

**Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council Committee
Meeting Minutes-March 25, 2021**

Call to Order – Mr. Collins called the March committee meeting of the Borough Council to order at 6:30 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mrs. Boyles made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the March 8, 2021 meeting of council as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stoner and passed by unanimous vote.

Citizens to be Heard -

Name: Rebecca Yearick

Address: Cumberland County Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Comments: Ms. Yearick's report was submitted electronically to council members and staff.

Name: Tom Potts

Address: Citizens Saving Claremont Organization

Comments: Mr. Potts addressed council about the impending sale of the Cumberland County owned Claremont Nursing and Rehabilitation Home. Mr. Potts presented the position of the newly founded organization, Citizens Saving Claremont Organization. The organization is advocating for the county to retain ownership of the home which provides services to lower-income residents. Mr. Potts explained that the county move to sell the home is based on the budget deficit. Claremont usually is financially solid and has potential to continue to be financially secure post COVID-19. Mr. Potts stated that the position of the organization is not to never sell Claremont but to not rush to sell during the pandemic when other or better options may exist.

Name: Daniel Freedman

Address: 325 Bonnybrook Road, Carlisle

Comments: Mr. Freedman addressed council as a candidate running for our local Magisterial Judge position. He presented his background as a 24-year law enforcement professional and stated his plan if elected to the position. He answered questions about his stance on important issues.

Borough Manager's Report: Chief Day updated council on the status of the upcoming trash contract renewal. At a previous meeting Chief Day informed council that he had reached out to Advanced Disposal/ Waste Management for the option to extend our current trash contract. He heard back from our municipal representative and they are not willing to extend the current contract due to the increasing cost of services. Council members, Chief Day, and Mayor Shildt discussed potential options for the next contract and what the bid results could look like for our next contract.

Chief Day reported that the borough will be receiving funds from the most recent COVID-19 relief package. The borough is slated to receive \$203,000.00. The payments will come from the state government in two payments of 50% each. The money will have to be spent by 2024 and the guidance for spending from the state has not been completed. Chief Day proposed a bonus be given to the employees that worked through the pandemic rather than choosing to draw from unemployment. He proposed a \$2,500.00 bonus for full-time employees and \$1,000.00 for part-time employees. Ms. Daniels requested a list of disbursement for the employee bonus proposal. He also suggested that the funds be used for additional enhancements at Trine Park and for improvements to West Pine Street. Council members, Chief Day, and Mayor Shildt discussed the state of Tichy Park and potential improvements to be made. Chief Day advised that the old equipment from Trine Park will be moved to Tichy Park. Ms. Goshorn expressed concern for the community around Tichy Park. Chief Day cautioned council on investing much money into Tichy Park due to regular vandalism of the equipment, trash receptacles, and picnic tables.

Chief Day updated council of the status of the Trine Park improvement project. Chief Day advised council of an incident on Larken Lane. He explained that sewage was backing up onto the street. The responsibility for the cost of repairs is the property owners. The borough authority paid to have the lines vacuumed and will bill the owner of the trailer park. The Department of Environmental Protection has been notified of the incident. A citation has been issued to the property owner for not complying with the rental ordinance.

Chief Day also reported that the Maintenance department is removing the pear trees along Baltimore Avenue. The trees are being replaced with Japanese lilac trees and are expected to all be replaced within two years.

Health, Safety, and Welfare: Mrs. Boyles made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-05 in support of Cumberland County keeping ownership of the Claremont Nursing and Rehabilitation Home. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stoner and passed by unanimous vote.

Administration, Finance, and Budget: Mrs. Boyles made a motion to accept the resignation of John Dengler from the position of part-time police officer due to another job offer. The motion was seconded by Ms. Daniels and passed by unanimous vote.

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

Public Works Committee: Chief Day was asked if he knew the timeline for the PennDOT resurfacing project. Chief Day reported that had not been informed of their plan moving forward.

Chief Day reported that W. Lowe, a property owner on South Baltimore Avenue, is requesting an address for his property. An address cannot be supplied until he has a permit from PennDOT for a driveway. Mr. Lowe was able to get approval for the driveway, but Chief Day feels that the location he wishes to use is a safety risk to those traveling on Route 34. Chief Day reached out to PennDOT who agreed with his concerns and plan to have their engineers review the permit. Mr. Lowe spoke with Mr. Collins about getting an easement through the borough authority property, but Chief Day feels that an easement is not advisable. Chief Day recommended alternative options for Mr. Lowe to gain access to his property. Mr. Lowe will be submitting an easement request to the borough.

Planning and Zoning Liaison Report: Ms. Daniels reported that an alternate for the Zoning Hearing Board will need to be appointed at the upcoming council meeting. She has recommended that Gwen Robbins, a resident of Yates Street and a local business owner, be appointed to serve.

Ms. Daniels also gave a report on the Climate Forum that she attended. A copy of her notes were sent to all council members.

Parks and Recreation Committee: Mrs. Neff reported that Parks and Recreation is moving forward with planning the Holly Festival Day. She reported on the upcoming community wide Easter event and explained how it will work. She also reported that the South Middleton Soccer League will begin practicing at Stoll Field within the next few weeks. Mrs. Neff announced that there will be a softball tournament at the field behind the borough office on April 25th.

Mr. Collins asked if there was any other business to be brought before council.

Ms. Daniels reported that a stewardship group is being put together for the Holly

Marsh Preserve. She explained that volunteers would do quarterly reporting on the condition of the trails. She invited any council member to participate. Any interested volunteers should contact Ms. Daniels.

Adjourn – Mrs. Boyles made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Ms. Bowman. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned into executive session at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara E. Jarrett - Eaton
Borough Secretary/ Treasurer