

## Hulmeville Borough Council

### Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2025

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  
Nick Lodise  
Jose Gonzalez  
Jim Pio  
Dan Mandolesi  
Judy Coleman

#### **Staff in Attendance**

Michael Luongo, Solicitor  
Diane McKairnes, Treasurer  
Dorothy Omietanski, Secretary  
Bill Wheeler, Borough Manager  
John Baran, Chief of Police

**Councilmembers Absent:** none

**Councilmembers Late to Arrive:** none

**Staff Absent:** Debbie Mahon , Mayor (due to absence of the Mayor, Tom Wheeler assumed the role of Mayor and therefore abstained from voting)

**Guests in Attendance:** Dennis Mitchell, Sheri Wheeler, Joe McKairnes, Nick Colacicco, Sandy Carroll, Patricia Taggart, Amanda Gonzalez and Joe Williams

**Call to Order:** Tom Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm; all those present joined the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Review of Positions and Reappointments:**

The following positions are reappointed:

#### **Recommendation made by Mr. Tom Wheeler to accept the slate for 2025:**

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| 1. Solicitor               | Thomas Panzer                           |
| 2. Manager                 | William Wheeler                         |
| 3. Secretary               | Dorothy Omietanski                      |
| 4. Treasurer               | Diane McKairnes                         |
| 5. Water & sewer clerk     | Patricia Slater                         |
| 6. Borough Fire Marshall   | William Wheeler                         |
| 7. Borough EMC             | William Wheeler                         |
| 8. Building inspectors     | BIU (Building Inspections Underwriters) |
| 9. Paper of record         | Bucks County Courier Times              |
| 10. Water & Sewer Engineer | Carroll Engineering                     |
| 11. President Pro-tem      | Nick Lodise                             |

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| 12. Chair of Vacancy Board | Doug Harris     |
| 13. Borough Engineer       | Gilmore         |
| 14. Police Chief           | John Baran      |
| 15. Zoning Officer         | William Wheeler |

**Motion made by Mr. Pio and seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to approve the appointments above; motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.**

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| 16. Water Meter Reader | Sheri Wheeler |
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**Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi and seconded by Mr. Pio to approve the appointment above; motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.**

The following committee members are appointed or reappointed:

**Motion made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Mr. Pio to reappoint Mike Wasson to the Water Authority for a 5-year term; motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.**

**Motion made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Mr. Lodise to reappoint Joe Coleman to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 3-year term; motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.**

**Motion made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to reappoint Jeff Myers to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term; motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.**

**Motion made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Ms. Krause to reappoint Marce Heald to HARB for a 3-year term; motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.**

**Motion made by Mr. Pio and seconded by Ms. Krause to reappoint Mary Johnson to the Recreation Board for a 5-year term; motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.**

Dan Ferry has resigned from the Zoning Hearing Board and two names were nominated to take his seat, Joe Hahn and Casandra Pio. The council voted 5 to 1 for Casandra Pio.

### **Minutes:**

**Motion made by Mr. Pio seconded by Ms. Krause to approve the minutes of December 2, 2024; Motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.**

### **Public Comment:**

- Nick Colacicco – Mr. Colacicco who lives at 505 Main Street came to make a complaint about the cheerleading school located on Reetz Ave adjacent to his property. They play very loud base music from 5pm to 9:30pm every evening throughout the year. Mr. Colacicco has approached the owner of the school several times regarding this matter, and nothing has changed. The school removed one speaker and has been asked to keep their doors closed. Chief Baran has also been called several times to speak to the owner regarding the noise level. Tom Wheeler will talk to Dave Preston and see if he can get a copy of the tenant's lease to see if there are any restrictions on their allowable activities.

Council has asked Chief Baran to start citing both the landlord and the owner of the business. Chief Baran will start by providing written warnings about the noise.

- Sandy Carroll – Ms. Carroll has red brick pavers she is looking to get rid of. Anyone interested can take them for free.

**Mayor:** no report

**Public Safety:**

- Police Report – John Baran read the report for the month of December 2024:

Incident reports	14	Summary citations	0
Accident Reports	0	Traffic citations	12
Assists	5	Criminal arrests	0
EMS calls	2	Parking ordinance	1
Court – local	12	Court – Doylestown	0
Hours worked	236	Salary	\$7,508.16

- Speed Sign Batteries – Chief Baran needs to order two new batteries for the speed sign on Trenton Rd. Each battery costs \$125 plus \$45 for shipping. The batteries are not covered under the warranty. Mr. Gonzalez suggested Chief Baran pricing out a cheaper battery and call the company to confirm if it can be used without effecting the warranty on the sign.

