

**HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 3, 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**

Tom Wheeler, President  
Dan Mandolesi, Vice President  
Edward Preston  
Mayor Debbie Mahon  
Nick Lodise  
Doug Harris

**Staff in Attendance**

Solicitor Robert DeBias  
Treasurer Diane McKairnes  
Secretary Dorothy Omietanski  
Water & Sewer Kurt Ludwig  
Chief, John Baran  
Fire Marshal Bill Wheeler

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

**Councilmembers Late to Arrive:** none

**Staff Absent:** Water & Sewer Clerk Pat Slater

**Guests in Attendance:** Ed Dutill, Alicia Gasparovic, Sean Nagy, Gillmore and Assoc, Ron Robbins, Sheri Wheeler and Nick Toth.

**Call to Order:** Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:40 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 6 & 21, 2019; Motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.**

**Main Street Repair Project:** Mr. Nagy from Gilmore and Assoc. came tonight to discuss the bids Gilmore received for the Main Street repairs. Gilmore received two bids one from Cipolloni and Sons and the other from T. Schifer Contractors. Cipolloni's bid was \$96,750 and T. Schiefer's was \$190,644.00. Gilmore contacted Cipolloni regarding its bid price and was advised that the person who completed the bid made a few errors and the bid should have been higher than what was submitted. Mr. Wheeler explained to council that the cost is much higher than Mr. Canales estimated. Council could pull the work on Pennsylvania Ave out to try to reduce cost, however in the long run Mr. Wheeler believes council would end up over paying for the job if bid alone at a later date. There is also the paving of Main Street by PennDOT to keep in mind. If council wants the work done before the paving, they do not have time to rebid the project. Mr. Wheeler contacted to Mr. Canales for his opinion on the bid and Mr. Canales recommended that council to accept the bid from Cipolloni. At this time of year, it is the best bid the Borough will be able to get.

**Motion made by Mr. Preston and seconded by Mr. Lodise to accept the bid from Cipolloni for \$96,750 for the Main Street Repair Project; motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.**

Mr. Nagy explained that Gilmore would make sure to get Cipolloni's certificate of insurance. Gilmore will also schedule a preconstruction meeting, put together a construction schedule and have the contract signed. Gilmore will also notify PennDOT of the construction schedule so that the paving will be coordinated to be done after the job is completed.

**Public Comment:**

- Water Tower – Mr. Ludwig made council aware of a letter the Historical Society received regarding adding three radio antennas and radio units to the water tower by Acer and Associates.
- Biker Concern – Mr. Lodise is concerned with a group of kids who are riding their bikes in the middle of the street with no regards for anyone. Mayor Mahon told Mr. Lodise she is going to address this matter in her police report in a few minutes.
- Pool Draining – Ms. McKairnes has observed a resident draining their pool into the street. She would like this issue to be addressed. Mayor Mahon told Ms. McKairnes the issue is addressed in the newsletter that is going out next week.
- Guardrail Green Street – Mr. Dutill came to find out how soon a new guard rail would be installed on Green Street and to stress the need for more policing of the stop sign on Green Street. Mr. Wheeler did receive two bids for the guardrail work, however he apologized that the matter has not progressed any further. By next meeting he will have three bids for council to vote on so the work can be completed. Chief Baran did inform Mr. Dutill that he has been policing the stop sign, and just last week issued a ticket. Mayor Mahon has observed that some of the cars cutting through the neighborhood are residents of the Borough. The Mayor suggested that council address the other guardrail issue at the end of Washington. The guardrail there has also rotted away. Council agreed that a guardrail is necessary on Green Street but not on Washington. Council thought it would be a better idea to put a dead-end sign on Washington.

**Police Report:**

- Mayor Mahon read the report for the month of May 2019: 26 incident reports, 2 accident reports, 7 assists, 0 EMS call, 0 summary citations, 32 traffic citations, 2 criminal arrests, 1 parking, 6 hours district court and 0-hour county court or total hours worked: 200, Total Salary \$4,880.00.
- Additional Hours – On May 3<sup>rd</sup> there were additional hours for officer Carragher for criminal arrest/arraignment, on May 25 additional hours for Memorial Day Parade, on May 11 additional hours for taser recertification and May 20 additional hours for AED first aid CPR and Narcan recertification.
- Memorial Day Parade – The parade was a success. Going forward before any event the Chief of Police of both Hulmeville and Penndel will meet to coordinate efforts.
- Comcast – Mayor Mahon has not been able to reach anyone regarding the Comcast bill. The Mayor advised Ms. McKairnes to continue to pay the bill and before renewing any contract the issues will need to be resolved.

**Motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to purchase 12 pack cartridge from Axon Enterprises for taser cartridges at a cost of \$396.00; motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.**

**Motion made by Mr. Lodise to purchase a 2-terabit external computer hard drive at a cost not to exceed \$100.**

Mr. Preston asked the Chief if he thought that a 2-terabit drive was enough storage to take the police into the future. Mr. Preston suggested purchasing a hard drive that would provide plenty of extra storage. Mr. Toth also asked if there was a back up hard drive kept off site or possibly utilizing the cloud as back up storage. Mayor Mahon agreed these were all good questions and the Chief will need to do more research and report back at a future meeting. Fire Marshal Wheeler told the Chief a 4-terabit hard drive would only cost \$110. Mr. Lodise withdrew the motion.

- National Night Out – The Mayor brought to councils’ attention that a few days before the National Night Out event the Hulmeville Historical Society was planning a get to know Hulmeville event. She would like guidance on which events should be done. She feels two events at the same time would be too much. Council agreed and decided to proceed with the get to know Hulmeville event, since a flyer announcing it already was distributed to the residents. The date for the get to know Hulmeville event is August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Taser Policy – Next month the police committee will be updating the taser policy. Also, the Miranda Warnings are not a policy but rather a form, so there is no need for a resolution on that document.
- Police Office Hours – The police have office hours every Wednesday 6-7pm. Mayor Mahon asked Fire Marshal Wheeler if he can make sure the hours are posted on the website and make sure they are large and visible.
- Swerving – Swerving is a recent issue in the area involving children intentionally riding into the path of vehicles. The police have been receiving numerous complaints regarding this in the borough as well as in surrounding jurisdictions. The police committee has put together a flyer that they will hand deliver to all residents explaining what this problem is and asking for the residents help. It also outlines the laws of biking. Ms. Gasparovic said the swerving is an issue in Langhorne Borough and they also believe the bikers are responsible for setting a mailbox on fire. Mayor Mahon will reach out to Langhorne Borough to discuss the issue and coordinate efforts.
- Fireworks – Now that fireworks are being sold in PA there is confusion around whether it is legal to set them off in a residential neighborhood. A flyer outlining what is illegal to do with regards to fireworks and maximum fines if caught will be distributed with the bike flyer to all residents.

### **Water and Sewer:**

- On Line Payments – The online payment program is fully functioning. There is now a link on the Borough website. The fee for utilizing the online payment website is 3% and will be charged to the customer. Mr. Harris told Mr. Ludwig that the percentage should be lower for utilities. Mr. Ludwig will investigate the matter.

- Shut Off Process – Another letter will be sent out to all customers who have an outstanding balance. The letter will be customized with a personal payment plan outlined for each customer, and the customers is asked to contact the Authority to accept the plan or to discuss other options. If the customer does not contact the Authority, the process to shut off their water will proceed. Mr. DeBias asked Mr. Ludwig to send him all the information for customers agreeing to a payment plan and he will draft up a contract for each customer.
- Inflow and Infiltration – Mr. Ludwig went back a year and the numbers are consistent with the current outflow numbers the Authority has seen in the past few months. Mr. Ludwig plans to request that BCWSA reexamine the outflow meter to make sure it is functioning properly. Mr. Harris also suggested that Mr. Ludwig request the flow numbers for the past two years from BCWSA. They should have that information in a database.
- Video Taping – Mr. Ludwig is moving up the scheduled video taping of the system. He would like to rule out an issue with the general system before starting to look at the residential laterals.

**Fire Marshal:** no report

**Zoning:** no report

**Borough Property:**

- LED Light – The LED light on Bellevue Ave that was damaged in a car accident this past week did not belong to the Borough. That light is owned by Faust Funeral Home.
- Boone – Mr. Mandolesi will be meeting with Mr. Boone to discuss the debris on the soccer fields. He should have a price for the work by next meeting.
- Memorial Park – Mr. Mandolesi did examine the trees along Neshaminy Street in Memorial Park, and he sees no dead trees. Last week Asplundh did tree trimming so they may have removed the dead branches.
- Garage Door – The garage door at Borough Hall is broken.

**Lights:**

- Trenton Rd – There was a light out on Trenton Rd and it has been fixed.

**Trash:**

- Bins for Parade – The trash binds for the parade worked well.
- Trash Collection – No issues this past week. There is an ongoing issue with recycling. Some residents have noticed recycling being placed in the trash collection truck. This is not just happening in Hulmeville but is a state wide issue.

**Streets:** no report

**Finance:** no report

### **Personnel:**

- Council Member – There is a Council Member position open for the November Election.

### **Jr Council Member:**

- Spotted Lantern Bugs – Ms. Omietanski plans to write an article on the spotted lantern bugs which will go into the fall newsletter.

### **MS4:**

- Committee Meeting – There was no committee meeting this past month.
- Newsletter – The summer newsletter will be printed and mailed next week.

