

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

Call to Order – Mr. Collins called the April 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, Cindy Goshorn and Debra Halpin-Brophy. Also present, Mark Allshouse, Borough Solicitor; and Thomas Day, Police Chief/ Borough Manager, Nanette Dusharm, Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Mayor, Dr. Brian Robertson.

Pledge of Allegiance – Jim Collins II led the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of March 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.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Borough Council meeting on March 14, 2022, were approved as presented. The motion was made Mrs. Brophy and seconded by Mrs. Stoner. The motion passed unanimously.

Rick Bower of the VFW 7343 was present to present an award for Safety in the community and Chief Thomas Day was awarded the safety medal in recognition of preserving and protecting the lawful rights of all citizens.

Citizens to be Heard – No comments from citizens.

There was only one bid received for Mt. Tabor Preservation Project. Chairman Collins opened the bid received from Lantz Construction Co. The bid was in the amount of \$792,500. Solicitor reviewed the bid. It was suggested that we rebid through Municibid we could talk with our engineer and see if they can use Municibid. Carmen James and Charles Stotter had asked if we could ask for a base bid and bid option with the electric and HVAC. Julia Chain was present to represent the Mt. Tabor Preservation and had mentioned about a non-profit organization that has experience in restoring properties. Solicitor Allshouse had asked if the non-profit was a 501c – the Borough could lease the property. A motion was made by Mrs. Boyles and seconded by Mrs. Stoner to reject the bid from Lantz Construction. Mrs. Boyles made a motion and seconded by Ms. Bowman to re-bid the project through Municibid and have the bids opened at the May 26, 2022, meeting. Carmen James had also mentioned that there will be tours of the Mt. Tabor Preservation before the renovations begin to be held on April 23 and May 21, 2022, from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Solicitor's Report-

Mr. Allshouse had nothing new to report.

Mayor's Report –

Mayor Robertson informed council that we had 71 traffic citations for the month. Mayor Robertson also announced that the Lions Club and the VFW will be having their annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 16, 2022, at 1:00 for the community to be held at Trine Park. Mayor Robertson had mentioned that there is free training offered for computer programs like excel and word that will be offered through Career Link and we have posted this on our website. Mayor also mentioned that there will be a youth Trout Fishing Day to be held at Holly Fish and Game Club on April 30, 2022. They will have prizes and activities for children under 12. There will also be a hazardous waste collection held by the County and we will post a flyer on the bulletin board and on the website.

Zoning/Codes Officer—Code Enforcement Officer, Doug Shields attended the County COG meeting today and he reported that the Western COG is part of the CAP COG, and they are going to pay for the participation in the salt and line painting bids for members or municipalities will have to go through Costars if they do not want to participate.

Committee Reports—

Lois Stoner reported that they have received 13 applications for Holly Days so far. They will be discussing the annual Trine Park celebration at their next meeting and will keep us updated as they become available. Chief Day had mentioned that they are working on having a time capsule for the Borough and to get ideas about what to do and when.

Health, Safety, and Welfare Committee – Nothing new to report.

Administrative, Finance, and Budget— Mrs. Boyles made a motion to adopt Resolution #2022-3 Emergency Operations Plan and Mrs. Brophy seconded the motion. The resolution and promulgation were signed by all members of council.

Public Works- Nothing new to report.

Borough Manager's Report- Chief Day reported that the \$5,000 donation that the Borough made to Yellow Breeches EMS was used to help purchase a lucas device and they had used it and saved their first patient that had went into cardiac arrest and survived. Chief Day reported that he had met with Lori Glace from Cumberland County about Ridge Road, and they walked Ridge Road. We have applied for a grant for \$140,000 to do the repairs. The County did a map of the drainage and they would have to add 42 drains down the road to stop the water from washing it out.

There is a good chance that we will get the grant and the Borough will have to do the work if we get the funding.

Chief Day mentioned that he had received a price of \$700 to have the pine tree that is dead in front of the Borough building to be removed and be replaced with another tree at some point. Chief Day had mentioned that we had received \$427 from scrap metal and if the borough would contribute another \$500, he would like to purchase new flags and poles to put up along Baltimore Ave. We are looking at purchasing 25 in total at approximately \$39 each. Mrs. Brophy made a motion to use \$500 from General Fund to purchase the flags, and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn.

Chief Day informed council that there was an error with the local EIT tax where we were overpaid due to the microchip employer having their payroll company listing all employees as living in Mt. Holly Springs. So, we will have to payback was deposited in increment payments. He will keep the council informed as it happens. Chief Day said that the Flood Evaluation study is still not available and won't be available until May 23, 2022.

Chief Day informed council about a software program that we had looked at that would involve GIS mapping and permitting that would benefit the Borough by showing where all the sewer and water lines are and manholes. It will also show all permits, violations, and special needs on certain properties in the Borough. There is an initial cost of \$25,000 to set this up and then there would be a \$4,000 per year maintenance fee. Chief Day is going to ask the Borough Authority to pay a portion of the fee also. Mrs. Boyles made a motion to purchase the software and it was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn.

Chief Day had mentioned that we had receive the bids from the WCCOG for stone materials and Union Quarries had the lowest prices for stone. Mrs. Boyles made a motion to accept the prices through the WCCOG for stone from Union Quarries and the motion was seconded by Ms. Bowman.

Any Other Business to Come Before Council: Mrs. Boyles mentioned that there would be a clean up day scheduled for Mt. Holly Springs to clean up the streets, parks, and creek banks to be held on May 21, 2022.

Pam Still from the Planning Commission had brought up that they would need to start looking at the Comprehensive Plan to be redone since it has been over 10 years. Mrs. Brophy made a motion to allow the Planning Commission to start working on a new Comprehensive Plan and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Stoner.

Adjourn – Mrs. Boyles made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Mrs. Brophy. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nanette Dusharm
Borough Secretary/ Treasurer