

## **Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council Meeting Minutes- February 8, 2021**

**Call to Order** – Mrs. Boyles called the February meeting, via telecommunication, of the Borough Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance**– The following members of the Borough Council were present; Katie Daniels, Sherry Boyles, Cathy Neff, Gay Bowman, Lois Stoner, and Cindy Goshorn. Also present; Leroy “Cork” Shildt, Mayor; Mark Allshouse, Borough Solicitor; Thomas Day, Police Chief/ Borough Manager; and Sara Jarrett-Eaton, Borough Secretary/ Treasurer. Absent was James J. Collins, II.

**Approval of January Bill List and Payment**- Mrs. Neff motioned for the approval for the payment of bills. It was seconded by Ms. Daniels. Ms. Daniels asked about police expenses falling under their miscellaneous and supply line items. Ms. Jarrett-Eaton explained the expenditures. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of the Borough Council meeting on January 11, 2021 were approved as presented. The motion was made by Mrs. Goshorn and seconded by Mrs. Neff. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Citizens to be Heard -**

Name: Dennis Sheldon

Address: 8 East Locust Street

Comments: Mr. Sheldon stated that he was invited by Ms. Daniels to attend the meeting. He spoke about his work with the Pentagon and his expertise in computer science. He recently offered borough residents free classes for computer literacy and wanted to extend his expertise for the borough’s use. He expanded on the classes he offers including cyber security, computer networking, and Microsoft office training.

**Solicitor’s Report**- Mr. Allshouse had nothing new to report.

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**Mayor’s Report**- Mayor Shildt reported on the monthly police statistics that were provided to council members.

Chief Day reported that there is a new budget proposal from the Governor’s office that includes fees for State Police services. These fees would be levied against departments that rely on the State Police for full-time coverage, part-time coverage, and even those who only use them for back-up. The fees would be based on a scale with criteria such as population and size used to determine the fees. The proposed fee for the Borough of Mount Holly Springs is \$19,000.00 per year.

Ms. Daniels asked for clarification for some aspects of the police statistics including some of the types of citations issued. Chief Day offered clarification.

**Committee Reports**– The following reports were discussed;

WCCOG Report– No representative of the borough was present at this month’s meeting.

Health, Safety, and Welfare- Mrs. Stoner made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-02 adopting the Cumberland County 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion was seconded by Ms. Daniels

and passed by unanimous vote. Mayor Shildt stated that there was a lot of good information in the plan and highlighted his points of interest.

Mrs. Stoner made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-03 adopting procedures for professional service contracts for the non-uniform and uniform pension plans. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Neff and passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Daniels brought to the attention of council a vulgar political sign being displayed on Chestnut Street and asked if there was anything to be done about it. Chief Day cited freedom of speech and that the resident could not be forced to remove the sign. Chief Day also referenced a Supreme Court case that was upheld regarding a similar situation. Ms. Daniels asked if a borough ordinance could be made to address similar issues. Chief Day stated that a borough ordinance cannot supersede a Supreme Court ruling. Ms. Daniels asked if there were any options for removal of the sign. Mr. Allshouse reinforced the comments made by Chief Day. He went on to reference freedom of speech as outline in the Constitution. The only thing that could be done would include a change to the Constitution of the United States.

Administrative, Finance, and Budget– Mrs. Stoner made a motion to approve the yearly contract for Rebecca Yearick, Cumberland County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Downtown Services Manager, for a cost of \$4,000.00 per year to be paid in two payments. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bowman and passed by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Stoner made a motion to accept the resignation of Steffen Little, Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, effective Friday, February 12, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn and passed by unanimous vote. Mrs. Neff asked if there was someone to replace him. Chief Day stated that applications for the position would be accepted until March 1, 2021.

Zoning/ Codes Officer– The Zoning and Codes officer report was provided.

Public Works- Chief Day commended the Maintenance department for the long hours they dedicated over the last week to snow removal. He also reported that the salt and anti-skid bins will be refilled in the coming week. Mayor Shildt offered commendation to Chief Day for working alongside the Maintenance department for the snow removal and offered appreciation for their hard work.

Borough Manager's Report- Chief Day asked for approval to purchase a new police car to replace the 2014 Ford Explorer. He reported that new Ford Police Inceptors are about \$34,000.00 and will also need a cage, push bar, and console due to a change in the body style. He stated that there is about \$30,000.00 allocated in the Police Car Reserve and that about \$12,000.00 would be needed from the General Fund. Chief Day reported that the accounts are well funded. Mrs. Neff asked if the old car could be traded in or sold. Chief Day stated that he would like to keep the 2014 model for maintenance use or the codes officer and would like to sell the Crown Victoria by sealed bid. Mayor Shildt shared his support of keeping the fleet up to date.

Mrs. Neff made a motion to approve the purchase of a new police car with police car reserve funds and up to \$15,000.00 of general funds. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn and passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Daniels asked Chief Day about an advertisement for bids for bio-solid hauling. Chief Day elaborated that the bid request came from the authority and described procedure for approval moving forward.

Mayor Shildt asked what kind of construction work was being done at the plant the previous week. Chief Day reported that a valved needed to be replaced. The location and depth of the valve required professional services as our employees could not do it themselves.

Planning and Zoning Board– Ms. Daniels offered an update on the ongoing subdivision plan submitted by Mr. Flohr. He has offered another review extension, but the Planning Commission has tabled it to their next meeting in hopes that it will not be needed. He is working on resubmitted the plan with the additional information that was requested including an easement letter from his attorney and better indications of monuments on the plan. She also discussed the fee in lieu of dedication. She explained that with a subdivision when there is an opportunity for building there is a requirement for land to be set aside for recreation. The developer can pay fee instead of dedicated land. Mr. Flohr is still under old SLDO with a fee of \$200.00 per lot for a total of \$600.00. She questioned the fee and procedures because HRG indicated that council will need to approve that fee in lieu of dedicated land. Mr. Allshouse explained that this will come when it comes through Planning Commission for final approval. He continued to say that Mr. Flohr can request the waiver now or show up to the Council meeting to accept fee. The plan has to be acted upon by planning commission first. Ms. Daniels asked about an “Application for Approval” as the office employees at the borough were not familiar with the term. Mr. Allshouse was also not aware of such an application. Ms. Daniels suggested asking the engineers for clarification of their use of the term. She concluded that South Middleton has approved the plan contingent on the borough’s approval and if the land that falls within South Middleton is marked as non-buildable.

Parks and Recreation- Mrs. Neff reported that they are beginning to plan for Holly Festival Day. Mrs. Stoner reported that Mrs. Jarrett-Eaton would be attending their next meeting to help plan an event for Easter. The Lion’s Club and American Legion still intend to have their annual egg hunt.

**Any Other Business to Come Before Council:** Ms. Daniels reported that she is working with Heart and Soul on a community-building writing contest. She asked if there was any possibility of the Trine Park reopening ceremony happening in the fall. Chief Day reported that he planned to begin work at Trine Park as soon as the weather broke and hoped to make headway through the summer. He hoped to have the park ready by September.

Ms. Daniels also reminded council members to sign the letter of support for Mt. Tabor AME Church and cemetery to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Adjourn** – Ms. Daniels made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sara E. Jarrett - Eaton  
Borough Secretary/ Treasurer