

**Work Session Meeting Minutes
December 17, 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, Stanley Omietanski, Jr. Council Person, Sarah Omietanski, Jr. Council Person, Doug Harris, Nick Lodise, Ed Preston, Doug Edge, and Judy Coleman

Councilmembers Absent: none

Councilmembers Late: none

Others in Attendance: Secretary Dorothy Omietanski, Bob DeBias, Solicitor, Kurt Ludwig, President Authority, William Wheeler, Fire Marshal, Courtney Harris, Michele Harris, Michael Miller, Jenn Miller, Rebecca Miller, Bobbi Bertucci, Payton Bertucci, Frederick Vornhold, Cheryl Vornhold, Steve Miszencin, Kim Giangrante, Emma Giangrante, Albert Giangrante, Joe Heald, Marce Heald, Andrea MacDonald, Kaitlyn MacDonald, Tammy Schmid, Astrid Schmid, Giselle Schmid, Gunnar Schmid, Emilee Epp, Joseph Epp and Sheri Wheeler.

Staff Absent: none

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

Honoring Youth Volunteers:

Ms. Mahon presented a certificate of appreciation to 13 youth volunteers who helped the Borough and or the Hulmeville Historical Society in 2018. The following are the names of the youth who were recognized: Kaitlyn MacDonald, Rebecca Miller, Ann Miller, Emilee Epp, Gunnar Schmid, Giselle Schmid, Paton Bertucci, Emma Giangrante, Albert Giangrante, Lizzi Gasnaker, Macy Dawson, Sarah Omietanski, Stanley Omietanski, Courtney Harris and Becky Harger.

Public Comment: none

Water and Sewer:

- Video Work – The video work of the sewer system is being performed now. The company should be done the work by 1/17/20. If they discover that repair need to be done that work will be in a separate project and will be advertised for bids.
- Water and Sewer Flows – Mr. Ludwig received bills from BCWSA for the months of September and October showing the flow of water in the Borough. He is happy to report that for the first time in a while the sewer flows are below the water by roughly 40,000 gallons both months.

Fire Marshal: no report

Finance: no report

Streets:

- Main Street Repairs – Mr. Wheeler received a bill for the Main Street Project from Gilmore and Assoc for \$7,707.50. This bill can be paid out of liquid fuels.

Motion made by Mr. Harris and seconded by Mr. Lodise to pay the \$7,707.50 bill from Gilmore Assoc for the Main Street project and the money is to be taken out of liquid fuels account; motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

- Curb Repairs – Gilmore provided four suggestions for grants to help pay for the curb repairs. The only grant that would work given the timing of the repairs is a grant from Bucks County Community Block Grant. The mayor also has information on another grant that may work from US Department of Agriculture. The mayor will forward the grant information to Gilmore. Mr. Preston did copy council on the tally he compiled for the curb repairs. He totaled the curb repair rounding up and came up with 1,365 linear feet. He does not think these numbers are an accurate reflection of the amount of curb that will be repaired. Mr. Preston noted that one inlet is on the list as well as the curbs at Borough Hall.
- McCarthy Drive Water Issue – Mayor Mahon thanked Mr. Mandolesi for coordinating a meeting between the Borough and Middletown Township. The meeting included Mr. Harris, Ms. Coleman and Mayor Mahon from the borough and Isaac Kessler, Stephanie Kuhls, and Patrick Duffy from Middletown. They had a very good meeting. Mr. Kessler is going to investigate Birch Ave to see if anything there would be adding to the water flow on McCarthy. The staff from Middletown did point out that McCarthy Dr was overbuilt. They did discuss the possibility of using this project for a stormwater project but according to Gilmore it would not quality. Middletown Township disagrees with that conclusion so more discussion will need to take place to determine if it can or cannot be used for credit toward the stormwater project requirements.

Borough Property:

- Water Issue Apt A – A toilet overflowed in Apartment A, and water came through the ceiling into the meeting room. Mr. Wheeler contacted John Helstrom and Servpro for the initial clean up.

Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi and seconded by Mr. Lodise to pay Helstrom Construction the sum of \$1,800 for emergency repairs from the toilet overflow; motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

- Basement Repairs – Mr. Mandolesi obtained 4 bids for the basement repairs. The price ranged from 4,500 to 10,000. Premier in Morrisville was the lowest bid and seemed to meet the Boroughs needs. Their bid was \$4,560. Mid Atlantic came in at \$5,650, a

company in Collegeville at \$5,891 and Basement Water Proofing Etc. at \$10,065. Mr. DeBias reminded Mr. Mandolesi to make sure to get insurance information.

Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi and seconded by Mr. Preston to hire Premier at a cost of \$4,560 to complete work on the basement at Borough Hall; motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

Solicitor:

- RDA Grants – The RDA distributed a total of \$3,932,049,71 under the Municipal Grant program and the Borough’s grant applications were awarded.
- Reorganization Meeting – Mr. DeBias reminded council that the reorganization meeting will be held on 1/6/20.

Mayor:

- Quarterly Report – Mayor Mahon had three weddings this quarter and submitted her report to Ms. Dorothy Omietanski
- Year End Report – Mayor Mahon distributed her year-end summary report to council, which highlights all the accomplishments for the Borough in 2019. She also thanked Ed Preston for filling in as councilmember. His service was greatly appreciated and council expressed gratitude for all his hard work while here.

Correspondence: none

New Business:

- Painting – Mr. Wheeler had a painter at Borough Hall for the repair work from the overflowed toilet and he took the opportunity to discuss pricing for future painting projects to get an idea of cost. He obtained quotes for inside painting including the stair towers at a cost of \$7,100 and outside scrapping and painting at a cost of \$18,400.

Old Business:

- Police Rifle – Mayor Mahon cleared up any confusion that may have occurred from the last meeting regarding the police rifle. The lack of a rifle was not a complaint that came from the Chief and the police committee is open to discussions regarding purchasing a rifle in the future when the budget allows. More discussion needs to take place. The police committee has one empty seat if anyone is interested in joining. Mr. Edge offered to fill the seat.
- Green Street Guard Rail – Mr. Miszencin sent the Mayor an email thanking council for installing the guard rail on Green Street.
- Zoning Officer – Mr. Wheeler bumped into Judy Buchhofer and took the opportunity to ask her if she was at all interested in the zoning position at the Borough. Ms. Buchhofer is retired currently and is very interested in a part time position. Mr. Wheeler passed her

contact information on to the personnel committee for them to set up a time to meet with her. They do not need to have this meeting completed before the reorganization meeting.

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm; motion made by Mr. Preston and seconded by Mr. Mandolesi; carried 7-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski
Secretary Hulmeville Borough