

**Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council
Meeting Minutes-April 14, 2025**

Call to Order – Mrs. Boyles called the meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Attendance– The following members of the Borough Council were present; Sherry Boyles, Gay Bowman, Lois Stoner, Gus Ginter and Pam Still. Also, present Deborah Halpin-Brophy, Mayor, Thomas Day, Police Chief/ Borough Manager; and Karen Johnson, Interim Secretary/ Treasurer. Andrew Tate and Cathy Neff were absent.

Approval of Payment of Bills and Financial Reports: Report for payment of bills and the financial reports for March 7, 2025 to April 14, 2025 were reviewed. Mrs. Stoner made a motion to approve the payment of bills -\$217,724.86, (with financial balances of \$761,318.70). Mr. Ginter seconded the motion with a vote to approve passing unanimously.

Approval of Minutes –The minutes of the Borough Council meeting from March 10, 2025 were reviewed. Ms. Still made a motion to approved the minutes as presented, with a second by Mr. Ginter. The vote to approve the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments-

- Kristina Boggs- Mt Holly Springs

Ms. Boggs is competing for Miss Supranational PA 2025 in Miami, Florida, May 15-18, 2025. She is presently looking for sponsors to help fund her trip costs and expenses to compete. Her platform is "Heroic Horizons" an advocacy for mental health support and awareness for first responders. She can be found on social media outlets for making donations. Council thanked Ms. Boggs on her presentation.

-Jim Burgess—York

Mr. Burgess Spoke to council on the Heart and Soul summit, as it continues to collect data on what matters to people of the community, an endeavor which started approximately 5 years ago. He went on to explain the importance of promoting business and celebrating the history of the Borough. With the communities' perceptions on what is important and their concerns.

There will be a community celebration on Oct. 4, 2025 at Church of God from 5:30 pm- 8:00 pm with a meal planned. After October Heart and Soul will continue to build presence in Mt Holly. Council thanked Mr. Burgess for speaking.

-Genelle Starkey—Mt Holly Springs

Ms. Starkey briefly spoke about Heart and Soul from the perspective of graphic design with a focus on "community". Council thanked Ms. Starkey for speaking.

No other Public Comments

Business Before Council: none

Council Members Reports:

Gus Ginter and Gay Bowman-no report

Andrew Tate and Cathy Neff-absent

Lois Stoner: Park & Rec

-May 3, 2025 Scavenger Hunt-Historic Places

-Newsletter will be reviewed at next meeting on April 15th before distributing.

Pam Still- Planning Committee

-Zoning Hearing Board approved Hunter Perez to sell mulch

-May 13, 2025 meeting will be for his sign request to advertise for mulch

-Comp Plan moving along- focus on comparing Mt Holly principals & opinions with Cumb. County principals to keep everyone on the same path.

-Heart and Soul has been productive. Will reach out to Rick Copeland (w/Carlisle School Board and Professor at Central Penn College) to see if his students who are studying macro-economic principals would be interested to look at strategies/strengths on local development and filling vacant buildings as a "fresh set of eyes".

- May 7th, 9th or 21st walking tour of Mt Holly given by Jim Burgess, stop at Mt Tabor-Carmen James, Borough Manager/Chief Thomas Day to speak, and invite Ed Ginter Roadmaster for the Borough to as speak. With a stop at Trine Park's pavilion for food and beverage.

-Mayor Brophy asked for clarification defining the Comp Plan and "being on the same page as the County". Ms. Still responded with a few specifics about the Comp Plan and assured Mayor Brophy that no one is being forced with their principals and opinions.

-Next Zoning Hearing May 13th

Mayor's Report

Mayor Deborah Halpin-Brophy gave the police department statistical report for March 8 to April 10, 2025. A few highlights: weight restriction violations are still high at 30, and length of vehicle violations. Also wanted to mention that the Police Department is working well.

Zoning/Codes Report-Jason Bonawitz

- May 13, 2025 at 5:30 Zoning Gearing for Hunter Perez' sign

- General Code: Received an estimate (\$2,890 to \$3,760) to update information for our online site and Codes books with new pages. Motion by Ms. Bowman to approve the cost of replacing/updating outdated information, with the high-end amount being \$3760. Ms. Still seconded the motion and the vote to approve passed unanimously.

-Ordinances especially zoning ordinances to be reviewed periodically, paying attention to what is going on and what is developing around us. (As informative measures)

- Registration forms for blatant properties have been mailed, county can assist to get repairs done.

- FEMA- classes continue, have approximately 23 hours in. Mr. Bonawitz is inviting residents to have him come out and briefly look at their property from an informative view only. This will help give guidance in case of a rebuild caused by catastrophic event.

- Mr. Bonawitz also contact the office of aging to get information and possible assistance for an elderly resident who cannot afford necessary repairs to keep his home safe. He has the forms in case of future need.

Borough Manager's Report- Thomas Day

- East Street project will get started in early May, to add 9 storm drains and should be completed by 3rd week of May.
 - Sycamore- 2 storm drain culvert replacements due to damage done by construction company crushing them.
 - Trine and Tichy -playground mulch added and replaced due to settlement and rain.
 - Large Dog Park still closed- due to the seed not germinating. Since the sun has come out, it is taking off nicely and the large area will reopen in a few days. Then the Small Dog Park will be closed for reseeding.
 - Bond Investment: Authority Board approved moving \$250,000 to authority's general fund to help until the grant monies paid upfront can be reimbursed. Karen will start working on the closeout to recoup the funds.
- Borough- currently has \$216,000 (started with \$200,000) and is okay until Jan 2026.
- Mr. Day wanted to commend Ed Ginter and Public Works guys (Dylan Coyle, Steve Bloch) for their work on the parks, roads, brush pick-up, and working on the water main break (Josh Kuhn). They continue to provide outstanding work for the Borough.
 - New dump truck is now OSHA equipped with emergency lights, at a cost of 4,000 through Moyer Radio.
 - New Police Truck should be ready by middle of May.

Ms. Still:

- Trine Park was packed and was glad to see everything being used at the park.
- Eagle Scout Projects -can we keep track and have appreciation ceremony once projects are completed.

No Other Business Before Council

Executive Session: possible vote upon returning.

Council Members only moved into executive session at 7:47

Council returned at 8:37 to vote in the future if necessary.

Adjournment- Ms. Bowman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 pm with a second by Mr. Ginter, all in favor to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Johnson
Interim Secretary/Treasurer