

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2022

The regular monthly meeting 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
Judy Coleman
Doug Harris
Jim Pio
Nick Toth

Staff in Attendance

Debbie Mahon, Mayor
Diane McKairnes, Treasurer
William Wheeler, Fire Marshall/Borough Manager
Bob DeBias Solicitor
John Baran, Chief of Police
Kurt Ludwig, Water and Sewer President

Council Members on Zoom: none

Councilmembers Absent: none

Councilmembers Late to Arrive: Nick Lodise

Staff on Zoom: Dorothy Omietanski, Secretary

Staff Absent: none

Guests in Attendance: Patricia Taggart, Rebecca Krause, Barney Wheeler and Joseph Schwenoer.

Call to Order: Tom Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Bids for Window Replacement Project:

- Helstrom Construction- \$62,400
- Tague Lumber - \$57,500
- Premier Building – \$97,500

Mr. DeBias will review the two lowest bids and the winner will be awarded the bid on June 21, 2022.

Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Pio to approve the minutes of May 2 and 17, 2022; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

Note Nick Lodise arrived 7:35pm

Social Media Presentation: Rebecca Krause, a resident of Hulmeville, came to introduce herself. She is offering to assist the Borough with two more social media pages, Twitter and Instagram. She will focus on Twitter first then move to Instagram. Twitter is best used for quick reminders where as Instagram is more detailed oriented. Both sites are free. Mayor Mahon will have Ms. Krause sign the Social Media Marketing Agreement, which is good for one year. Ms. Omietanski requested all login information for the sites. Mayor Mahon offered to be the point of contact for the dissemination of information.

Motion made by Mr. Pio and seconded by Ms. Coleman to allow Rebecca Krause to manage Twitter and Instagram for Hulmeville Borough; motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

Public Comment:

- Work on Main St – Mr. Ludwig informed council the work on Main St is gas line repairs.

Police Report:

- Police Report - Mayor Mahon read the report for the month of May 2022: 20 Incidents, 2 Accidents, 5 Assists, 4 EMS, 14 Court, 0 Summary Citations, 41 Traffic Citations, 0 Criminal Arrests, 4 Parking and 0 Court for a total hour worked: 250 Total Salary \$6,724.16. Note Sgt. Carragher worked 5 additional hours for the Memorial Day Parade.
- Complaint Form – Mayor Mahon is asking that the form be posted on line.
- Ammunition Purchase – The ammunition purchase that was approved for \$778.39 was \$38.51 more than expected. The new total is \$792.30.

Motion made by Mr. Pio and seconded by Mr. Lodise to approve the additional spending of \$38.51 for ammunition bringing the new cost total to \$792.30; motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

- Taser Training – Chief Baran assisted all local constables regarding training and certification on the updated DC07 Taser training.
- Pennel-Hulmeville Memorial Day Parade – The parade was a very nice event. The Hulmeville Police Department assisted with the Pennel-Hulmeville Parade as well as the Langhorne Memorial Day Parade.
- Upcoming 150th Events – This Saturday is the Hulmeville 150th Garden Stroll event. It will take place from 10am to 4pm. Pedestrian crosswalk signs will be placed throughout town. The next event is the Rodeo Round Up and Family Fun Day Saturday July 9th from 12 noon to 4pm at the Hulmeville Recreation Field. The Hulmeville Police Department will be on hand for the events.
- License Plate Reader – Mayor Mahon asked for approval to renew the warranty for the license plate reader for 3 years at a cost of \$5,258.25. Chief Baran explained the cost of replacing just one camera on the system would be \$3,700 to which there are three, diagnostics costs \$183/hour and technical support cost \$160/hour. All these costs are covered under the warranty. Chief Baran believes the life expectancy of the device is about 5 years which with the renewal should just about cover 5 years from the purchase date. There is an additional cost should the reader need to be moved to another vehicle; however, the warranty stays with the device.

Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi and seconded by Mr. Lodise to renew the license plate reader warranty for three years at a cost of \$5,258.25; motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

