

**Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council
Committee Meeting Minutes-September 28, 2023**

This meeting did not record and was transcribed by the Secretary's notes.

Call to Order – Mr. Collins called the September 28, 2023, 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, Lois Stoner, Cathy Neff, and Debra Halpin-Brophy. Also present, Thomas Day, Police Chief/Borough Manager. Mayor Brian Robertson, Cindy Goshorn and Gay Bowman were absent.

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

Approval of Minutes – Mrs. Brophy made a motion to approve the minutes from September 11, 2023 council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Boyles and passed by majority vote.

Public Comments – Michelle Rist, 12 Larkin Lane, Mount Holly Springs came before Council with a concern about Mr. Rupp running a business out of his residence. Chief Day had stated that he would have Jonathan go over and shut his business down because he is not allowed to operate a business. Chairman Collins said we will do some investigation and get back to Ms. Rist.

Rebecca Yearick of Housing & Redevelopment Authorities was present and gave council an update about Greenlife Thrift, they are now expecting to open in early November. Matt Stine, the president of the organization said that they had been delayed due to locating and delivery of some key equipment, such as donation bins which have substantially increased in cost. He had mentioned that they also have staff positions open with the starting pay of \$15 per hour. He made a suggestion that we post that they are hiring on the various social media platforms. Rebecca also, mentioned that the landlord repair program is no longer available until they get the funds replenished.

Committee Reports – Mrs. Boyles reminded everyone that on Saturday, September 30th we will be out to clean up the Borough and we will be having a lunch at the Borough Building for everyone that helps. Chairman Collins mentioned that we are receiving \$59,285.74 from liquid fuels for the year 2024. Mrs. Boyles made a motion to have Trick or Treat night to be held on Halloween, Tuesday October 31, 2023 between 6:00-8:00 p.m. Mrs. Stoner made a second to the motion and all are in favor.

Chairman Collins entertained a motion to approve the advertising of Ordinance #2023-02 providing the mill rate of taxation in the Borough for the fiscal year 2024 adding an EMS tax of .35 mills for EMS. Mrs. Brophy made the motion and Mrs. Neff seconded and all were in favor to advertise the public notice for the ordinance. Mrs. Neff had asked if there is a budget for the Parks and Recreation account? The expenses and deposits are all recorded in the check book and is available to be viewed with the secretary.

Borough Manager's Report: Borough Manager Day asked council to review and the proposed 2024 budget and it all are in agreement, to advertise the 2024 budget for review and inspection and to be adopted at the November 13, 2023 council meeting. Mrs. Boyles made the motion to advertise the proposed 2024 budget and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Stoner. All are in favor. Borough Manager Day had stated that the Borough has renewed our service agreement with ATS for the traffic lights. There is no price increase and the agreement is for three years. Borough Manager Day also mentioned that Susquehanna Environmental Services at the sewer plant will be staying for another year and there will not be a price increase. Borough Manager Day had mentioned that Master Sergeant Fox from the Airforce stopped by to see if they could help pay for the backboard that was damaged at Trine Park. I informed him that we had already had that replaced. I suggested that maybe they could help with the painting of the pickle ball courts. I told him we would be getting a price and let them know if they would be interested in that or not. Borough Manager Day stated that he ordered another load of mulch for the playground up at Trine Park. Borough Manager Day said that he had received a phone call from Cumberland Valley habitat for Humanity about giving the Borough two lots that are directly across the street from the water tanks on Hill Street. They no longer want them and are willing to donate them to the Authority. Mrs. Brophy made a motion to accept the donation of those two lots if it is adoptable to the Authority and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Boyles and all are in favor. Borough Manager Day passed out a copy of a map from the electric company of property on Zion Road that borders the Mount Tabor Church. Mr. Day had a meeting with Dennis Corn on September 27, 2023 about them donating road frontage of approximately 1.3 acres and that would be used for restrooms and a parking area for the Church. Where the land will be divided is actually in the Borough the only thing that we would have to pay for would be the survey. We would need a motion to accept the donation of the property from MRP Gen. Co. and for Mount Tabor Preservation to waive any and all fees to go before the Planning Commission. Mrs. Boyles made a motion to accept the donation from MRP Gen. Co. and it was seconded by Mrs. Neff and all are in favor. Borough Manager Day had mentioned to council about giving holiday pay and vacation time for our two part-time employees, Nancy Ewanek and Karen Johnson. They would receive 40 hours of paid time off per year that would equal two twenty-hour weeks. Mrs. Brophy made a motion to grant the holidays and paid time off and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Neff and are in favor.

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

Chairman James Collins asked for an executive session with no action to be taken.

Adjourn – Mrs. Brophy made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Mrs. Stoner. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nanette Dusharm
Borough Secretary/Treasurer