Work Session Meeting Minutes November 17, 2020

A work session of the Hulmeville Borough Council was held on the above date via Zoom. This meeting was advertised in the Courier Times, notice was posted at the Borough Hall and on the Borough website.

Roll call was taken by Thomas Wheeler

<u>Councilmembers Present</u>: Thomas Wheeler, President, Dan Mandolesi Vice President, Mayor Mahon, Judy Coleman, Doug Harris, Nick Lodise and Nicholas Toth

Councilmembers Absent: none

Councilmembers Late: Doug Edge

<u>Others in Attendance</u>: Solicitor, Robert DeBias, Secretary, Dorothy Omietanski, Fire Marshal, Bill Wheeler, Sheri Wheeler, and John Moser.

Absent: none

<u>Call to Order:</u> Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Wheeler Stated: We are holding this meeting by zoom pursuant to Senate Bill SB814, passed as Act 15 of 2020 as a result of the Emergency Declaration issued by Governor Wolf and the stay at home and shelter in place orders that have been issued by Governor Wolf. This meeting was advertised in the Courier Times and notice was posted at the Borough Hall and on the Borough Website. This meeting is being recorded and will be placed on the Borough Website. A draft of the minutes will promptly be placed on the website as well.

Public Comment:

• New Tree Lighting Location – Ms. Wheeler made a recommendation that council plant a tree in front of Borough Hall that could become the future spot of the tree lighting. Mayor Mahon suggested the 150th Anniversary Committee pay for the tree in honor of the anniversary.

Solicitor:

- Budget Council will vote to adopt the budget at the December 7th meeting.
- Open Burn Ordinance Council will vote to advertise the Open Burn Ordinance at the December 7th meeting.
- Parking Lot Paving The parking lot work has been completed. A request for payment needs to be made.

Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi and seconded by Mr. Lodise to request payment from the RDA for the paving work completed by Platinum Paving at a cost of \$13,740; motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

• Shed Construction – There is a balance of \$2,610 left from the RDA grant from the parking lot project. Mr. Wheeler did receive approval from the RDA to use the remainder of money to purchase a shed to store the Emergency Management equipment. Fire Marshal Wheeler confirmed that the shed will cost \$2,260 for a 10 by 12 mini barn and stone for the foundation will cost \$130. Fire Marshal Wheeler also confirmed that the shed can be paid for before the end of the year.

Note Doug Edge arrived 7:41pm

Motion made by Mr. Lodise and seconded by Mr. Toth to proceed with the purchase of a shed and stone at a cost not to exceed \$2,390; motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

Motion made by Mr. Lodise and seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to apply for an extension with the RDA for the purchase of the police department bicycle; motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

Motion made by Mr. Harris and seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to apply for an extension with the RDA for Peace Valley Holistic for last years grant amount; motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

Mayor:

- COVID Restrictions Mayor Mahon is asking the community to comply with the new restrictions put in place by the governor.
- Dog Attack There was a dog to dog attack on Penna Ave this past weekend. The incident is currently under investigation.

Emergency Management:

- New Restrictions Fire Marshal Wheeler informed council that there are new travel restrictions for Pa.
- COVID Conference Call The weekly county COVID calls will be resuming this next week.

Old Business:

• Tree Lighting – In light of the increasing COVID numbers and new government restrictions the Historical Society has decided to cancel the tree lighting ceremony. An announcement will be posted at William Penn Fire House as well as Borough website and Historical Society website.

- Storm Drain Cleanout Project Pipe Data may be able to take away the waste and as soon as Mr. Wheeler receives confirmation council can proceed with a decision. Amanda Fuller is working on finalizing all the numbers.
- Potholes Gilmore and Assoc. provided Mr. Lodise with contact information with 6 contractors and he should be able to receive at least 3 estimates for the pothole work.
- Holiday Party Everyone agreed the annual holiday party needs to be cancelled due to the new COVID policies.
- Borough Manager Mr. Wheeler proposed an idea to council for the Borough Manager position that has been discussed in past meetings. Fire Marshal Wheeler would be willing to take on the Borough Manager position for a one-year test period starting in February or March of 2021 and ending December 2021. The position would need to be created by an ordinance. Mr. Harris told council that there was \$30,000 in the budget and only \$10,000 is being used to pay for the stormwater manager. Mr. Wheeler told council that he would distribute a four page outline of responsibilities for the position and if council could think about how they want to proceed.
- Tree Planting Mayor Mahon thanked everyone who helped with the tree planting at the pavilion.

Correspondence: none

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm; motion made by Mr. Mandolesi and seconded by Mr. Lodise.; carried 7-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski Secretary Hulmeville Borough