting – After the first of the year there will be a meeting to discuss a proposal for a subdivision.

Finance:

- Budget – Mr. DeBias confirmed that the budget was advertised and there were no public comments.

Motion made by Mr. Harris seconded by Ms. Coleman to accept the 2020 budget for \$558,554.00 with millage 14.50, combined tax millage 16.00, mills real estate 14.50, mills fire tax 1.50, refuse collection \$327.92, EIT of 1% and per capita \$5; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

Trash:

- Leck Dry Run – Mr. Lodise drove Leck employees around the Borough so they could become familiar with the collection route.
- Trash Collection Process – Mr. Robbins asked if anyone knew if Leck uses an arm when collecting the trash. Mr. Lodise will ask.

MS4:

- Newsletter – The winter newsletter will be printed by Christmas.

TMDL / BMP's: Permit years 2018-2022 – items that need to be accomplished over the next 5 years. DEP will be conducting their permit inspections in the spring of 2020. Samantha Brinker from Gilmore will keep us informed of that inspection.

- 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 homeowners 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
 - Lawn and garden pick up 4/1-12/1 weekly
- PAG 13 General Permit – The permit is still in need of a few more items. Mayor Mahon is working with Ms. Brinker from Gilmore and Assoc to finalize these items.

Floodplain:

- The report for the 2019 property evaluations are currently being finalized.

Storm Water:

- Updated Data Base – Mayor Mahon appreciates any updates and contact information for new residents that have moved into our town in that storm water affects all residents and not just those who live in floodplain.
- Storm Water Issue – Mayor Mahon is going to pause any action regarding the storm water issue between McCarthy and Green until the sewer system has been televised. There is a manhole that had been noted on past reports from Glace Associates, but it has not been found. This may be discovered at the next review. (135 Green Street, The Jadcak Family, reported stormwater concerns during high rain events. Gilmore and Associates is looking into any easement restrictions on the Jadcak's land repairs.)
- Water Issue McCarthy – A meeting has been tentatively set for December 12, 2019 for staff from Middletown Township to meet with council/mayor from the Borough to discuss the water issues on McCarthy.

Solicitor Report:

- New Councilmember – Nick Toth will be sworn in at the January 6, 2020 council meeting. Mr. Toth and all re-elected council persons will have to sign an Affidavit of Residency in the Borough.
- Peace Valley – Peace Valley Holistic Center has submitted a request for payment.

Motion made by Mr. Preston and seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to request payment for Peace Valley Holistic Center from the RDA for the amount of \$11,305.08; motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

Fire Marshal: no report

Web Support:

- Email – Fire Marshal Wheeler stressed to all council to keep their email account cleaned out. There is a limit to how many emails you can store, and when you get to the limit you will not receive new emails until space is created.

Mayor:

- Youth Recognition – The youth will be recognized for their service at the 12/17 work session.
- Year End Report – Mayor Mahon will submit her year-end report next meeting.
- Credit Card – Mayor Mahon requested council to consider getting the Borough a credit card. There are expensive items being purchased by individuals. There should be a borough credit card available to use for these items instead of using personal cards.
- Inverse Paradox – Mayor Mahon reminded all committees to please follow up with Inverse Paradox regarding their needs for record keeping and other needs for the computer program.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer’s Report for December 2, 2019 was made available for inspection:

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| • General Fund Checking Balance as of November 1, 2019: | \$ 201,910.49 |
| Expenses Totaled: | \$ -29,507.04 |
| Income Totaled: | <u>\$ 76,451.23</u> |
| General Fund Checking Balance as November 30, 2019: | \$ 248,854.68 |
| • Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of November 1, 2019: | \$ 33,790.38 |
| Expenses Totaled: | \$ -25,491.03 |
| Income Toted: | <u>\$ 26,452.51</u> |
| Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of November 30, 2019: | \$ 34,751.86 |
| • Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of November 1, 2019: | \$ 298,293.62 |
| • Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of November 1, 2019: | \$ 61,596.89 |
| • General Fund PLGIT Balance as of November 1, 2019: | \$ 272,859.76 |

Bills: A copy of the bill list dated December 2, 2019 was provided to Council and offered for review by the public. Note two bills were added Sparkle Car Wash \$7.50 and PA State Assoc Borough \$190.00.

| | |
|---|---------------|
| • General Fund beginning balance as of November 30, 2019: | \$ 249,719.82 |
| ending balance as of December 5, 2019: | \$ 208,415.62 |
| • Sewer & Water beginning balance as of November 30, 2019: | \$ 35,454.14 |
| ending balance as of December 6, 2019: | \$ 15,047.88 |

- **Highway Aid** beginning balance as of December 2, 2019: \$ 42,189.35

A motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise and carried unanimously to approve the bill list dated December 2, 2019; motion carries 6-0-0.

Correspondence: none

New Business:

- Pavilion Naming – Mr. Preston would like to name the new pavilion after Corporal Robert Lee Clampffer, who is the only other military person killed in Vietnam who was a resident of Hulmeville at the time of his death. He was killed 10/67 and his family resided at 103 Trenton Rd at the time. All records show his place of residence as Hulmeville Borough, and his name is on the wall at Memorial Park.

Motion made by Mr. Preston and seconded by Mr. Lodise to name the pavilion after Corporal Robert Lee Clampffer; motion failed 2-4-0.

- The mayor thinks that the pavilion should be built first before deciding who to name it after, if anyone. Ms. Coleman would also like to have other considerations put forward like naming it in honor of a long time resident. Also, the park could be named as well after someone. Fire Marshal Wheeler stated he suggests not naming it at all after any individual. Council agreed that more though consideration needs to go into the naming so the discussion should be moved to another time.
- Stewardship – Mr. Preston said he was happy to serve on council and wanted to thank Mr. Wheeler for his leadership. Mr. Wheeler’s stewardship and bipartisanship leads by example and guides council to all get along so well. It was a pleasure to fill in on council.
- Rifle – Mr. Preston heard that the police department currently does not own a rifle and wanted to make sure consideration is given to purchasing. Mr. Preston stated that 329 armed assaults occurred this year just in Bucks County, and council needs to make sure our police are equipped to handle any situation they should find themselves in. Mayor Mahon explained to Mr. Preston that the police committee has had some discussion regarding purchasing a rifle, however due to budget restraints it was agreed that the handguns were to be purchased first. Further discussion on the rifle will take place at future meetings.

Old Business:

- Christmas Party Donation – The leftover food from the Borough Christmas party was donated to St Charles Borromeo Rectory, who was able to provide 35 meals to immigrant families.

- Thank you – Mayor Mahon would like to thank Mr. Preston for his service as councilmember.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm; motion made by Mr. Preston seconded by Mr. Lodise; carried 6-0-0.

·
Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski
Secretary Hulmeville Borough