

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
October 3, 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
Nick Toth
Judy Coleman
Doug Harris
Jim Pio
Nick Lodise

Staff in Attendance

Dorothy Omietanski, Secretary
Diane McKairnes, Treasurer
Kurt Ludwig, Water and Sewer President
Bob DeBias Solicitor
John Baran, Chief of Police
Bill Wheeler, Fire Marshall/Borough Mgr

Council Members on Zoom: none

Councilmembers Absent: Dan Mandolesi, Vice President

Councilmembers Late to Arrive: none

Staff on Zoom: none

Staff Absent: Debbie Mahon, Mayor

Guests in Attendance: Sandra Radcliffe, Brenda Cappiello, Andrew Boyle Jr, Tricia Boyle, Shara Carroll, Sherri Wheeler, S. Faber, David Faber, David Preston, Dennis Mitchell, Jeanine Price, Caroline Sutter, Krysti Strickly, Cheryl Novak, Andrew Handelong, Dave Novak, Ryan Cloak, Dana Cloak, Marce Heald, Peg Quann (Courier Times), Erin Pente, Roseann Sutter, Rebecca Krause, Jake Krause, Joanne Williams, Joe Williams, Carla Helbling, Lynda Jones, Daniele Camcomizzi, Kurt Ludwig, Sandy Carroll, Amanda Gonzalez, Mike Wasson, Jeffery Jadzak, Regina Jones, Dean Giambrone, Patricia Taggart, Augie Greghini, Tina Marie Hartnett, Jackie Carroll, Martin Bradley, Joanne Dickinson, Kim Carroll, Cassandra Pio, Mary Johnson, Thomas Stanley Jr. and Joscelyne Ferreira.

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

Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Harris seconded by Mr. Lodise to approve the minutes of September 12 and 20, 2022; Motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.

Public Comment:

- Development on the Hill – A large audience was in attendance to discuss the hill development project. Council had no new information to provide. A lengthy discussion followed to inform the audience of the processes the developer needs to go through.
- Preston Property – Mr. Preston wanted to express his frustration with council regarding a letter he received regarding the on-going issue on his property. The letter is giving him 22 days to provide the PECO letter confirming the area in question is a right of way or he could be fined \$100/day. He came to the last council meeting and informed council that he was working on the matter and that he was having a difficult time getting what he needs from PECO. Tom Wheeler suggested that Mr. Preston meet with Bill Wheeler before the 22 days are up and provide him an update and they can together determine the next step forward. Mr. Pio pointed out that this issue has been ongoing since June.

Police Report:

- Police Report – Chief Baran read the report for the month of September 2022: 21 Incidents, 3 Accidents, 7 Assists, 0 EMS, 4 Court, 0 Summary Citations, 35 Traffic Citations, 0 Criminal Arrests, 11 Parking and 0 Court for a total hour worked: 219 Total Salary \$5,989.47. Chief Baran worked 22 extra hours this past month.
- New Vehicle – The new vehicle should arrive next two weeks. Everything being stored in the garage needs to be removed in preparation.
- Speed Sign Warranty – Chief Baran is requesting to spend \$2,394.00 on a warranty that would cover all 4 speed signs until July 2024. Chief Baran believes he submitted the request for the 2022 budget.
- Drug Take Back Day – The Drug Take Back Event will be held on October 29th from 10-2 pm at the William Penn Fire Company parking lot. It is a drive thru event.

Mayor:

- Youth Volunteers for 2022 - Mayor Mahon is asking for volunteer names and contact information to be sent to her as soon as possible so she can send invitations out to the parents of the volunteers.
- Pin Purchase – Mayor Mahon is requesting to purchase 70 anniversary pins at \$7.00 each for a total cost of \$490 from Rodriguez Engraving to honor the William Penn Fire Fighters. The pins will be presented either during Fire Prevention Week or during their annual dinner.
- Thank You – Mayor Mahon wanted to thank everyone who volunteered and or attended the events in the past few weeks. The Formal Celebration on 9/18, the Flea Market on 9/24 and the 5K & Beer Garden on 10/1.

150th Committee:

- The next three meetings will be held on 10/5, 11/2 and 12/7 at 7:30pm. This Wednesday the meeting will be on Zoom and the link will be emailed.

Storm Water/Floodplain/MS4:

- Ratification of Signatures to MS4 Annual Report form – The annual MS4 report was signed and Gilmore has sent it to the DEP.

Motion made by Mr. Harris and seconded by Ms. Coleman to ratify Debbie Mahon's signature for the MS4 Annual Report; motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.

- Act 167 & 537 Follow Up – Gilmore and Assoc still has no forward plans for project status.
- The last printed newsletter was mailed.

