

Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council Meeting Minutes- May 10, 2021

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

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. Absent was Cathy Neff.

Approval of April Bill List and Payment- Ms. Daniels motioned for the approval for the payment of bills. It was seconded by Mrs. Stoner. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the Borough Council meeting on April 29, 2021 were approved as presented. The motion was made by Mrs. Boyles and seconded by Ms. Daniels. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard -

Name: Mark Stahl

Address: Mountain Creek Trout Club

Comments: Mr. Stahl submitted a request to the borough for a letter granting permission to access the borough's property from Mill Street to conduct a stream clean-up on July 5 and 6, 2021. Mr. Stahl also asked council for permission to host a duck derby on the Mountain Creek during Holly Days.

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

Mayor's Report- Mayor Shildt reported the police statistics and recognized the current week as National Police Week.

Mayor Shildt reported on the proposed PennDOT solution to his concerns about speed and accidents on Yates Street, which is a state road. He stated that PennDOT did not agree to a speed reduction or relocation of the speed signs but will be adding 3 signs for caution on the road "curve ahead." The PennDOT representative intends to coordinate a conference call with the borough. Chief Day reported that the engine failed in the 2014 Police Explorer.

Committee Reports– The following reports were discussed;
WCCOG Report– No report was provided.

Health, Safety, and Welfare- Chief Day reported that the 2021 Police Explorer was delivered and scheduled to go in to be outfitted at the end of May. He stated that the disabled 2014 Police Explorer will be put at Sheaffer and Son's Auto's salvage yard to be used for parts as needed and the title of the vehicle will be signed over to Sheaffer and Son's Auto.

Administrative, Finance, and Budget- Mrs. Boyles made a motion to hire Jonathan Day as a part-time, temporary maintenance employee at a rate of \$15.00 per hour retroactive to April 19, 2021. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bowman and passed by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Boyles made a motion to approve the submitted Mt. Tabor Organization Memorandum of Understanding. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stoner and passed by unanimous vote. Ms. Daniels referenced minor corrections that she had submitted to the borough office. Mrs. Jarrett-Eaton indicated that they would be corrected.

Mrs. Boyles made a motion to approve the contribution to Yellow Breeches EMS, Inc. in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the purchase of an automated CPR machine. The motion was seconded by Ms. Daniels. Chief Day reported that the money could come out of the allocated COVID relief money coming from the federal government. He also reported that the ambulance company intends to purchase 2 machines. The machines can do compressions on a patient while emergency responders tend to other needs of the patient. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Boyles made a motion to hire Douglas Shields at a rate of \$19.00 per hour to serve as a part-time zoning and codes officer. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stoner. Chief Day explained to council the need for the change in personnel to meet the needs of the residents. He went on to explain that Mr. Russell's hours worked have greatly decreased this year, resulting in insufficient attention to the requests of residents and contractors. Mr. Russell will continue to handle rental inspections and finish up codification and ongoing grants. Mr. Shields will be responsible for all zoning and codes matters. The motion passed by unanimous vote. Mrs. Boyles made a motion to hire Jeremy Metz to serve as a part-time police officer at a rate of \$19.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bowman. Chief Day reported on Officer Metz's qualifications and his current experience in Baltimore City working as a police officer. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Zoning/ Codes Officer- The Zoning and Codes officer did not provide a report.

Borough Manager's Report- Mayor Shildt asked Chief Day when he anticipated Sergeant Wolfe to return to work. Chief Day reported that he may be able to come back on May 17, 2021 but he would not be permitted to come back without clearance to work at full capacity.

Planning and Zoning Board– Ms. Daniels reported an update on the Flohr subdivision plan and the discussion of the next steps with the borough solicitor.

Parks and Recreation- Mrs. Stoner made a motion to approve the additional expenditures of \$60,000.00 from the COVID relief money to be used at the Trine Park Improvement Project. The motion was seconded by Ms. Boyles. The motion passed by majority vote with Ms. Daniels being the only no vote.

Mrs. Stoner reported that the Holly Festival Day planning will be moving forward for September 18, 2021.

Mrs. Stoner reported that Parks and Recreation will be planning a Back-to-School Night in conjunction with an opening event at Trine Park in the late summer.

Ms. Bowman reported on the status of the Butler Street Garden. She reported that they have planted 38 perennials with more anticipated to be planted once they arrive to the nursery. Ms. Bowman thanked the volunteers that helped get the perennials planted.

Chief Day offered an update on the Trine Park Improvement Project. He reported that Pennsy will be delivering sand in the next week for the beach volleyball court. He also reported that South Middleton Township employees will be helping to install the playground equipment as they are certified in the installations. Chief Day reported that the dead trees at Trine Park have been removed. The fence at the dog park will be installed the first week of June. The bathrooms will be pressured sprayed by the borough employees and painted by a volunteer. South Middleton Township employees that are helping to install the new playground equipment recommended that the borough does not take the old equipment from Trine Park to Tichy Park as it is not federally approved and does not meet their current standards. Chief Day reported that they will either sell off scrap from the equipment or sell it privately. Mrs. Stoner thanked Chief Day and the Maintenance department for doing the work at Trine Park.

Any Other Business to Come Before Council: Mark Stahl asked about any upcoming paving projects. His organization will be placing markers that were purchased by the Citizen's Action Committee on storm drains that read, "This drain goes to the Mountain Creek." He wanted to be sure there were no paving projects for this year before they were installed. Chief Day responded that there were not any paving projects planned for this year.

Mayor Shildt asked questions about how voting will work at the borough office since the voting location has changed this year.

Adjourn – Ms. Boyles made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara E. Jarrett - Eaton
Borough Secretary/ Treasurer