

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

Attendance– The following members of the Borough Council were present; James Collins II, Katie Daniels, Sherry Boyles, 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. Katie Daniels participated by phone due to the ongoing pandemic. Cathy Neff was absent from the meeting.

Call to Order – Mr. Collins called the March meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council President James Collins led a moment of silence in memory of fallen firefighter Jerome Guise. Mayor Shildt recognized the month of March as First Responders' Month and offered appreciation for their service.

President Collins opened a hearing for proposed Ordinance #2021-01 which would increase the "ready access fee" for trash service from \$5.00 to \$15.00 per quarter. No members of the public present wished to speak about the addressed ordinance. Mayor Shildt asked who the ordinance affects, and Chief Day offered clarification. President Collins closed the hearing.

Approval of February Bill List and Payment- Mrs. Boyles motioned for the approval for the payment of bills. It was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the Borough Council meeting on February 8, 2021 were approved as presented. The motion was made by Mrs. Boyles and seconded by Ms. Bowman. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard -

Name: Mark Stahl

Address: Mountain Creek Trout Club

Comments: Mr. Stahl presented plans to council for a handicap fishing pier along the Mountain Creek. The land that the pier is proposed to be placed on was donated by a local business owner, Jerry Eby. The plans for the pier will be available for review at the borough office. He also reported that the Fish and Game Commission will be doing a habitat improvement on the Mountain Creek in July. The Mountain Creek Trout Club will be hosting a creek cleanup on June 5th and 6th.

Solicitor's Report- Mr. Allhouse updated council on the bids submitted for the sludge hauling to the borough water and sewer authority. He presented the bid result that was submitted by Advanced Disposal/ Waste Management and explained that the options of sludge removal are limited due to the small amount of hauling required. He advised that council would need to approve the submitted bid. Mrs. Boyles made a motion to approve the low bid submitted for sludge hauling contingent on the water and sewer authority's approval. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stoner and passed by unanimous vote.

Chief Day reported that he reached out the Advanced Disposal/ Waste Management regarding our upcoming expiring trash contract. The contract has an option to extend the current contract by two years if both parties agree. Our municipal contact is reaching out to his supervisors to see if that is something Advanced Disposal/ Waste Management would be willing to do. Chief Day reviewed the prior bid results and expressed concern with the potential price increase due to the sale of Advanced Disposal to Waste Management.

Mayor's Report- Mayor Shildt presented the monthly police statistics.

Chief Day asked council to hire a part-time police officer. Chief Day proposed hiring John Dengler who will be graduating from the academy in the coming week and holds a degree in criminal justice. Mrs. Boyles made motion to hire John Dengler for the position of part-time police officer at a rate of \$19.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn. Ms. Daniels questioned the need for an additional officer since the promotion of an officer to full-time and the recent part-time officer that was hired. Chief Day explained the current scheduling issues he was experiencing and the need for another part-time officer.

Mayor Shildt advocated for the addition of a part-time officer and expressed the difficulties in finding officers currently. The motion passed by majority vote with Ms. Daniels being the only nay vote.

Committee Reports- The following reports were discussed;

WCCOG Report- Chief Day reported that Troy Russell attended the meeting as the borough representative. The WCCOG discussed at their meeting to rebid the material bids that were gathered earlier in the year. Chief Day reported that there was conflict around the bid results from some of the material suppliers. He also reported that there have been issues with salt deliveries to the municipalities regarding the amount of time it is taking to receive deliveries. These delays can result in municipalities being unprepared for severe weather.

Health, Safety, and Welfare- Mrs. Boyles made a motion to approve the relocation of the borough's designated polling place from the firehouse to the borough office

council chambers. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stoner. Ms. Daniels asked if the elections office had come out to the office to check for compliance. Chief Day advised that they had been out and approved of the relocation. Ms. Daniels voiced concerns about the space available in the council chambers. She added that the Bureau of Elections will be mailing out notifications to registered voters of the change in venue and that the Bureau of Elections recommends the borough include news of this change in venue on our social media, website, and newsletter.