**Motion made by Mr. Lodise and seconded by Mr. Mandolesi to allow Chief Baran to purchase new batteries for the speed sign at 238 Trenton Rd at a cost of \$295; motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.**

**Storm Water/Floodplain/MS4:**

- Newsletter – The newsletter is going out tomorrow
- Aqua/PEC Grant – There is a meeting tomorrow on the Aqua/PEC grant application process.
- Storm Drain Lincoln & Ford – Ms. Krause is going to see if cleaning of the storm drain at Lincoln & Ford could be added to the MS4 project list. She is going to meet with Jay Ferraro, who was involved with a similar project in Langhorne Manor to discuss grant opportunities and Gilmore regarding the MS4 project list.
- Detention Basin Michelle Court – Mr. Mandolesi inquired to whom his inspection paperwork should be submitted. In the past he gave the paperwork to Ms. Mahon. Mr. Pio would like a copy but also suggested giving it to Ms. Omietanski for filing.

**Borough Property:**

- Lock Box – The lock box at Memorial Park has been installed.

**Finance:**

- Tax Collector Fee – Finance committee needs to meet discuss the taxpayer compensation and set the rate, for the years 2026-2029, by February 15, 2025.

**IT:** no report

**Personnel Report:** no report

**Public Works:**

- Stop Signs – Mr. Lodise installed 8 stop signs.
- Waste Management Trash Cans – Mr. Lodise distributed information to residents that Leck will not pick up trash in Waste Management Trash Cans.

**Ordinances:** no report

**Borough Manager:**

- RDA Grants – The RDA approved three grant requests – Emergency Operation Upgrade, part of the repaving project and a new police car. The Emergency Operations Upgrade will include internet equipment upgrade, an AV system for the meeting room and a generator for the municipal building. The police car will replace the 2016 Explorer.
- New Bid Threshold – Bill Wheeler distributed the 2025 bid thresholds. The amounts increased by approximately 2.4%. The new requirements are any project over \$23,800 requires three formal bids, anything between \$12,900 and \$23,800 requires three informal (e.g. telephonic) bids and anything under \$12,900 requires no bids.
- No Internet – Bill Wheeler informed council that there may be an internet interruption for Comcast users throughout Hulmeville on Thursday. Comcast is doing work on their system.
- Webinars – Bill Wheeler tries to sign up for any and all webinars offered, even if he is unable to attend them, since they will still mail information regarding the presentations made. There is a floodplain audit compliance webinar coming up. It is in two parts the first one will be on 1/8/25 from 9am – 12 noon. He will be viewing it at Borough Hall and anyone is welcome to join him.
- Playground Equipment and Mulch – The playground equipment has been ordered. The mulch company contacted Bill Wheeler for delivery and they have agreed to hold off until further notice for delivery. Mr. McKairnes will speak to Craig Unger regarding the use of his equipment to assist with the mulch distribution after delivery.

**Streets and Lights:** no report

**Fire Marshal/EMC:** no report

**Zoning/ Code Enforcement:**

- ZHB Meeting – There will be a zoning hearing board meeting on 1/22/25 for Kim Vile on Reetz Ave who is requesting a variance for exceeding the impervious surface ratio due to an addition she would like to add to her home. The addition will put her over her allotment of impervious surface, and she will need to incorporate stormwater control systems to be allowed to add the addition.
- DCNR – Meeting with DCNR on 1/9/25 at 9am

**Water and Sewer:**

- Meter Reading – Bill Wheeler and Slater met with Rio and conferenced in Munibilling to work through the issues they were having with the new software. They discovered it was a digit's issue between the two systems. It was resolved and the bills only went out one day late.

**Solicitors' Report:** no report

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report for January 6, 2025, was made available for inspection:

- **General Fund Checking** Balance as of December 1, 2024: \$ 173,264.34  
     Expenses Totaled: \$ -56,017.32  
     Income Totaled: \$ 53,209.85  
 General Fund Checking Balance as December 31, 2024: **\$ 170,456.87**
- **Highway Aid PLGIT** Balance as of December 1, 2024: \$ 171,592.96  
     Interest Totaled: \$ 0  
     Deposit Totaled: \$ 0  
     Expense \$ 44.19  
 Highway Aid PLGIT Balance as of December 31, 2024: **\$ 171,548.77**
- **General Fund PLGIT** Balance as of December 1, 2024: **\$ 1,510,965.69**  
     Interest Totaled: \$ 0  
     Deposit Totaled: \$ 145.46  
     Expense Totaled: \$ 31,296.77  
 General Fund PLGIT Balances as of December 30, 2024: **\$ 1,479,814.38**

**Bills:** A copy of the bill list dated January 3, 2025, was provided to the council and offered for review by the public.

- **General Fund** beginning balance as of December 31, 2024: \$ 153,740.21  
     **General Fund** ending balance as of January 27, 2025: \$ 135,633.90

**A motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Lodise and carried unanimously to approve the bill list dated January 3, 2025; Motion carries 6-0-0.**

**Correspondence:**

- Tax Collector Training – Valerie Myers met the training and educational requirements required by Pennsylvania Act 48 of 2015.

**New Business:**

**Motion made by Mr. Pio and seconded by Ms. Krause to cancel the January work session; motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.**

- Name Plate – Mr. Pio requested that a name plate be ordered for Mike Luongo. Ms. McKairnes will place the order.

**Unfinished Business:**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm; the motion made by Mr. Pio seconded by Mr. Lodise.**

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski

Secretary