

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2024

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
Rebecca Krause, Vice President
Dan Mandolesi
Jose Gonzalez
Nick Lodise
Judy Coleman
Naz Atabas, Junior Councilmember

Staff in Attendance

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

Councilmembers Absent: Jim Pio

Councilmembers Late to Arrive: none

Staff Absent: Dorothy Omietanski, Secretary

Guests in Attendance: Robert Nather, Michelle Mandolesi, Joe McKairnes, Sandy Carroll, Rose Bonaventura, Joe Hahn, Mary Johnson, Joe Williams, Guter Atabas, Necattin Atabas

Call to Order: Tom Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm; all those present joined the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Gonzalez to approve the minutes of July 1, 2024; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0

Planning Commission Report: No report

Public Comment:

- Ms. Mandolesi - Ms. Mandolesi mentioned the loud speakers at the Neshaminy Shore Club. She called Neshaminy Shore Club regarding her concerns but did not receive a call back. Chief Baran sent officer DiMeo to the Shore Club and they turned down the speaker but as soon as he left the volume went back up. The Mandolesi's received complaints from fellow neighbors as well. Mr. Lodise asked what the meter read and Mr. Mandolesi said it read 70-78 and it should not be more than 60. Mr. Luongo asked Chief Baran if he saw the meter reading. Chief Baran said he will test the next event. Mayor Mahon asked if the owners of the Shore Club have a copy of the ordinance. Chief Baran said this weekend he will talk to the owners and give them a copy of the ordinance. Mr.

Luongo told Ms. Mandolesi to visit the District Judge office and explain to him what has been going on. Take some evidence with you and also some letters from the neighbors.

- Mr. Williams - Mr. Williams asked if there was any new information regarding the water issue on his property. He said during this past storm the Neshaminy waters were so high they were filling the storm drain. Tom Wheeler said Gilmore and Associates is considering this issue as a possible MS4 project, but the property needs to meet all the criteria to be considered. The Borough cannot get involved if it does not become a MS4 project. Mr. Williams and his neighbor will have to work it out. Mr. Williams said, the water comes from Ford Ave and Henry’s Run. Ms. Coleman believes the Borough is responsible for the issue. William Wheeler said they could check with the county for the plans of the storm drain. The Storm Water Committee will follow up with Gilmore and Associates to come up with some suggestion for Mr. Williams.
- Ms. Johnson - Ms. Johnson asked for permission to place a framed picture to explain about the strong box. She also asked if it can be hung above it. Council Approved.

Mayor:

- Mr. William Wheeler was presented a plaque for completing the Pennsylvania Association of Borough, Certified Borough Official Program.
- Honor Junior Council - Ms. Atabas was presented a certificate for participating as Junior Council Member. Ms. Atabas thanked everyone for the opportunity she had of being a Junior Council Member and had some trivia questions for the council. The mayor reminded everyone that the Junior Council Program is in need of a new volunteer.
- Tree Maintenance – The Mayor suggested that the tree maintenance for the Borough include the recreation field.
- Community Event - The Mayor reminded everyone that the Touched by Teal Run will be taking place on November 9,2024.
- 150th Committee – The Mayor announced that the Family Fun Day held on Saturday, August 3, 2024 was a great success. The mayor thanked everyone who helped with the Family Fun Day/NNO. Next events are the Ghost Tours and tickets are now on sale.

Public Safety:

- Police Report – Mayor Mahon read the report for the month of July 2024:

Incident reports	15		Summary citations	0
Accident reports	1		Traffic citations	36
Assists	5		Criminal arrests	0
EMS calls	2		Parking ordinance	5
Court – local	8		Court – Doylestown	0
Hours worked	216		Salary	\$6,943.86

- Neshaminy Falls - Chief Baran talked to the Bucks County Parks Director J. McQuade and said he was aware of the issues with Hulmeville Falls and is placing new signs in the area
- New Police Office - Officer Rick Tucker was sworn in by Mayor Mahon on July, 23, 2024.

Storm Water/Floodplain/MS4:

- Upper Dam - Mayor Mahon ask if anyone had heard about removing the upper dam on the Neshaminy.

Borough Property:

- Memorial Park Tree- Mr. Mandolesi asked Ted from PECO to come out and look at the ash tree. Ted said it was not dead enough, but he will take it down if another limb comes down. The concern is if it comes down it will be on the Neshaminy St side where the electric lines are located.
- Playground Refurbishment - General Recreation presented a bill listing items needed to make the playground safer. The total cost is \$12,083.00, which includes a picnic table for \$3,300.00. Mr. McKairnes mentioned the flexible walk needs to be replaced. Mayor Mahon said she just received a flyer about playground grants. Mr. McKairnes mentioned that K.C. Tomlinson’s office might be able to help. Mulch needs to be put down for safety. Get bids together for September meeting. Mr. William Wheeler will look into grants for the Playground.
- Borough Air Conditioning Unit - Mr. Mandolesi mentioned that the air conditioning units need to be replaced at Borough Hall and that maybe the council could submit it for an RDA grant.

Finance: No report

IT:

- Ms. Mahon asked if line #3 on the internet signature form could be changed to no personal fundraising use of borough email. Mr. Luongo said we could just add that to line #3 and then initial it.