- ATV's – Ms. Omietanski and Mr. Pio have seen ATV's going up and down Bellevue Ave. Chief Baran is aware of the issue. He is asking that residents take pictures when they see it occurring. Chief Baran explained the police cannot chase them down as it is too dangerous. They are hoping to determine where they live and approach them at their residences.
- New Police Vehicle – Chief Baran is requesting that council consider purchasing a new police vehicle soon. The current vehicle was purchased in 2015 and currently is out of warranty. In 2020 the police spent \$1,500 in repairs, and in 2021 \$2,600 in repairs. The car currently is in need of 2 motor mounts, window motor replacement, new timing belt, new radiator hoses and currently has an oil leak. When calculating in the idle time the car has 133,000 miles on the engine. The Ford dealership also told Chief Baran they would buy the car back for \$20,000. Both Mr. Harris and Tom Wheeler believe the timing of buying another car is not good. The Borough should try to spread out the purchases. The Borough is buying the pick-up truck this year it would be better to have a 3–4-year gap between purchases. Mr. Harris did confirm that \$5,000 is in the budget yearly for the purchase of a new car. Mr. Pio pointed out once the new development goes in there will be more need placed on the police department and more

demands on the car. Mayor Mahon asked council to consider the request and more discussion can occur at a future meeting.

- Community Outreach – The officers will now be parking throughout Hulmeville during their work hours in hopes to build a better community police relationship.

Mayor:

- Flower Planting – The flowers planted throughout the Borough look great. The mayor wanted to state a special thank you to everyone who helped, especially the Hulmeville Garden Club and the local Girl Scout Troops.
- Pennel-Hulmeville Memorial Day Parade – The Memorial Day Parade was proudly attended by Hulmeville Council dressed in Victorian Period clothing and our Borough Manager displaying 150th Celebration information for all to see.
- Memorial Service – Mayor Mahon thanked the Hulmeville Historical Society for the Memorial Service on Saturday, May 28th and to all who took the time to put together the historical display at Borough Hall earlier that same day. A special thank you to Joe Coleman and his whole volunteer crew, including the Hulmeville Historical Society.

150th Committee:

- 150th Meeting - The June meeting was held via zoom on June 1st. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 6th at 7:30 pm at Borough Hall (possibly under the Gazebo).
- Hulmeville Garden Walk/Stroll - The Hulmeville Garden Walk/Stroll is planned for this Saturday June 11, 2022, from 10am - 4pm. Thank you for Patricia Taggart for running the event. Seventy-four tickets have been sold.
- Volunteers Needed – Please sign up to help at the next two events the Rodeo Round-up & Family Fun Day and the Dinner in White.

Storm Water/Floodplain/MS4:

- Act 167 & 537 Follow Up - Gilmore & Associates is still waiting to hear back from the state. Until Gilmore hears back from the state Mayor Mahon would like to hold off starting any project.
- Summer Newsletter - The summer Borough newsletter is in the final stages. Any updated information please have submitted to Mayor Mahon ASAP.

TMDL / BMP's: Permit years 2018-2022 – DEP will be doing permit inspections. Samantha Brinker from Gilmore and Associates will keep us informed of that inspection. Due to Covid-19, this has been postponed.

- 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
 - Lawn and garden pick up 4/1-12/1 weekly

Borough Manager:

- Rental Inspection Training – Bill Wheeler reminded council there will be a three-day webinar on property rental inspection programs. The class will be held June 10, 17 and 24 from 10am to noon at Borough Hall.
- HARB Meeting – Next HARB meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2022.
- Zoning Hearing – Next Zoning Hearing meeting is scheduled for June 29, 2022.
- 4 Green St – The building at 4 Green St has been sold and will become a single-family home.
- Email System – Bill Wheeler sent out an email with links to training on the new system. Rollover will occur this week. Everyone will be keeping their same emails. The new system will contain no history, but the emails work the same.

Fire Marshal: no report

Emergency Management Coordinator: no report

Zoning/ Code Enforcement:

- Court Dates – There is a follow up court date on 6/21/22 at 10am set for Woodruff who is in penalty phase and Schmid who received a continuance.
- 531 Main St – Resident of 531 Main has been advised to clean up the property and will comply.
- 213 Main St – Bill Wheeler had a discussion with Mike Italia regarding 213 Main and the possibility of declaring the property uninhabitable. Bill Wheeler has a meeting scheduled for June 20, 2022 and will discuss the possibility of requesting to inspect the inside of the mill.
- Old Mill - Bill Wheeler has a meeting scheduled for June 20, 2022 and will discuss the possibility of requesting to inspect the inside of the mill. The Mill has a hole in the roof and is in disrepair. Mr. Schmid has done nothing to address the concerns since the last discussion Bill Wheeler had with him regarding the matter.
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Water and Sewer:

- Letters to Customers – Mr. Ludwig has received a few more responses to his letter. He is currently still having an issue with 856 Birch Ave. The home owner is still refusing to pay any bills from the Authority. He has threatened calling his lawyer if anyone enters his property. Mr. Ludwig did confirm with BCWSA that they have provided the homeowner with the same information regarding billing for water and sewer. The next step will be to shut the water off to the home.
- Bellevue Properties – The properties on Bellevue will be receiving notification of water shut off if their bills are not paid.

