

Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council
Meeting Minutes-October 9, 2023

Call to Order – Mr. Collins called the October 9, 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 September 28, 2023 were approved as presented. The motion was made by Mrs. Brophy and seconded by Mrs. Stoner. The motion passed unanimously

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

Public Comment - None

Planning & Zoning Report – Pam Still was present to update council on the subdivision for the Letort warehouse and Keystone Signs. The Planning Commission gave an approved with two conditions, the new flood plain ordinance had to be put on the plan and we are still waiting for the engineers to comment on the plan. Borough Manager Day said that he would reach out to HRG for the comments. Chairman Collins asked Ms. Still how the comprehensive plan was coming along. Ms. Still mentioned that Steve Blair is getting in touch with Kurt Stoner to see if there is anything that we could use to apply for a grant. Borough Manager Day brought up that the 1.3 acres that is to be given to Mount Tabor, to have South Middleton waive the fees for the subdivision and to let Mount Holly's planning commission make the decision and have it in the Borough.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Robertson informed council that we had 8 traffic citations for the month.

Committee Reports – Mrs. Brophy made a motion to appoint Barbara Boise as temporary tax collector until the end of the year, 2023. Ms. Bowman seconded the motion and all are in favor. Mrs. Brophy also made a motion to approve Cooke Township to have the Citizens Fire Company provide pedestrian and vehicle traffic control at the Fall Furnace Fest that will be held on October 21 and 22, 2023 at Pine

Grove Furnace State Park in Cooke Township. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stoner and all are in favor.

Mrs. Boyles wanted to thank everyone who had helped with the cleanup that was held on September 30, 2023. Mrs. Boyles had also mentioned that there is some profanity painted under the bridge on East Pine Street. Borough Manager Day said that they would take care of cleaning it up.

Borough Manager Day asked for permission to hire a full-time employee for public works. Michael Dippery, Jr. has been working with us for the past three months. Michael will also be able to run equipment. Mrs. Stoner made a motion to hire Michael Dippery, Jr. effective 10/9/23 and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Brophy all are in favor.

Mrs. Stoner informed council that Parks and Rec is getting ready for the Halloween Parade. Mrs. Stoner said that they have to meet with Suzanne White to go over the line-up. We have also asked Cy Russell to be the Grand Marshall.

Borough Manager's Report – Borough Manager Day received a letter from Trileaf Environmental that they are going to be building a 205' radio/cell tower behind the Yellow Breeches EMS. It will be contained in an 80' by 80' fenced area. They want to make sure that there aren't any historical properties that will interfere with the construction of the tower. Mrs. Brophy made a motion to not respond to the letter which means that we have no objections to this undertaking. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Neff and all are in favor.

Borough Manager Day mentioned that he had a meeting with DCNR and the County on Ridge Road and they are still looking into the right-of-way release. We will have to get Solicitor Allshouse involved. Mrs. Brophy made a motion for us to look into the ownership of the right-of-way. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stoner and all are in favor.

Borough Manager Day mentioned that the County reached out to get an engineer for the ADA grant sidewalk monies for the second phase. HRG is willing to take on the project. But we will have to wait to see if we can afford to proceed. Borough Manager Day had mentioned that they have shut down Rupp's business from the complaint of Michelle Rist. Mr. Rupp came in and applied for a variance to the zoning to run a business out of his property and we are hoping to get him on the November 7th zoning meeting. He has paid the fees and filled out the application.

Borough Manager Day has started getting prices from arborists on the maple and oak trees that need to be trimmed and/or removed so that we are able to preserve the trees that we have especially on Butler and around the bathrooms at Trine.

Borough Manager Day also mentioned that he ordered another load of mulch for the playground the first one was not enough to bring it up to the safety level. We will also put some under the swings in Butler and the rest will go to Tichy. Borough Manager Day has a group of trucks that have been taking over Mt. Holly that have been gathering at Sheets and the car wash which they have been kicked out of, now they are gathering at Trine Park. We were informed that the State police were up there this past weekend with a whole group of trucks. Borough Manager Day said that we have sent three letters out for criminal trespass. These trucks have made tire marks from peel outs on the black top. The one truck is owned by someone that lives down on Larkin Lane. Borough Manager Day has informed his officers to keep a look out for them. Mrs. Boyles had asked if we are any closer to getting cameras at Trine Park. Borough Manager Day said that we are looking into it. It is not cheap we will look into putting it into the budget for next year. Borough Manager Day mentioned that the little library has been installed at Trine Park that was donated by the Ramseys as well as all the books.

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

Chairman Collins asked for an executive session to discuss a personnel issue and litigation. Council went into executive session at 7:45 p.m. and there may be action taken afterwards.

Council returned from executive session at 8:17, and the Chair entertained a motion to authorize Borough Manager Day to do whatever is necessary to have a new agreement with South Middleton Township and to do what is necessary to collect any and all monies owed to the Authority by South Middleton. Mrs. Boyles made a motion and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn. All are in favor.

Adjourn – Mrs. Boyles made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Mrs. Stoner. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nanette Dusharm
Borough Secretary/Treasurer