Personnel: no report

Public Works:

Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Gonzalez to authorize for a new waste collection contract; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

- Leaf Pick Up - William Wheeler asked council if they wanted the leaf pick up to remain the same which council all agreed to do.
- Middletown Township asked if Hulmeville Borough could send a letter to a Middletown Township to have Hulmeville pick up the trash of a Middletown resident on Fairview Ave. The borough will have to send a bill to the resident for the cost of the trash pick-up for the year.

- Refuse Cost Increase - Tom Wheeler wanted everyone to be aware the cost of the waste collection is expected to increase between 50% and 85%. He suggested council should consider asking for a 1, 3, and 5-year contract. The Bids need to be in by Tuesday, September 17, 2024.
- Dumpster at Company - Mr. Lodise talked to Jim who owns the motorcycle company down by Zimmerman Lane and advised him he needs to get a dumpster.

Ordinances:

- Sign Ordinance - Mr. Luongo said political signs are not limited to the amount of time they can be displayed. The Save the Hill signs are ok and he recommends the council does nothing with regards to the signs at this time.
- Fee Schedule – A revised fee schedule for borough services was presented to council to consider adopting.

Motion made by Mr. Gonzalez seconded by Mr. Lodise to authorize a resolution to adopt a revised fee schedule; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0

Borough Manager:

- Stucco Repair Project - William Wheeler is still trying to get the money we are due from the stucco and painting of the borough hall. He will talk to K.C. Tomlinson’s office and Tina Davis’s office.
- IT Upgrade - William Wheeler will be meeting with Chief Baran and the IT committee to upgrade the IT system.

Streets and Lights:

- Street Signs - Mr. Lodise installed some new street signs.
- Crosswalk Trenton and Main – Mr. Lodise talked to Penn Dot and got the Trenton Ave crosswalk issue straightened out.
- Mirror Requests - A resident called and asked if a mirror could be placed at Green St. and Bellevue Ave so there would be a better view down to the traffic light. Also, the mirror at the end of the Borough Hall drive is broken.
- Grass Complaint - Mr. Lodise received a call from Don and Deb Farham on McCarthy Drive. They called to complain that a resident’s grass is very long.

Fire Marshal/EMC: no report

Zoning/ Code Enforcement: no report

Water and Sewer:

- Sewer Bills - Ms. Wheeler said the water and sewer bills were sent out.
- Meter Replacement Project – Ms. Wheeler stated that there are approximately 80 meters left to replace. A letter will be sent to all residents who still need new meters and if they schedule an appointment there will be no fee. The residents who do not respond will have to hire a plumber to have the meter installed at their expense.

Solicitor Report:

- Superior Holdings Update - Mr. Luongo mentioned a litigation session took place on July 18th between the judge, HHC lawyer, Superior Holdings lawyer and the Borough's lawyer. A date was set by which all parties must submit their briefs to the judge and a hearing will be held after that date.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report for July 1, 2024, was made available for inspection:

• General Fund Checking Balance as of July 1, 2024:	\$ 406,339.76
Expenses Totalled:	\$ -275,552.98
Income Totalled:	<u>\$ 25,854.35</u>
General Fund Checking Balance as July 31, 2024:	\$ 156,641.13
• Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of July 1, 2024:	\$ 167,259.73
Interest Totalled:	\$ 723.78
Deposit Totalled:	\$ 0
Expense	<u>\$ 0</u>
Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of July 31, 2024:	\$ 167,983.51
• General Fund PLGIT Balance as of July 1, 2024:	\$ 1,247,556.78
Interest Totalled:	\$ 5,735.78
Deposit Totalled:	\$ 223,420.80
Expense Totalled:	<u>\$ -81,785.52</u>
General Fund PLGIT Balances as of July 31, 2024:	\$ 1,394,927.82

Bills: A copy of the bill list dated June 27, 2024, was provided to the council and offered for review by the public.

- **General Fund** beginning balance as of July 31, 2024: \$ 200,971.14
ending balance as of August 5, 2024: \$ 169,251.75

A motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise and carried unanimously to approve the bill list dated June 27, 2024; Motion carries 6-0-0.

Correspondence:

- Thank you note from Ms. Jim Clark for the borough recognition of the passing of her husband.

New Business:

- RDA Suggestion - Chief Baran feels an RDA grant for the IT upgrade may be appropriate. Mayor Mahon mentioned Donna Davis from the Holistic Center is asking if the council would sponsor them for an RDA grant. The second half of her project was denied last time, and she would like to reapply. Ms. Mahon recommends council consider sponsoring Ms. Davis. Ms. Coleman asked if the RDA would be a

way for the African American Museum to get money. Tom Wheeler said that the RDA has tightened the requirements for grants and many projects may not be approved anymore. Chief Baran would also like to request a replacement for the SUV.

- Parking at Borough Hall - Mr. Mandolesi said we need to actively mark the reserved parking places for the renters. Tom Wheeler will call Middletown and ask if they have the concrete bases for the signs we can put at each parking place.
- Upcoming Celebrations - Mayor Mahon announced there will be a 125th-celebration held on September 6 at Penndel Borough Hall from 7-9. Bensalem Historical Society will also have a celebration on October 25, 2024,

Unfinished Business: no report

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm; motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise.

Respectfully Submitted

Diane McKairnes