

Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council Meeting Minutes-July 11, 2022

Call to Order – Mrs. Boyles called the July 11, 2022, meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance– The following members of the Borough Council were present; James Collins II, Sherry Boyles, Gay Bowman, Lois Stoner, Cathy Neff, Deborah Halpin-Brophy. Also present, Mark Allshouse, Borough Solicitor; and Thomas Day, Police Chief/ Borough Manager, Nanette Dusharm, Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Mayor, Dr. Brian Robertson. Cindy Goshorn was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance – Mrs. Boyles led the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Borough committee meeting on June 30, 2022, were approved as presented. The motion was made Mrs. Boyles and seconded by Mrs. Stoner. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of June 2022 Bill List and Payment- Mrs. Boyles motioned for the approval for the payment of bills and was seconded by Mrs. Brophy. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard –

Judy Theres of 213 N. Baltimore Avenue, Mount Holly Springs was present to discuss the violation letter received about her sidewalks needing to be repaired. She stated that ever since the Borough planted trees on her sidewalk that it has become heaved and she shouldn't be responsible for repairing that since that was not incurred by her. Mr. Collins stated that the ADA would disagree that the sidewalk would have to be repaired by the homeowner. She said that if it is here fault, she wouldn't have a problem paying for the repairs. But, feels the Borough should be responsible with the slope by the tree.

Amy Fahnstock of 14 Holly Street, Mount Holly Springs was also present to discuss the violation letter received about her sidewalks needing repaired as well. She wants to know why not everyone is required to have these repairs. Chief Day stated that we are starting with the residents who have existing sidewalks and then we will continue to send letters to everyone that is in the borough and they will be required to put a sidewalk in also. Ms. Fahnstock asked if she could get the specs that are required for the sidewalk. She was told to contact Zoning Officer Doug Shields and he will obtain them for her.

Carmen James of 82 Mountain Street, Mount Holly Springs was present to discuss the lease of the Mount Tabor Church with the Borough. Mrs. Boyles made a motion to approve the one-year lease for the building not the grounds at \$1.00 per month. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bowman. All are in favor.

Solicitor's Report-

Mr. Allshouse had nothing new to report.

Mayor's Report –

Mayor Roberston informed council that we had 14 traffic citations for the month. Mayor Robertson also suggested that we look into purchasing security cameras for our parks. We had some vandalism done to park benches at Butler Park. Chief Day said the damaged benches have been removed and we will look into replacing them with new ones as they are purchased.

Zoning/Codes Officer—Code Enforcement Officer, Doug Shields had nothing new to report. Mr. Shields had stated that there is \$175 Million in grant applications and there is only \$46 Million to give out.

Committee Reports—

Cathy Neff reported that Parks and Rec meeting is next week. The Borough has been busy with Tiche Park. All the old playground equipment has been removed except the swing sets; they will stay until the new equipment comes in. There has been a good amount of money donated to Trine Park for the annual celebration. Tiche Park playground equipment is going to be here sometime in September. We are still looking for volunteers to help with the annual celebration on July 30th.

Health, Safety, and Welfare Committee – Ms. Bowman had nothing new to report.

Administrative, Finance, and Budget—Mrs. Boyles had nothing new to report.

Public Works- Nothing new to report.

Borough Manager's Report- Chief Day informed council that we have received \$2340 for the trees that we had taken down along Trine Park. Chief Day mentioned that they had hauled clean fill and filled in where the basketball court is going to go. Chief Day also informed council that Julia Chain from the South Mountain Partnership recommended that we send a letter stating why we should get the money for the work to be done on Lakeside Drive. Chief Day mentioned that we have a lot of grants out now and hoping to get some responses soon. One, is for purchasing a couple of portable radios. The radios cost about \$4,000 for a P25 system. We will be receiving \$2,700 soon for the upcoming recycling grant. Chief Day also mentioned that we should be getting the remaining money for the Covid

Relief fund expected to be direct deposited by 7/18/22 that should be \$107,000. We are probably going to be looking at raising the millage rate for next year. We will have to take a look at it and see when we work on the budgeting. Chief Day had stated that there is no new information at this time from the attorneys on the South Middleton sewer issue.

Adjourn – Mrs. Brophy made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Ms. Bowman. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nanette Dusharm
Borough Secretary/ Treasurer