

Work Session Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2021

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

Councilmembers Present: Thomas Wheeler, President, Dan Mandolesi, Vice President, Doug Harris, and Nicholas Toth

Councilmembers Absent: none

Councilmembers Late: Nick Lodise, Doug Edge and Judy Coleman

Others in Attendance: Solicitor, Robert DeBias, Secretary, Dorothy Omietanski, Mayor Mahon, Sheri Wheeler and Fire Marshal, Bill Wheeler

Absent: Authority President Kurt Ludwig

Call to Order: Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Wheeler Stated:

We are holding this meeting pursuant to Act 15 of 2020, and as a result of the Emergency Declaration issued by Governor Wolf. This meeting was duly advertised in the Courier Times, and by a notice posted at the Borough Hall. A recording of this meeting and a preliminary draft of the minutes will be placed on the Borough Website.

Note Doug Edge and Judy Coleman arrived 7:35 pm

Public Comment: none

Solicitor:

- State of Emergency – Governor Wolfe terminated the state of emergency today so starting August the council meetings will be in person at Borough Hall.
- Virtual Meeting – If council would like to have the option to offer virtual meetings for those who are out of the state or sick council would need to make a resolution and set policies in place. The Borough Code does allow council to be able to offer this option for the meetings.
- Use of Force – Ms. Coleman’s concerns were addressed regarding the edits to the Use of Force policy. Her concerns mainly focused on the choke hold. Some communities

including Philadelphia County are banning choke holds. Currently Bucks County is not banning choke holds and Hulmeville's policy reflects exactly what the Bucks County District Attorney has recommended, which is a choke hold is acceptable only as a last resort. Mayor Mahon also wanted to point out that if at any time a policy needs to be revised for any reason council has the authority to do so. Mayor Mahon recommended council adopt the revised Use of Force policy.

Motion made by Dan Mandolesi and seconded by Mr. Lodise to adopt the updates for the Use of Force police policy; motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

Note Fire Marshal Wheeler arrived 7:45pm

- Verizon Franchise Agreement – Mr. DeBias reminded council that the Verizon Franchise Renewal Agreement would be ready to sign at the July meeting. The only real change to the agreement is Verizon will no longer offer free cable service to the Borough.
- International Property Maintenance Code – Mr. DeBias confirmed with Ms. Omietanski that the ordinance was advertised in the Courier Times. Ms. Omietanski confirmed that no one has contacted her to view the ordinance. Council should be prepared to adopt the ordinance at the July meeting. Mr. DeBias also pointed out that if a revision is ever made to the code adopted in July council will need to adopt a new ordinance if it decides to enforce the revisions.
- Snow and Ice Contract – Council needs to discuss the terms of the new snow and ice contract. They should decide on how many years the contract will be good for, prices and whether any services should be separated like shoveling sidewalks, which was an issue this past year.
- American Rescue Plan – Bristol Borough is using the COVID funding for infrastructure. Mayor Mahon feels strongly that the funds should be used to help those who suffered the most through COVID, such as the students and first responders. Ms. Coleman suggested wiring the Borough with internet. Council could not decide on one item to use the funds for so they will select all possible options in the application for funding and narrow it down at a future meeting.

Note Nick Lodise arrived 8:07pm

Motion made by Mr. Harris and seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to authorize Ms. Omietanski to complete the American Rescue Plan application by checking off all boxes on the application; motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

Note Nick Toth stepped away for a few minutes

Motion made by Mr. Wheeler and seconded by Mr. Harris to authorize Ms. Omietanski if all boxes cannot be checked on the American Rescue Plan application that she just check off infrastructure; motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

Mayor:

- Pending Legislation – The mayor forwarded an email to council from PA Association of Boroughs regarding adoption of a statute which would allow fully remote council meetings.
- Playground Clean Up – The next playground clean up is scheduled for this Saturday at 12 noon. This should be a small clean up so a dumpster will not be necessary. Mayor Mahon would like to take any yard waste to a dump site in Southampton at a cost of \$35.

Motion made by Ms. Coleman and seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to approve the expenditure of the cost for the mayor to dump yard waste from the playground clean up day at a dump site in Southampton not to exceed \$40; motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

- Hulmeville Community Day Event – The Hulmeville Community Day event will be held on August 7th 4-6pm at Borough Hall. Mayor Mahon would like to hire a Mr. Softy truck at a cost of \$350 plus a transportation fee of \$45. She is recommending offering a free small cone to any child and all adults pay for their ice-cream. The cost for the truck should come out of the police t-shirt sale funds. Mr. Harris will need to discuss these expenditures with Ms. McKairnes to make sure the funds are being allocated correctly.

Motion made by Mr. Harris and seconded by Mr. Toth to allow the Police Department to hire a Mr. Soft truck for Hulmeville Community Day at a cost not to exceed \$395; motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

The mayor asked Mr. Toth to schedule the event with Mr. Softy.

Fire Marshal:

- Fire Study Meeting – Next Thursday at 7:30 pm Middletown Township will be hosting a call with Hulmeville Borough regarding a fire study they are conducting. Fire Marshal Wheeler assumes the study is being conducted to justify a paid fire department for Middletown Township. Currently there are three fire departments for Middletown Township. This Thursday the same group is scheduled to meet with William Penn Fire Co and Fire Marshal Wheeler will be attending that meeting as well.
- Bucks County Comprehensive Plan Meeting – Fire Marshal Wheeler sat in on a call to discuss revising the Bucks County Comprehensive Plan for 2040. The last plan was revised on 2011 and the next update is planned for 2022. Each municipality should have a plan based on the county's plan.

Borough Property:

- Airconditioning – The compressor was replaced in the Apartment A air-conditioning unit at Borough Hall.
- Wasp Nests – Twelve paper wasp nests were removed by Leck Exterminator at Borough Hall. Leck also discussed spraying inside Borough Hall for pests. Mr. Mandolesi is recommending council hires Leck for pest control. The service would include the apartments and Mr. Mandolesi would need access to the police department.

Motion made by Mr. Lodise and seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to sign a contract with Leck Exterminators for service 4 times a year to spray inside Borough Hall at a cost of \$105 per visit; motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

- Weed Control – Mark Boone will spray the Borough grounds poison ivy; however, he does not do weed abatement. Mr. Mandolesi contacted Harvey Spencer and he does not offer the service either but he did recommend someone who Mr. Mandolesi did call and left a message.
- Security System – Council will need to determine who will be issued fobs for the new locking system at Borough Hall. Mr. Wheeler would like to ask the Historical Society to move out of the office in Borough Hall so that council can utilize the area. The new auditors for the Borough did make council aware that no one but the secretary and treasurer should have access to the borough files in the main office. If the Historical Society leaves that would open up that office to be used by council for office business without having to enter the main office. It would also be a place the borough manager might use. Mr. Wheeler will discuss with the Historical Society.

Old Business:

- Trenton and Main – Tina Davis's office has had a discussion with the Borough regarding all the accidents at Trenton and Main. Tina Davis recommended that council provides a recommendation to PennDOT as to what council would like to see done with regards to the intersection. Two options would be a no left turn or to make the road one way. Mr. Wheeler stated making the road one way would make it impossible for the Fire Department to function. Tina Davis also reached out to Amanda at Gilmore for her input. Council will hold off sending a letter to PennDOT until they hear back from Gilmore regarding their recommendations.

Correspondence: none

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm; motion made by Mr. Mandolesi and seconded by Mr. Harris; carried 7-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski
Secretary Hulmeville Borough