

**Work Session Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2023**

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, Nick Lodise, Jim Pio, Judy Coleman, Nickolas Toth and Naz Atabas, Junior Council

Councilmembers on Zoom: none

Councilmembers Absent: Doug Harris

Councilmembers Late: none

Others in Attendance: Solicitor, Thomas Panzer, Secretary, Dorothy Omietanski, Fire Marshal/Borough Manager, Bill Wheeler, Chief Baran, Mayor Mahon. Scott Henley, Director Pennel-Middletown Emergency Squad, Sheri Wheeler, Guler Atabas, Necattlin Atabas, Sandy Carroll and Patricia Taggart

Absent: Authority President, Kurt Ludwig

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

Junior Council

Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi and seconded by Mr. Lodise to appoint Naz Atabas to the position of Junior Council Person for the year 2023; motion passed with 6-0-0.

Mayor swore Naz Atabas as Junior Council Person.

Public Comment:

- Presentation from Pennel-Middletown Emergency Squad – Director Scott Henley introduced himself and updated council on what the squad is doing now for the community.

Police:

- Fireworks Ordinance – Chief Baran distributed a copy of Act 47 of 2022 Fireworks as well as a summary of fireworks complaints handled by the Hulmeville Police Department from 2010 to present. The number of complaints averaged one per year. Chief Baran also confirmed they have never issued a citation just warnings which was enough to stop the resident from setting the fireworks off. After reviewing the information provided

council did not see the need at this time for adoption of an ordinance banning fireworks. Should it become a larger issue in the future council could revisit the ordinance again.

- Approval Police Chief Organization Membership – Chief Baran would like to join Pennsylvania Chief Police Association (PCPA). The membership would provide the ability post job openings, have access to policies and procedures, assistance with grants and training opportunities.

Motion made by Mr. Pio and seconded by Mr. Lodise to authorize Chief Baran to join the Police Chiefs Association of Bucks County and authorize Borough's payment of application (\$100) and annual fees (\$150). Motion amended by Mr. Pio to join Pennsylvania Chief Police Association; motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

- Authorization for Payment of Police Vehicle – The new police vehicle is still waiting on parts to arrive. Fred Beans could not provide a time of completion but did confirm that the price originally stated remains unchanged. Bill Wheeler asked Chief Baran to request an updated invoice from Fred Beans so council could vote on paying the bill in March. The Borough must pay for the car before 3/31/23 which is the deadline the RDA has provided. The total for the vehicle should be \$67,084.82.
- Police Committee Recommendation – There is a training on 4/26/23 on First Line Supervision at a cost of \$170 that they would like Chief Baran to attend. They will present it at the March meeting for approval.
- New Officer Hiring Status – Mayor Mahon has posted the officer position in three districts in Philadelphia who are having a lot of officers retiring soon. The position is also posted on Facebook and the Borough Website. So far there has been one interested candidate that did not work out.

Stormwater/Floodplain/MS4:

- Earth Day Event – The DEP offers items for purchase to distribute at the Earth Day event. The cost of the items the mayor is considering would come to roughly \$50. She would also like to buy either wild flower seeds or succulents. Council agreed to the purchase of wildflower seeds. The cost for the seeds is \$174.99 for a 5lb bag and she will present it at the March meeting for approval. The Mayor also reminded council she is in need of help on the day of the event which is 4/29/23. She also asked Ms. Atabas to tell her fellow students about the event because it is a great opportunity to get community service hours.

Borough Manager:

- Request from County Recorder of Deeds – Bill Wheeler was considering again supporting the preservation of the County Recorder of Deeds. Ms. Omietanski reminded council that at a prior presentation they did state that for \$2,000 you could have a book dedicated. Mayor Mahon believes this would be a great idea for the 150th Committee.

Treasurer Report:

- Bills – Ms. McKairnes presented seventeen bills to council to authorize payment; A copy of the bills are attached.

A motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise carried unanimously to approve the bills presented by Ms. McKairnes; Motion carries 6-0-0.

Old Business:

- Superior Holding Development Project – Mr. Mandolesi wanted to state for the record that the information being distributed that states he and Tom Wheeler are receiving compensation for the development of the Black property are untrue. Also, the rumor that the Planning Commission had approved the conditional use before the meeting is also untrue. Once the owner of the land presented the information at the meeting the Planning Commission was compelled to honor their request.
- Mill Update – Bill Wheeler stated that the case regarding the Mill is pending legal action and he cannot comment.
- Budget – Ms. Coleman asked if Ms. Omietanski and Ms. McKairnes received a copy of the budget. Ms. Omietanski did email Mr. Harris but has not received anything to date. Before the meeting tonight Ms. Omietanski asked Tom Wheeler to touch base with Mr. Harris regarding this matter.
- Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – There is a Zoning Hearing Board meeting Thursday to select a new solicitor and to provide the group an orientation as to the functions of the board. The meeting is open to the public and will be held at Borough Hall at 7:30pm.
- DCED – Their website provides a wonderful source of information. Bill Wheeler has posted many of their documents to Share Points for council to access. He will forward the Share Points access information to council again. Mr. Mandolesi received a request for signature from DCED. Tom Wheeler will confirm the request.

There being no further official business the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm; motion made by Mr. Pio and seconded by Mr. Lodise; carried 6-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski
Secretary Hulmeville Borough