

**Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council
Meeting Minutes-September 13, 2021**

Call to Order – Sherry Boyles called the September 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, Dr. Brian Robertson, Sherry Boyles, Gay Bowman, Lois Stoner, and Deborah Halpin-Brophy. Also present; Mark Allshouse, Borough Solicitor; Thomas Day, Police Chief/ Borough Manager; and Karen Johnson, Borough Secretary/ Treasurer.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence Recognition of the 20th Anniversary of 911.

Approval of August Bill List and Payment- Deborah Halpin-Brophy motioned for the approval for the payment of bills. It was seconded by Dr. Robertson. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the Borough Council Committee meeting on August 26,2021 were approved as presented. The motion was made by Dr. Robertson and seconded by Lois Stoner. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard – No citizens wished to address Borough Council.

Solicitor’s Report- Mark Allshouse reported nothing new.

Mayor’s Report- James Collins, acting in place of Leroy “Cork” Schildt who is still unable to attend due to illness.

Committee Reports– The following reports were discussed.

WCCOG Report– A meeting was held earlier in the day, Dr. Robertson gave information regarding; schools looking for drivers, substitute teachers needed, additionally there are quite a few jobs available around the County. Dr. Robertson also mentioned money still available for grants, disaster relief and other allocations if applied for.

Health, Safety, and Welfare- Lois Stoner made a motion to set the Mount Holly Springs Trick-or-Treat Night for Saturday, October 30, 2021, seconded by Gay Bowman. Motion passed unanimously.

Lois Stoner made a motion to approve the Annual Halloween Parade for Wednesday, October 20, 2021, seconded by Dr. Robertson. Motion passed unanimously.

Administrative, Finance, and Budget– Motion made by Lois Stoner to approve Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2022, presented by Chief Thomas Day, Pension Chief Administrative Officer. Second by Deborah Halpin-Brophy, motion was passed unanimously.

Motion made by Lois Stoner to hire Deric Brazeal to serve as a full-time patrolman at the rate of 23.50, with probationary period of 1-year, with a second by Gay Bowman. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to close the Citizen's Action bank account was made by Lois Stoner. The account funds were requested to be removed by existing members of the Citizen's Action group for the use of beautification downtown with funds to be managed by the group members, seconded by Dr. Robertson. Motion passed unanimously.

Zoning/ Codes Officer– The Zoning and Codes officer Doug Shields had nothing new to report.

Public Works- Chief Day updated on the retirement of Jim Williams slated for December 1, 2021, No one will be certified for the Mt. Holly Springs Water/Sewer Authority. Chief Day is reviewing options, Mark Allshouse, Borough Solicitor will also review.

Borough Manager's Report-Chief Day reported patchwork to roads are being done; stones were laid on Lakeside Drive and they held during the recent rains. James Collins mentioned, several residents have commented and are appreciative of the work on Lakeside Drive.

Motion made by Dr. Robertson to have a professional paving company to do milling work needed, especially South Walnut to West Pine Street. Lois Stoner seconded; the motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Robertson made a motion to increase the quarterly trash bill starting January 2022, the amount of \$75.00 per quarter for Apple Valley Waste services, would still be a savings to the residents compared to the \$93.40 amount Waste Management's service would have charged. Totes would remain the same size but red in color. Deb Halpin-Brophy seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chief Day reported on the recent UGI meeting, along with Zoning Officer, Doug Shields. UGI working on the purchase and plans for a million-gallon gas tank, slated for full operation in 2024. This would substantially increase truck traffic on East Pine and Mountain Streets. Concerns have been raised regarding road wear/damages, and any bridge issues. UGI is prepared to re-bond and repave the roadway when needed, and has no concerns regarding the bridge, or other areas. UGI will also extend the issuance/donation of land property to AME Church.

Planning and Zoning Board– meeting scheduled for September 15, 2021

Parks and Recreation-

Chief Day mentioned the firetruck on Butler, had broken boards and have since been repaired. Butler trail has been trimmed and power raked and looks good.

Discussed putting up signs at the playground at Trine Park, no bicycles, or pets around playground equipment. The purchase of bicycle racks would be a solution, locating them at the park entrance.

Chestnut Street cleaning to be done for the Holly Festival on September 18, 2021

Park and Recreation meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2021. Lois Stoner mentioned, there are 75 vendors attending, she will also make sure the vendor spaces are numbered and ready for the 18th. Next focus for Park and Rec will be the Halloween Parade.

Any Other Business to Come Before Council: James Collins mentioned receiving a thank-you from the Amelia Givens Library for the recent monetary support and the request for continuing the support next year.

Pam Still, having a question about the annual contract and charges for the codification, currently waiting for itemized list and billing. Some concerns pertaining to; What fees can be charged? Can changes be made with verification and Borough Council approval? Troy Russell (joining the discussion via phone) mentioned the final step is to advertise and vote for approval for 3 ordinances. What time frame needed to advertise for the final approval of the ordinance codification adoption? The next Mount Holly Springs Borough Council meeting date is scheduled for October 11, 2021, advertising must be submitted 8 days prior to the meeting. Motion by Dr. Robertson to advertise for ordinance adoption codification 8 days prior to the October 11, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Deborah Halpin-Brophy, the motion was approved unanimously.

Administrative Committee has a balanced budget for Committee Meeting on October 30, 2021.

Adjourn – Deborah Halpin-Brophy made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Lois Stoner. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:08p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Johnson
Borough Secretary/ Treasurer