Administrative, Finance, and Budget– Mrs. Boyles made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-01 which will increase the “ready access fee” for trash service from \$5.00 to \$15.00 per quarter. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn. Ms. Daniels and Mr. Allshouse discussed the language within the ordinance and some minor mistakes in grammar. Ms. Daniels asked if this fee could be added to the yearly fee schedule in order to more easily update the fee. Mr. Allshouse advised that it must be in an ordinance due to the nature of the fee. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Boyles made a motion to hire Joshua Kuhn to fill the position of Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator at the rate of \$19.00 per hour to start March 15, 2021. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bowman and passed by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Boyles made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-04, approving the submission of a grant to DCED under the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation program for lighting to be installed at the baseball field. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stoner. Ms. Daniels added that the grant has a 15% cash match and inquired about where the money would come from. Chief Day stated that it would fall under a Parks and Recreation budget line item. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Boyles requested an executive session at the conclusion of the meeting for personnel with no action anticipated.

Ms. Daniels addressed those present regarding confidentiality with the dangerous structures ordinance violations. She expressed concern due to a recent news story that was aired about an address that had been condemned under the ordinance. She went on to state that she felt there were lessons that could be learned in the application of the Dangerous Structures Ordinance. Chief Day responded that the borough did not have control over the news story and what was reported. He elaborated on the specific details of the case and provided information on why the property was condemned and the safety concerns for not only the homeowners but any first responders during an emergency.

Zoning/ Codes Officer– The Zoning and Codes officer report was included in the council packet.

Public Works- Chief Day reported that Carlisle Borough contacted our maintenance department about street sweeper parts that they had stocked for their retired equipment which matches our current equipment. Carlisle Borough sold us the parts for \$1,100.00 which is a significant savings to the borough.

Mayor Shildt praised the maintenance department and Chief Day for their long hours and hard work keeping the streets cleaned during the last snow fall.

Borough Manager's Report- Chief Day reported that the work at Trine Park will begin in the coming weeks. Additionally, they will begin preparing for the drilling of the second well at the authority's property on Maple Street.

Chief Day reported that the owner of the 60-acre property along Route 34 has approached the borough to provide him an address for the property since PennDOT had issued a permit for a driveway. Chief Day went on to explain that due to the location of the approved driveway, he felt it was not safe. He reached out to PennDOT and they disclosed that an out-of-town engineer approved the permit and agreed it was not a safe location for a driveway. PennDOT has pulled the permit for further review and will get back to Chief Day with their intent moving forward.

Ms. Bowman asked Chief Day about the status of the proposed safe exchange zone at the borough office. Chief Day explained that it was on hold due to staffing but was still intended to progress.

Planning and Zoning Board- Ms. Daniels made a motion to approve the offered extension for the Flohr subdivision plan application until June 15, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Boyles. Chief Day asked Ms. Daniels about Mr. Flohr's final intent with the subdivision. Ms. Daniels reported that he plans to split his property in to 3 parcels. She also indicated that the South Middleton Township area has been marked as a "no-build" area on the submitted plans.

Mr. and Mrs. Milliken of 434 South Baltimore Avenue asked to address council regarding the recent condemnation of their property. Mrs. Milliken began by saying that she appreciated what the borough had done to help them through the condemnation and rehabilitation of their property. She shared frustration with the news coverage of their home. She relayed disappointment in the communication between the borough and their family. She felt that they were not provided enough information and did not have "due process." She added that she felt there was room for better organization when dealing with condemning homes and displacing families. Mr. Milliken stated that he had lived in his home for 40 years and his home has always had the issues that caused the property to be condemned. Mrs. Milliken asked if there will be another inspection since the structural concerns had been corrected. Chief Day stated that there would not be. Mrs. Milliken shared concern for

the level of confidentiality with the emergency services. Mrs. Milliken concluded with stating that she did not want their experience to be the experience of another family. Mr. Collins stated that the handling of their ordinance violation and subsequent property condemnation would be looked into further by the borough. Mayor Shildt offered an apology for how the situation turned out.

Parks and Recreation- Mrs. Stoner reported that Pam Still and Andrew Dapkins were at the last meeting to report on the blue bird houses located at Trine Park. They also proposed the addition of a pollinator garden at Trine Park where the drainage issue had occurred.

Mrs. Stoner and Mrs. Jarrett-Eaton reported on the upcoming borough-wide Easter event they will be hosting.

Ms. Bowman provided a report on the garden that will be going in at Butler Street Park.

Ms. Daniels reported that the Cumberland County seedling sale is coming up and suggested that it could be a source of native plants and trees.

Any Other Business to Come Before Council: There was no other business to come before council.

Adjourn – Mrs. Stoner made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Council members along with Chief Day, Mayor Shildt, and Solicitor Allshouse adjourned into executive session for a personnel issue with no action anticipated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara E. Jarrett - Eaton
Borough Secretary/ Treasurer