

Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council Meeting Minutes-November 13, 2023

Call to Order – Mr. Collins called the November 13, 2023, 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, Gay Bowman, Lois Stoner, Debra Halpin-Brophy, Cindy Goshorn, Sherry Boyles and Cathy Neff. Also present, Mayor Dr. Brian Robertson and Borough Manager, Thomas Day.

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

Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the Borough Committee on October 9, 2023 were approved as presented. The motion was made by Mrs. Boyles and seconded by Mrs. Stoner. The motion passed unanimously

Approval of October 2023 Bill List and Payment - Approval and payment of the bills for October as presented. Motion was made Mrs. Stoner and seconded by Mrs. Neff. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment – Karla Bear of the Mt. Holly Springs VFW came before council to thank the borough for the prize of \$100 for the float that was entered in the Halloween parade. They are asking to return the check and to use it for a donation for next year's 2024 Halloween parade.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Robertson informed council that he had done something that he had never done before. On Saturday, November 4th he performed a wedding and was given \$25.00 for the service, which he turned over to the borough secretary. Mayor Robertson had mentioned that Officer Pague is recovering and healing pretty well from his recent shoulder surgery. Mayor Robertson had mentioned that we had 26 citations for the month including a theft by unlawful taking by a juvenile. This juvenile is now registered by Children and Youth and Probation. Corporal Carver is also working on an ongoing investigation for abuse to a child for being injured by being thrown up in the air and backwards into a swimming pool and he had severe bruising on his back. The mayor has been asked to speak at the Church's Christmas Tree lighting ceremony to be held on December 1st at 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Report – The plan for Keystone Signs and old PA Dutch are requesting an extension on the plan because the engineer, HRG did not get back to them in time. Mrs. Boyles made a motion to grant a 60-day extension on the plan and it was seconded by Ms. Bowman. All are in favor.

Committee Reports – Mrs. Boyles made a motion to approve the 2024 Mt. Holly Springs Borough budget as submitted and it was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Neff made a motion to approve payment of \$10,000 to the Citizen's Fire Company to be used towards the purchase of a new ladder truck and to also approve payment of \$30,000 for the Borough's annual allocation to Citizen's Fire Company. This was seconded by Mrs. Stoner and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Neff had mentioned that Parks and Rec are talking about decorating and maybe some Christmas caroling that will be discussed at the next meeting.

Borough Manager's Report – Borough Manager Day mentioned that public works are still collecting leaves and taking them to Dickinson's farm for composting. Council may want to consider in the future about obtaining a compost site. There are grant funds that are available for equipment and such and possibly entertain with Dickinson to go in halves or something if council will consider it then we could move forward with that and look into it. Then the mulch would be there for the residents to use on a first come first serve basis. Borough Manager Day had mentioned that he had met with Kyle Petty at Orrstown Bank. The one Million that we invested has earned \$34,000 in interest in one year. Also, our \$200,000 CD will have a total of \$9,425.95 in interest by December. Borough Manager Day would like to ask council to take \$575.00 from the General Reserve account to make a total of \$10,000 and open up another CD in the amount of \$10,000. Upon a Boyles/Stoner motion council authorized Borough Manager Day to invest into a CD. Borough Manager Day had mentioned that Jamie Sweeney is donating the lot next to the church on Cedar Street, our solicitor is in process of having that signed over to the Borough. On December 6, 2023 Borough Manager Day will be meeting with Kelsey Tennant from HRG to go over the bridge inspections and we are hoping it will stay a "B" rating but if it goes to a "C" rating we will have to close it. Borough Manager Day mentioned that on December 13, 2023 there will be a hearing with PSP for the arrest on the teen that damaged the door at the restrooms at Trine Park. We will be looking for restitution for \$1300 to replace the door.

Borough Manager Day asked council for permission to purchase two pieces of equipment. The first is a tamper plate that will hook up to the bobcat track hoe. This will cost about \$6,500 and we will ask the Borough Authority to cover half of the cost. Mrs. Boyles made a motion for Borough Manager Day to purchase a tamper and it was seconded by Mrs. Stoner. The second piece of equipment would be a diesel side-by-side UTV with dumping capabilities to use for clean up after borough events and to also help with snow removal. The cost of such equipment would be about \$30,000. We are looking at Kubota, John Deere, and Bobcat. Mrs. Brophy made a motion to have Borough Manager Day purchase the side-by-side and it was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn all council are in favor and the motion was approved.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nanette Dusharm
Borough Secretary/Treasurer