**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 - Each property owner in floodplain will be contacted to request the completion of a property inventory for the flood plain area.
- 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 (14 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.

**Solicitor Report:**

- Right to Know – The Right to Know dispute with the Courier Times should be resolved by the end of the week.
- County Court – Mr. DeBias and Mr. Wheeler will be in court on Friday.

**Mayor:**

- EIT – Mayor Mahon did try to contact Barbara Galambos regarding her EIT question. The Mayor has not received a call back from her yet.
- Jr. Council – Mayor Mahon received a written request from Stanley Omietanski, who is interested in become a Jr. Council Person. Mayor Mahon asked council if they would be opposed to having two Jr. Council persons at the meetings? All members were fine with having Sarah continue to serve while adding Stanley. Mayor Mahon will contact Stanley regarding his request.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report of June 3, 2019 was made available for inspection:

• <b>General Fund Checking</b> Balance as of May 1, 2019:	\$ 228,587.34
Expenses Totaled:	\$ - 48,441.67
Income Totaled:	<u>\$ 185,215.01</u>
General Fund Checking Balance as May 31, 2019:	<b>\$ 365,360.68</b>
• <b>Sewer Fund Checking</b> Balance as of May 1, 2019:	\$ 36,578.03
Expenses Totaled:	\$ -31,923.16
Income Totaled:	<u>\$ 16,950.22</u>
Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of May 31, 2019:	<b>\$ 21,605.09</b>
• <b>Sewer Fund PLGIT</b> Balance as of April 1, 2019:	\$ 324,522.08
Interest	\$ 0
Deposit	\$ 598.74
Expense	<u>\$ 0</u>
Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of April 30, 2019:	<b>\$ 325,120.82</b>
• <b>Highway Aid PLGIT</b> Balance as of April 1, 2019:	\$ 30,970.73
Interest	\$ 0
Deposit	\$ 27,283.79
Expenses	<u>\$ -494.71</u>
Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of April 30, 2019:	<b>\$ 57,759.81</b>
• <b>General Fund PLGIT</b> Balance as of April 1, 2019:	<b>\$ 192,354.47</b>
Interest	\$ 0
Deposits	\$ 6,468.09
Expenses Total:	<u>\$ -21,437.83</u>
General Fund PLGIT Balance as of April 30, 2019:	<b>\$ 192,354.47</b>

**Bills:** A copy of the bill list dated June 3, 2019 was provided to Council and offered for review by the public. Note 5 bills for Comcast for 298.56 and 348.48, Ray Sherno for \$150, Armour and Sons for \$105 and Reilly for \$556 were added.

- **General Fund** beginning balance as of May 31, 2019: \$ 366,421.58  
ending balance as of July 1, 2019: \$ 348,464.93
- **Sewer & Water** beginning balance as of May 31, 2019: \$ 22,530.90  
ending balance as of June 7, 2019: \$ -2,975.22
- **Highway Aid** beginning balance as of June 3, 2019: \$ 30,379.35  
ending balance as of June 3, 2019: \$ 29,823.35

**A motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise and carried unanimously to approve the bill list dated June 3, 2019; motion carries 5-0-0.**

**Correspondence:** none

**New Business:**

- Police Bike – Mr. Preston believes a bike for the Hulmeville Police Department would be very beneficial for the community. He has found in other towns bike police are able to interact more with the community. He does believe the Lions Club would pay for the cost of the bike.
- Belgium Horses – Ms. Wheeler knows someone who owns Belgium horses, and they have offered to have them pull a wagon for \$500 in next year’s Memorial Day Parade. The wagon will hold 15-20 people. Mayor Mahon thinks this is a great idea, and she said she will donate her wedding fees to go toward paying the cost.

**Old Business:**

- Memorial Day Parade – Mr. Preston would just like to thank everyone who participated in the parade. Mr. Mandolesi was very excited that the Civil Air Patrol was present in the parade and there should be a larger attendance next year.
- Street Name Honoring – Mr. Preston would like to move forward on getting Praul Street changed to Sargent Edward Boorman Ave in honor of Sgt. Boorman’s sacrifice. He died on April 27<sup>th</sup> so council could have a ribbon ceremony on that date next year. Mr. Preston also proposed naming the pavilion after another Vietnam soldier who lost his life in battle.
- Adopt A Book – Mayor Mahon believes that this program with the Bucks County Records of Deeds would be a good project for the Historical Society. Mr. Ludwig said the Historical Society did discuss the program at their last meeting but no decisions were made. Mayor Mahon suggested the Borough and the Historical Society work together to raise enough money to receive a plaque and the Borough’s name in a book. This would be good to present at the 2022 Celebration.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm; motion made by Mr. Preston seconded by Mr. Harris; carried 5-0-0.**

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,  
Hulmeville Borough Secretary