

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Hulmeville Borough Council was held on the above date at the Borough Hall, 321 Main Street.

Councilmembers Present

Dan Mandolesi, Vice President
Jim Pio
Nick Toth
Nick Lodise
Judy Coleman
Doug Harris - left at 8:37pm

Staff in Attendance

John Baran, Chief of Police
Debbie Mahon, Mayor
Thomas Panzer, Solicitor
Bill Wheeler, Borough Manager
Diane McKairnes, Treasurer

Council Members on Zoom: none

Councilmembers Absent: Thomas Wheeler, President and Naz Atabas, Junior Councilmember

Councilmembers Late to Arrive: none

Staff on Zoom: none

Staff Absent: Kurt Ludwig, Water and Sewer President and Dorothy Omietanski, Secretary

Guests in Attendance: Mary Johnson, Sandra Carroll, and Martin Bradley

Call to Order: Mr. Mandolesi called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm; all those present joined the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Toth to approve the minutes of June 5, 2023, meeting; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

Motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Toth to approve the minutes of June 20, 2023, work session; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

Motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Toth to approve the Special Council Meeting of May 31, 2023; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

Motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Toth to approve the Special Council Meeting of June 29, 2023; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

Public Comment:

- Fire Works - Ms. Carroll mentioned there were fireworks on Ford Ave until 1:00 am. After the fireworks, the residents got in their cars and started drag racing down the street. Mayor Mahon told Ms. Carroll to report a disturbance to the police department and then they will have documentation of the fireworks issue in their records.
- Water Levels on Neshaminy Creek - Ms. Johnson stated the floodwaters were at 7 feet on Saturday.

Police Report:

- Police Report – Mayor Mahon read the report for the month of July 2023:

Incident Reports - 20	Summary Citations - 0
Accident Reports - 1	Traffic Citations - 30
Assists - 6	Criminal Arrest - 0
EMS Calls - 1	Parking Ordinance - 4
Court Local – 16	Court Doylestown - 0
Hours Worked - 214.5	Salary - \$6,232.20

- National Night Out – NNO/Family Fun Day event will be held on Saturday, August 5, 12 noon - 4PM. Mayor Mahon is looking for 16 volunteers and is encouraging all council members and the police department to attend. All local dignitaries have been invited, including Congressman Fitzpatrick & Senator Farry. Mayor Mahon asked Chief Baron if he received a response to having a K-9 officer and the children ID program at the event. Chief Baron said he will follow up and clarified if the Sheriff’s office attends the event, they will have the ID program with them. Mayor Mahon is looking into renting tables and chairs. The William Penn Fire Co. is attending. Mayor Mahon will post signs announcing the event.
- Green Street/Main Street Traffic Concerns- Mayor Mahon said Mr. Dutill is still concerned with the traffic on Green St. Bill Wheeler suggested council wait until the Trenton Rd. bridge construction is complete before making any decisions.
- Police Department Staffing - Mayor Mahon mentioned that the Hulmeville Police Department is one officer short, and the shifts are being covered by the existing officers.

Mayor:

- Neshaminy Falls - Mayor Mahon reported the worst activity she has seen thus far at the falls. The activity at the Neshaminy falls started 2 years before COVID and has progressively gotten worse. Mayor Mahon said there were hundreds of people recently at the falls. She has reached out to the commissioner regarding the matter.
- Mayors Report – Mayor Mahon submitted quarterly wedding reports for the first two quarters of 2023.
- Paranormal Investigation Request - Mayor Mahon has no information to report.
- HB150 –The Hulmeville 150th Committee is now renamed to HB150. Events the HB150 will be hosting are as follows: Saturday July 15, History Night in Hulmeville (HHS co-

sponsors) at Johnson Hall Coffee House, 6:30 - 9:30 -Saturday August 5, Family Fun Day & NNO (HPD co-sponsors) at recreation field 12 noon - 4:pm -Saturday, October 7, 2023, 5K at Neshaminy Shore Picnic Park -Oct 6, 7, 13, 14 Ghost Tours: 3 tours each night.

Storm Water/Floodplain/MS4:

- Act 167 & 537 Follow Up - Gilmore & Associates: report there are still no forward plans for project activity. During times of heavy rain events, properties in flood plain and flood fringe are encouraged to be diligent with removing any loose items that may wash away.