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:

- RDA Grant Application Update – Bill Wheeler submitted three applications for consideration for the RDA Grants. He submitted a request for the Borough road repairs at a cost of \$195,000, a new traffic signal at a cost of \$25,191 and William Penn Fire Co boiler at a cost of \$68,500. Note the increase in price of the traffic signal was due to price guarantee extension to 120 days. If the price is lower when the job is ready to complete, Armour will charge the lower cost.
- Record Management – There is a webinar on Wednesday at 10 am on electronic records management.

Fire Marshal: no report

Emergency Management Coordinator:

- Hazard Mitigation Plan – There will be a meeting in October to go over how the plan will be implemented and funding sources that might be available. Bill Wheeler plans to attend the meeting.

Zoning/ Code Enforcement:

- Update on Code Enforcement Actions – Barry Isett did send letters to 335 Main St and Preston’s. The owner of 335 Main St. did clean up the property. Bill Wheeler also requested a fire inspection of the Old Mill. The owner said he would get back to him with a date. There is also a tree on the Old Mill property that is in need of removal. Bill Wheeler will talk to Barry Isett regarding sending a letter to the owner of the Mill.

Water and Sewer:

- Delinquent Account Update – Four accounts on Main St have been paid in full due to the sale of one of the properties. Another two properties under a single ownership have also been paid in full. An account on McKinley Ave came in and signed a payment agreement. A homeowner on Pennsylvania failed to pay their agreed monthly payment and had to be posted for water shut off. A property owner on Main St met with Mr. Ludwig and paid all back payments and has brought the account up to date. The owner of a house on Birch Ave. has been three weeks without water service. Mr. Ludwig was notified by the owner that they have paid the sewer account in full. Once he confirms the balance is zero from Ms. Slater, he will have their water service turned back on.
- BCWSA 2023 Budget – The Authority did receive a letter stating the BCWSA fees will be increasing this coming year to cover the cost of phase one work on the Neshaminy Interceptor. The project is projected to cost \$60 million dollars. The cost of the project will be divided among the municipalities according to usage.

Borough Property:

- Window Project – The windows are due to arrive in November.
- Air Conditioner Unit – Consideration of proposal from AirTech Heating and Cooling to spend \$2,900 to replace existing inoperable HVAC unit.

Motion made by Mr. Lodise and seconded by Mr. Toth to purchase a new air conditioner unit from Air Tech at a cost of \$2,900; motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.

Trash: no report

Lights: no report

Streets: no report

Personnel:

- Update on Applications for Zoning Hearing Board – Mr. Harris confirmed the Personnel Committee has a meeting scheduled tomorrow night to interview 4 applicants.

Finance:

- Budget Meeting – A budget meeting is scheduled tomorrow night.
- **Solicitor Report:**
- Ratify Actions Taken at Work Session – Mr. DeBias asked council to adopt and ratify all actions taken at the September 20, 2022 work session.

Motion made by Mr. Lodise and seconded by Mr. Harris to ratify all actions taken at the September 20, 2022 work session; motion passed with all in favor 5-0-0.

- Ban on Fireworks – Mr. DeBias inquired if council would like to proceed with an ordinance banning fireworks in the Borough. Mr. Pio strongly believes that an ordinance would be redundant since the use of fireworks in the Borough it is already against the law. Chief Baran believes an ordinance would help policing fireworks activity in the Borough. Council. It was agreed to table for more discussion at the work session.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report for October 3, 2022 was made available for inspection:

• General Fund Checking Balance as of September 1, 2022:	\$ 161,307.92
Expenses Totaled:	\$ - 31,164.39
Income Totaled:	\$ <u>91,763.36</u>
General Fund Checking Balance as September 30, 2022:	\$ 221,906.89
• Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of September 1, 2022:	\$ 53,053.32
Expenses Totaled:	\$ -20,580.70
Income Toted:	\$ <u>22,580.70</u>
Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of September 30, 2022:	\$ 55,003.99
• Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of September 1, 2022:	\$ 241,677.56
Interest Totaled:	\$ 840.59
Deposit Totaled:	\$ 20,000.00
Expense Totaled:	\$ <u>0</u>
Sewer Fund PLGIT Balances as of October 3, 2022:	\$ 242,518.15
• Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of September 1, 2022:	\$ 87,458.39
Interest Totaled:	\$ 305.58
Deposit Totaled:	\$ 0
Expense Totaled:	\$ <u>- 19.79</u>
Highway Aid PLGIT Balances as of October 3, 2022:	\$ 87,744.18
• General Fund PLGIT Balance as of September 1 2022:	\$ 1,064,639.06
Interest Totaled:	\$ 3,724.43
Deposit Totaled:	\$ 6,460.56
Expense Totaled:	\$ <u>-1,951.03</u>
Sewer Fund PLGIT Balances as of October 3, 2022:	\$ 1,072,873.02

