

Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council Meeting Minutes-June 13, 2022

Call to Order – Mr. Collins called the June 13, 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. Also present, Mark Allshouse, Borough Solicitor; and Thomas Day, Police Chief/ Borough Manager, Nanette Dusharm, Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Mayor, Dr. Brian Robertson. Debra Halpin-Brophy was absent.

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Borough committee meeting on May 9, 2022, were approved as presented. The motion was made Mrs. Boyles and seconded by Mrs. Stoner. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Citizens to be Heard – Carmen James of 82 Mountain Street, Mount Holly Springs wanted to thank the Borough for the new flagpole installed at the Mount Tabor Church. They have some donation money left over and they would like to donate \$94.20 as part of the repayment for the materials. Carmen had also asked if we had received any bids for the Mount Tabor Preservation project. No bids were received. Julia Chain was present to speak about Mount Tabor and revisit the possibility of the Borough leasing the property. Solicitor Allshouse said that a rental agreement of some kind would have to be done and there would have to be rental insurance in place as well.

William Shartzter of 418 N. Walnut Street was present to follow up on his problem with his neighbor at 417 N. Walnut Street. He said that nothing has changed with the paint on his neighbor's shed and that the Magistrate had ordered him to have it removed. Chief Day said that there is nothing that can be done with the paint on the shed because it is considered freedom of speech. Mr. Shartzter said that now his neighbor is out at 10:00-10:30 at night revving his car engine. Mr. Shartzter also stated that his neighbor has his backyard dug up out to the alley like he is putting in a shed or a new driveway. Chief Day informed Mr. Shartzter that he would have to go back to the District Justice and file a complaint to have him in contempt of a court order. In the meantime, we will have a codes officer, Doug Shields will go and check to see what is being done with the property being dug up.

Solicitor's Report-

Mr. Allshouse had nothing new to report.

Mayor's Report –

Mayor Roberston informed council that we had fewer than usual traffic citations for the month due to only having one officer. The mayor had informed council that we had identified the kids that had vandalized the park and some of the borough. They are being charged. Mayor Robertson stated that our new hire Dustin Pague is at the academy going through training. Mayor also mentioned that Summerfest will be held on 7/6/22 at the Amelia Givens Library. He also mentioned that an article about Mount Tabor was published in the "Our Town" foundation newsletter.

Zoning/Codes Officer—Code Enforcement Officer, Doug Shields had nothing new to report.

Committee Reports—

Cathy Neff reported that Parks and Rec meeting is next week. Lois Stoner mentioned that she attended Founder's Day and had passed out quite a few post cards about Holly Fest. Questions were asked about when the construction was going to start on Baltimore and if it would be done by the Halloween parade. Chief Day said that he was told it would start sometime in August. Mrs. Stoner had mentioned that the Wine & Beer Fest is cancelled this year and we will be looking into having it next year. Pam Sill had asked about the size of the time capsule that will be done and if they quilt was going to fit. Ms. Neff said that it is quite small, and it would be tough to fit but Chief Day said we may be able to vacuum seal it to make it smaller.

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

Administrative, Finance, and Budget—Mrs. Boyles mentioned that clean up day was a success. They had picked up a lot of trash in the community. Mr. Collins had mentioned that the Borough received a thank you letter from the Amelia Givins library for the annual donation that the Borough made. Chairman Collins had mentioned that the Solicitor's rates had increased from \$110 per hour to \$150 per hour. Mrs. Boyles made a motion to accept the rate increase and it was seconded by Mrs. Stoner. All are in favor.

Public Works- Nothing new to report.

Borough Manager's Report- Chief Day had mentioned that all the park benches have been installed. Chief Day said that we had an arbiter come in and remove the dead pine tree in front of the Borough and also took down thirteen trees along the trails of Trine Park. We might sell some of the trees to the mill and some will be

used for firewood. Chief Day also informed council that the restrooms at Trine Park have been cleaned and disinfected due to the vandalism caused by nine- and ten-year-old kids. The volleyball court may be reserved on Friday mornings by the girls at Boiling Springs school. Chief Day had brought the \$200 reimbursement that the Borough currently gives to employees in place of dental and vision insurance. We have priced out vision and dental plans for employees that would total \$386 per employee per year. That would be an increase of \$186 per year per employee. He is recommending that we provide this to our employees. The employees would also have the option to pay for their spouses and/or dependents at their own expense through payroll deductions if they so choose. Ms. Neff made a motion to accept the dental and vision coverage for employees and it was seconded by Ms. Bowman, and all were in favor. Ms. Bowman had asked for an update on the new computer software. Chief Day stated that training will start on June 28, 2022, for employees.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nanette Dusharm
Borough Secretary/ Treasurer