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 homeowners 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:

- Road Paving Project - Bill Wheeler mentioned the meeting with Bray Brothers regarding the paving project has been rescheduled. Bray Brothers will start the job shortly after the rescheduled meeting. Bill Wheeler will ask if the contract includes traffic control, street posting's and notifying of the residents. This project will be done at the cost of \$238,000.00, with \$195,00.00 being covered by a grant. Bray Brothers estimated the project will take one and a half to two months to complete depending on the weather.
- Rental Inspection Ordinance - The rental inspection ordinance is currently being reviewed. The plan is to have the rental properties inspected when someone leaves and before a new person enters the property. Mr. Mandolesi said Bristol Borough has inspections of homes and their water systems. Mayor Mahon asked if we have a property maintenance ordinance, and the answer was yes. Mr. Pio agreed the rental inspection should be separate from a property inspection. Bill Wheeler asked if the council could add sump pump inspection to the inspections. Mr. Panzer said the council should table the policy decision until making these inspections an ordinance. Bill Wheeler said we need to fine tune the list of items for the rental inspection. Mr. Mandolesi has contacted other Borough and Townships for copies of their rental inspections.

- Soccer Field Improvements - Mr. Lodise asked if there is a plan to put a basketball court in the redoing of the soccer field. Bill Wheeler said they are hoping for a number of suggestions. Mayor Mahon said council should survey the property to determine what is buildable and what is not. Mr. Lodise asked if this project will be done in phases. Bill Wheeler asked about parking requirements with Gilmore and Associates and believes that the Borough currently has the required amount of parking needed.
- Preston's Garage - Mr. Pio inquired about the weeds at Preston's Garage. Bill Wheeler confirmed that they have been removed.

Fire Marshal: no report

Emergency Management Coordinator: no report

Zoning/ Code Enforcement: no report

Water and Sewer: no report

Borough Property:

- Borough Hall Stucco/Painting Project - Bill Wheeler said the painting project will start with the interior painting. Ms. Nicole McKairnes, made suggestion for the interior paint colors and presented the suggestions to the councilmembers. Mr. Mandolesi said the exterior windowsills should be scraped and primed. Bill Wheeler will ask the painter if they are moving furniture or if council will need to move it themselves. Bill Wheeler said the stucco company was sent a contract, but to date he has not received a signed copy. Mr. Mandolesi asked Bill Wheeler to make sure the stucco company has information on the new building extension for the police department. Mr. Pio stated he is not in agreement with a new building extension for the police department, and asked if it was open for discussion at this time. Mr. Lodise said we are only looking at the concept of a new police department. Bill Wheeler said there is a HARB meeting on July 17th to discuss the paint colors and stucco repair for the Borough Hall.
- Traffic Light - Bill Wheeler said the traffic light was repaired and they will be sending the Borough a bill.

Trash: no report

Lights: no report

Streets: no report

Personnel: no report

Solicitor Report:

Motion made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Toth to ratify the actions at the Work Session on June 20, 2023; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

Motion made by Mr. Pio seconded by Mr. Lodise to not have a work Session Meeting for the month of July; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer’s Report for July 10, 2023, was made available for inspection:

• General Fund Checking Balance as of June 1, 2023:	\$ 429,380.36
Expenses Totaled:	\$ -95,792.05
Income Totaled:	\$ <u>72,648.44</u>
General Fund Checking Balance as June 30, 2023:	\$ 406,236.75
• Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of June 1, 2023:	\$ 84,161.06
Expenses Totaled:	\$ -56,063.19
Income Toted:	\$ <u>19,859.55</u>
Sewer Fund Checking Balance as of June 30, 2023:	\$ 47,957.42
• Sewer Fund PLGIT Balance as of June 1, 2023:	\$ 248,783.09
Interest Totaled:	\$ 1,004.41
Deposit Totaled:	\$ 0
Expense	\$ 0
Sewer Fund PLGIT Balances as of June 30, 2023:	\$ 249,787.50
• Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of June 1, 2023:	\$ 113,650.86
Interest Totaled:	\$ 459.75
Deposit Totaled:	\$ 0
Expense Totaled:	\$ <u>- 430.49</u>
Highway Aid PLGIT Balances as of June 30, 2023:	\$ 113,680.12
• General Fund PLGIT Balance as of June 1, 2023:	\$ 1,074,662.31
Interest Totaled:	\$ 4,336.25
Deposit Totaled:	\$ 148.58
Expense Totaled:	\$ <u>-908.12</u>
General Fund PLGIT Balances as of June 30 2023	\$ 1,078,239.02

Bills: A copy of the bill list dated July 10, 2023, was provided to Council and offered for review by the public.

• General Fund beginning balance as of July 1, 2023:	\$ 385,279.97
ending balance as of July 27, 2023:	\$ 318,287.79
• Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of July 10, 2023:	\$ 87,786.69

A motion was made by Mr. Lodise seconded by Mr. Pio and carried unanimously to approve the bill list dated July 6, 2023; Motion carries 6-0-0.

Jr. Council Person: no report

Correspondence: none

New Business:

- Plumbing Work - Bill Wheeler said the Borough needs to hire a plumber to replace the outside faucet. He will call Ed Davey to complete the work.

Unfinished Business:

- Ms. McKairnes asked again about the Superior Holdings field not being cut. Mr. Mandolesi said he will call about it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm; motion made by Mr. Pio seconded by Mr. Lodise.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane McKairnes
Acting Secretary