

**Work Session Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2019**

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, Doug Harris, Sarah Omietanski, Jr. Council Person, and Doug Edge.

Councilmember's Absent: Ed Preston

Councilmember's Late to Arrive: Judy Coleman and Nick Lodise

Other's in Attendance: Solicitor Robert DeBias, Secretary Dorothy Omietanski, Fire Marshal Bill Wheeler and Sherri Wheeler

Call to Order: Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Solicitor Report:

- Waste Collection Dates – Mr. DeBias emailed everyone the Bucks County Hazardous Waste Collection dates. Fire Marshal received a copy from Ms. Omietanski and posted it on the website.
- Webinar – On April 3 there is a webinar to discuss managing part-time police department.
- RDA William Penn – Mr. DeBias is waiting on William Penn Fire Co for a copy of the bill for the radio loan payoff to submit to the RDA for payment.
- Main Street Repairs – No progress has been made on the Main Street RDA project.
- Peace Valley Holistic Center – Peace Valley is hosting a volunteer appreciation day on April 7th at The Bonefish Grill in Willow Grove at 12 noon. Council has been invited to attend.
- RDA – Jeff Darwak is no longer the program director for the RDA. Joe Hogan is the new program director. Mr. Darwak is now the Executive Director.
- Court Date – A new court date has been set for April 3rd at 11:15am regarding the houses owned by the Woodruff's located at 937 and 935 Bellevue Ave.
- Trash Collection Fee – Mr. Gerenda who resides at 611 Main Street claims he made an agreement with the borough council to not pay the trash collection fee. Ms. Wheeler needs guidance on how to proceed. Mr. Gerenda explained that he takes his trash to work to dispose of it. He would like a refund for fees paid in the past and moving forward does not want to pay the fee. Mr. Mandolesi asked if Mr. Gerenda has any paperwork regarding this agreement. Mr. Wheeler informed council that Mr. Gerenda is looking through his paperwork to see if he can locate something. Mr. Wheeler would like to table this until the next meeting when he can ask Ed Preston if he recalls any agreement made between council and Mr. Gerenda. Mr. DeBias pointed out that the burden of proof will be on Mr. Gerenda. Council all agreed that agreements like this are not a good idea since

the trash company charges the Borough for every resident regardless whether the resident uses the service or not.

Mayor:

- Comcast – Mayor Mahon is currently investigating into why the Police Department is being charged for internet service.
- Wedding – Mayor Mahon conducted a wedding at Borough Hall on March 11th.
- Newsletter – The newsletter should be in the mail by the end of the week. Mayor Mahon wanted to thank Mr. Harris for doing the printing.
- Earth Day – Earth Day will be held on April 27th 11-2 at Core Creek Park and both the Borough and Garden Club will be represented. Ms. Sarah Omietanski told council she will contact the Honor Society for volunteers. Earth Day provides the Borough with credit for best management practices for MS4.

Jr. Council Person:

- Red team won gym night
- Article – Sarah completed her second article for the newsletter. She submitted her article addressing teen suicide to Mayor Mahon for the upcoming newsletter.

Borough Property:

- Lawn Service – Last year the borough spent \$6,665 on lawn care. Mr. Mandolesi obtained quotes from three companies and Mr. Boone again came in with the lowest price per cut. Mr. Boone's proposal is \$200 a cut in 2019 and \$205 a cut in 2020. Mr. Mandolesi estimates 31 cuts and 3 clean ups for 2019. Mr. Mandolesi put in the contract that Mr. Boone needs to have all invoices sent the month after service is provided and no later. After signing the contract Mr. Mandolesi plans to meet with Mark to discuss cleaning up the soccer field and prompt billing practices.

Judy Coleman arrived at 7:55 pm

- Stump Removal – Mr. Mandolesi called for prices for removing the stump in Memorial Park. Harvey Spenser gave Mr. Mandolesi a verbal price of \$1,300 to grind the stump, take the chips away, fill the hole with 4 yards of dirt and plant grass. Mayor Mahon suggested council wait until next year since it was not in the budget to do it this year.

Nick Lodise arrived at 8:05pm

Correspondence:

- Notice of Termination – Bucks County Conservation District sent a letter to inform the Borough that BCCD reviewed the notice of termination application for the five lot divisions Mearns Rd Hulmeville. The application was approved.
- Bucks County Boroughs Association – General membership dinner meeting will be held on March 26th at 6:30pm at Doylestown Country Club.

New Business:

- 150 Anniversary – Mr. Wheeler informed council the Borough will be celebrating its 150th anniversary in 2022. He asked council to start thinking of ideas for an appropriate celebration. Mr. Wheeler suggested one item that would be nice is a book highlighting the history of Hulmeville.
- Police - Mayor Mahon told council that the police department needs to hire one police officer and or a Sargent. Mayor Mahon recommended hiring an officer and promoting from within for the Sargent position.
- Johnson Hall – The coffee shop was inspected yesterday. The owner is planning on a soft opening this weekend.

Old Business:

- Trash Contract – Mr. Harris has been investigating trash collection for the new contract. Mr. Harris asked council if they would want to meet with any of the companies before asking for bids. Mr. Wheeler told council that Pennel just signed a 5-year contract with a new trash company who came in less expensive than a 3-year contract with Republic. Mr. DeBias will forward Mr. Harris all the information from the last contract.
- Software – Mr. Wheeler told Mr. Harris council needs to push forward regarding the software programs for the borough. Mr. Harris said next step needs to be council creating an outline of what the Borough needs to track so the software company can customize the software package and price accordingly.
- Sidewalk Repairs – Mr. Edge is researching sidewalk repair materials and costs.
- Republic – Mr. Lodise told council that the representative from Republic who wants to speak about recycling cancelled last minute for tonight. He will follow up with him to reschedule.

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm; motion made by Mr. Edge and seconded by Mr. Mandolesi; carried 6-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski
Hulmeville Borough Secretary