

**Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council Committee
Meeting Minutes- January 27, 2022**

Call to Order – Mrs. Boyles called the committee meeting of the Borough Council to order at 6:30 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance– The following members of the Borough Council were present; Sherry Boyles, Cathy Neff, Gay Bowman, Lois Stoner, and Deborah Halpin-Brophy. Also, present Dr. Brian Robertson, Mayor; Thomas Day, Police Chief/ Borough Manager

Deborah Brophy made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the January 3, 2022, meeting of council as presented. The motion was seconded by Lois Stoner and passed by majority vote.

Citizens to be Heard –

Name: Rebecca Yearick

Comments: Rebecca spoke about business and property updates and handed out a newsletter with information about Crumbs Cookies opening and having entertainment for the months of February, March, and April. They will be offering cookies and coffee. Ms. Yearick also mentioned that the Mountain Spring Carwash is for sale. Also, mentioned the improvements that will be taking place this spring on Baltimore Avenue. We should be able to use grant money for the upgrades of the crosswalks and street scaping. We can also make a request for grant money for the DCNR funds project. Grants are due 4/6/22.

Cole Boyer was present to discuss the Dollar General plan to be built at 615 N. Baltimore Ave. They are still waiting for the HOP permit; they have received the NPDES permit. They are asking for a waiver for the plan to go to final instead of preliminary. Cathy Neff made a motion to accept the waiver for preliminary plan submission and a waiver for swale side slop to be 2:1 instead of 3:1, which is maximum slope allowed in Section 401 of SLDO and motion was seconded by Lois Stoner, and all were in favor.

Mrs. Neff mentioned coming up on August 6th it will be the one-year anniversary of Trine Park and they are looking at ideas for the anniversary.

Chief Day presented a Community and Business Development Manager Services Agreement for Rebecca Yearick to continue working with the Borough. The

Agreement is \$4,000 for the year (2022). Mrs. Brophy made a motion to approve the Agreement and it was seconded by Ms. Bowman and all were in favor, the agreement was signed.

Code Enforcement Officer Doug Shields presented the year end report for fines and violations along with rental inspections that have been performed.

Chief Day reported that there was some confusion with Apple Valley Waste with the pickup of large items. He spoke with Bob Hoover, and they have it all worked out now so that residents can put out 1 large item a week for pick up.

Chief Day reported that we were having problems with the backhoe. We had to buy a new alternator and coil and have made the repairs. We are going to have Karen work on looking to see if there are any grants available for the possible purchase of a new backhoe in the future. Chief ay also reported that they are moving forward with the Mt. Tabor Church preservation project, and they will be sending out bids and those bids will be opened by the council.

Chief Day informed Council that Pennoni and Associates has started the audit with South Middleton Authority. That will take about a month or so for their recommendations. Chief Day also reported that we are having some problems with Hemisphere operating the wastewater treatment plant, they are not keeping it very clean. If it doesn't change, we will have to ask council to possibly end their contract. Chief had confronted Derrick from Hemisphere about the problem. There was a surprise inspection done by DEP and they said there is not enough attention being given to the plant. We could possibly call back John Vaughn, but there isn't anyone that is certified in water yet. Chief Day is going to have a talk with our solicitor Mark Allshouse about what we can do.

Chief Day reported to council that GHD engineers have quit working for the authority as of March 2022. According to solicitor Allshouse we do not have to bid out for a new one because it is a service. We will be looking a list of engineers. Chief Day had mentioned about possibly having volunteers help paint and clean up around the railroad bridges coming into the Borough at both ends. We could possibly look to see if there are any grants for that as well.

Councilwoman, Bowman had asked if we had received any information about the IT company that is working on pricing for the Borough. Chief Day said that we have not received anything, yet they are still working on it.

Mayor Robertson had mentioned that they need another member for the planning commission. David Toner said he was willing to stay on until we can find someone to replace him.

Adjourn – Deborah Halpin-Brophy made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Gay Bowman. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nanette Dusharm
Borough Secretary/Treasurer