

Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council Committee Meeting Minutes-April 28, 2022

Call to Order – Mr. Collins called the April 28, 2022, Committee meeting of the Borough Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Brophy made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the April 11, 2022, council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bowman and passed by majority vote

Citizens to be Heard – Charlie Mallios of 715 Sand Bank Road, Mount Holly Springs was present to ask the council about the status of the water permits and when they would be issued. Chief Day stated that until we hear back from South Middleton Township all water hook-ups will cease. Kevin Reese of Reese Builders also asked council if there would be any way that they could finish hooking up the lots in phase eight. Chief day stated that four site agreements that were brought in by Mr. Mallios were granted on April 15, 2022 to be hooked up to public water. Mr. Reese stated that there are four lots left that are not under contract as of today. Mr. Reese said they want to finish paving the road and eventually extend West Gate to Walnut and they cannot proceed with out having the lots hooked up. Council informed Mr. Reese to go to South Middleton and to their Authority's Manager or Corey Adams. Chief Day stated that each house that hooks on from South Middleton Township, is costing our residents more and it needs to stop. Mr. Mallios had also asked the Borough if there was any way that East Locust Street could get put on public sewer? Council informed him that needs to be addressed to the Authority not the Borough council.

Pam Still addressed council about the time capsule that is to be done at the anniversary celebration of Trine Park. The quilting club is making a small quilt and was wondering if the time capsule would be large enough to put a quilt in it. Chief Day stated that it would big enough. Ms. Still also mentioned that the authors of the 2018 book called "Our Town" and also the speech writer for President Jimmy Carter were here in Mount Holly and were touring and gathering information about history in Mount Holly Springs and will be publishing an article in the Atlantic Journal out of Washington D.C. about the Borough.

Rebecca Yearick was present to go over what's happening with business and property updates in the Borough. Still waiting for answers on the Dollar General and the future of the existing store. The street sweeper grant is expected to have award announcements by September and awards to be released in November, 2022. Also, PennDot will begin the Phase II Baltimore Avenue Improvements will be starting construction on May 17, 2022. Mrs. Boyles had asked if we could get some type of letter or something out to business owners in the Borough about street parking while the paving is going on and where parking will be. The completion date is set for November. Chief Day stated that we still do not know who got the award for the project. Mr. Shields had mentioned maybe the Borough could contact PennDot about getting a message board on each side of town while the construction is going on.

Committee Reports - Mrs. Boyles had mentioned that the Amelia Givens Library is requesting their annual donation. Mrs. Boyles made a motion to disburse the \$2,000 annual donation to the Library and seconded by Mrs. Stoner. All are in favor.

Mrs. Stoner had mentioned that they are still receiving applications for Holly Days.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Roberston had brought up that there is a Youth Fishing Day on April 30, 2022 to be held at the Mount Holly Fish & Game Club. They have release over 300 trout and will have games and prizes for children up to age 12. Mayor Robertson announced a Proclamation for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week, to be the week of May 15th through May 21st, 2022. Mrs. Boyles made a motion to adopt the Proclamation for Emergency Management Services (EMS) Week and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Brophy. All were in favor.

Borough Manager's Report -Chief Day informed Council that the County is willing to reimburse us for several dead pine trees to be taken down by us. They will start next week to get them done. Chief Day also, reported, that we are ready to pour concrete pads for the park benches to be installed at Trine Park. We had 8" of playground mulch put in at the swings. We are currently removing the old firetruck on the playground due to it having a lot of sharp and rough edges to prevent someone from getting hurt. Mrs. Brophy had asked if we were going to have any park benches put in around the playground. Chief Day stated that there will be four benches by the playground and three installed in the dog park area. We will be replacing the old wooden ones with composite ones. Chief Day said that we have all the new trees planted and mulched. Also, have installed all new flags and poles along Baltimore Ave. The empty spots where there isn't a tree planted will be filled with cement. Chief Day told council that we may need to look in to purchasing a new lawn mower. The current one is 12 years old and has had lots of problems. Recently a pulley came off and broke the deck completely off the mower. It will cost about \$3,000 to repair it. The cost of a new mower would run around \$18,000 but

the problem is there is a nine month wait to get a new one. So, for now we ordered the part to repair and that will take about 3-4 weeks. Maybe in the future, we should look at a diesel mower when we are ready to purchase a new one.

Chief Day had reported that Patrolman Deric Brazeal's last day of employment will be April 30, 2022. He has informed Council that Dylan Kuhn is resigning and will be submitting his letter of resignation next week sometime.

Chief Day had asked Council to go into an executive session. Chairman Collins called for an executive session to start at 7:22 p.m.

Chairman Collins called the meeting back in session at 7:51 p.m.

Chief Day mentioned to council about looking into paying and sending new applicants for the Police Department to HAAC for Academy police training and to also be paid a reduced salary of \$20 per hour while they are in the academy. In turn, the applicant would have to sign a 3-year contract with the Borough. If they leave before the 3-year term the applicant would have to pay back the price of the training. Mrs. Brophy made a motion to agree to paying for the Academy training of \$5,000 and to pay the employee \$20 per hour while in training, the motion was seconded by Ms. Bowman. All council are in favor.

A Motion was made by Mrs. Boyles to give Borough Manager/Chief Day authorization to send a letter to South Middleton Township to stop all future sewer hook ups until further notice. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Brophy and all members are in favor.

Any Other Business to Come Before Council: There was no other business to be brought before council.

Adjourn – Ms. Bowman made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Mrs. Brophy. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nanette Dusharm
Borough Secretary/ Treasurer