Borough Property: no report

Trash:

- Trash Pick Up – Due to the holiday trash was collected on Thursday not Wednesday last week.

Lights: no report

Streets:

- New Signs – Mr. Lodise is waiting on street signs for Fairview and Walnut and a Watch Children Sign for Main Street. Tom Wheeler will order the signs. The Main Street sign at Trenton Rd has been installed.

Personnel:

- Zoning Board Alternate – Appointment for the alternate for the Zoning Board needs to be secured. The personnel committee has been asked to find someone for the appointment.

Finance:

- Budget 2023 – Mr. Harris is starting to work on the 2023 budget.

Solicitor Report:

- 307 Main Street – Consideration of resolution for planning module for 307 Main Street

Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi and seconded by Mr. Pio to approve the resolution for the land development for 307 Main Street; motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

- Ratify Actions Taken at Work Session – Mr. DeBias asked council to adopt and ratify all actions taken at the May 17, 2022 work session.

Motion made by Mr. Pio and seconded by Mr. Lodise to ratify all actions taken at the May 17, 2022 work session; motion passed with all in favor 7-0-0.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report for June 6, 2022 was made available for inspection:

• General Fund Checking Balance as of May 1, 2022:	\$ 195,372.10
Expenses Totaled:	\$ -35,960.56
Income Totaled:	\$ <u>227,380.93</u>
General Fund Checking Balance as of May 31, 2022:	\$ 386,792.47
• Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of May 1, 2022:	\$ 64,626.12
Expenses Totaled:	\$ -20,227.72
Income Totaled:	\$ <u>20,942.80</u>
Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of May 31, 2022:	\$ 65,341.20
• Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of May 1, 2022:	\$ 220,812.20
Interest Totaled:	\$ 91.80
Deposit Totaled:	\$ 0
Expense Totaled:	\$ <u>0</u>
Sewer Fund PLGIT Balances as of May 31, 2022:	\$ 220,904.00
• Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of May 1, 2022:	\$ 86,608.36
Interest Totaled:	\$ 36.01
Deposit Totaled:	\$ 0
Expense Totaled:	\$ <u>0</u>
Highway Aid PLGIT Balances as of May 31, 2022:	\$ 86,644.37
• General Fund PLGIT Balance as of May 1 2022:	\$ 879,675.90
Interest Totaled:	\$ 365.58
Deposit Totaled:	\$ 301.72
Expense Totaled:	\$ <u>0</u>
Sewer Fund PLGIT Balances as of May 31, 2022:	\$ 879,739.76

Bills: A copy of the bill list dated June 2, 2022 was provided to Council and offered for review by the public. Ms. McKairnes noted the cleaning rate went up by \$20.

- **General Fund** beginning balance as of June 1, 2022: \$ 361,131.32
ending balance as of June 6, 2022: \$ 352,729.66
- **Sewer & Water** beginning balance as of May 31, 2022: \$ 66,010.34
ending balance as of June 10, 2022: \$ 43,977.21

A motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise and carried unanimously to approve the bill list dated June 2, 2022; Motion carries -0-0.

Correspondence: none

Old Business: none

New Business:

- Hulmeville Falls – Mayor Mahon is able to police the Hulmeville side of the falls, however people are entering from Bensalem side and are causing issues. One issue that is occurring is very loud music for hours on end. Dean Casmiri as well as residents are complaining. The mayor cannot police the other side and without an address it seems the Bensalem police will not help either. Currently Hulmeville has no active state representative until November Chief Baran will look into the matter
- Neshaminy Shore Club – Neshaminy Shore Club is under new ownership. They are playing the music there too loud. Mayor Mahon asked if Bill Wheeler could talk to the new owners and make sure they are aware of the noise ordinance for Hulmeville. Mr. Mandolesi has two letters from residents complaining about the noise coming from the Shore Club.
- Grant from K.C. Tomlinson’s Office – Tom Wheeler was notified by K.C. Tomlinson’s office that there is grant money for infrastructure available. Tom wanted any suggestions from council. Items to place on the list include new chairs, paint for inside and outside Borough Hall, cupola repairs, new roof for Borough Hall and rubber mulch for playground. Tom Wheeler will put together a list of all items needed and see how much money he gets. Once the amount of money has been determined then council will need to decide what items are most important.
- Saturday – Ms. Coleman wanted to make council aware of a national rally to end gun violence that is taking place on Saturday. Anyone supporting the cause should wear orange.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm; motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Pio.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,
Hulmeville Borough Secretary