

**Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council**  
**Meeting Minutes-May 12, 2025**

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

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

**Approval of Payment of Bills and Financial Reports:** Report for the payment of bills and financial reports for April 14, 2025, to May 12, 2025, were reviewed. Mrs. Stoner made a motion to approve the payment of bills-\$178,650.74, (with financial balances of \$961,376.71). Mr. Ginter seconded the motion with a vote to approve, passing unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes-** The minutes of the Borough Council meeting from April 14, 2025, were reviewed. Mrs. Stoner made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, with a second by Ms. Still. The vote to approve passed unanimously.

**Public Comments:**

-Jim Collins-Mt. Holly Springs

Mr. Collins asked council members if they would consider publicizing an open discussion to move our educational opportunities from Carlisle School District to South Middleton School District. Not sure how to do that, maybe the website and Face Book with a certain date for open discussion. Council thanked Mr. Collins for speaking.

-Jake Welty-Bedford

Mr. Welty brought a quote for a new insurance policy (property, casualty, and workman's comp) for the Borough. Borough Manager Day asked him to wait until after the meeting and so he could review the information.

-Rick Coplen-Carlisle

Professor Coplen expressed a big thank you for those who have met with and came to Central Penn College, giving his macro-economic students a better understanding of the Mt. Holly Springs Community. He described his students as "street smart," from lower income families who wish to better themselves, and who are young, bringing a new perspective and insight. He touched on the

upcoming walking/driving tour scheduled for Friday, May 17, 2025 with planned stops at Mt Tabor AME Church, Amelia Givin Library, along with food for everyone at Trine Park. Professor Coplen mentioned our recent blight ordinance, history of our town, ideas about re-development, etc., all to strengthen our community with a cross-sector collaboration. It would not just be one party but several getting together to solve a problem. He read a story from one of his students about perception, with a focus on “people that care.” Council thanked Professor Coplen for speaking.

-Cynthia Thompson-Amelia Givin Library-Mt. Holly Springs

Ms. Thompson handed out a library update with statistics and community events scheduled for this summer. She highlighted some 2024 information, saying that over 100,000 people visited the library. The fundraisers, especially their December event, raised \$5,000. This summer will be busy with 10 weeks of programs. Project Share sets up in their parking lot and helps to feed our community’s children. In July there will be a petting zoo and ice cream, and a future adult program is in the works. She thanked the borough and council members for all the support the library receives. Council thanked Ms. Thompson for coming and speaking.

### **Business Before Council:**

-Approval of WCCOG 2025 bids- Mrs. Stoner made the motion to approve the bids as presented. Mrs. Neff seconded the motion, and the vote to approve passed unanimously.

-Authority Board- Open seat was mentioned, Mrs. Boyles asked if anyone is interested in taking the open spot.

-Adopt slogan “Where Mountain Creek Flows, Community Grows” – Ms. Still proposed adopting a slogan. Mt. Holly Springs vision and mission statement are being reviewed. We have a logo and would like to adopt a slogan as well. The community has worked hard for revitalizing, we have a mountain as a backdrop, we have a mountain creek with an active trout club. One of Professor Coplen’s students, Darwin, wrote the slogan. We could add to stationery, banners, etc. along with our current logo. Ms. Still made a motion to adopt the slogan “Where Mountain Creek Flows, Community Grows.” Mrs. Stoner seconded the motion, with a unanimous vote to approve.

-Approval to advertise for Secretary/Treasurer position: Mr. Ginter made a motion to advertise the secretary/treasurer position. Ms. Still seconded, with a vote to approve, passing unanimously.

-Approval to extend the lease for Mt. Tabor AME Church- Mrs. Neff made a motion to extend the lease for Mt. Tabor from one year to five years at \$1.00 per

year totaling \$5.00. Mr. Ginter seconded the motion and vote to approve passed unanimously.

--Insurance for Mt. Tabor- the church is looking for assistance with insurance costs from the borough. We are tabling until further discussion with Carmen James on the specifics of what kind of help they are looking for and if a cost to the borough.

### **Council Members Reports:**

Gus Ginter, Gay Bowman, Andrew Tate, Cathy Neff-nothing to report.

-Lois Stoner- Park & Rec-

Mrs. Stoner provided updated newsletter copies.

Next meeting will be Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup> due to election on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Message left on her phone-about funding for events—don't know specifics yet.

Will meet with Joe Andreatti who has information on movies in the park.

-Pam Still-Planning Commission

Planning is slowly moving along and they will look into how other communities Comp Plans are formatted.

Next meeting-Jason Bonawitz will discuss what is happening around Mt. Holly Springs and how those changes could affect us.

Zoning- May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting with Hunter Perez and his wife regarding an LED sign request for their mulch business.

Pam and Carmen talked to businesses and inviting them to the tour and picnic. Ms. Still would also like to invite Council members to the picnic with an opportunity to meet and speak with the students. Professor Coplen mentioned the press release.

### **Mayor's Report- Deborah Halpin-Brophy**

-Reviewed the police sats for April 10, 2025, to May 11, 2025. The mayor pointed out the weight restrictions (26), cruelty to animals' complaint, and child endangerment cases (2).

- Mayor Brophy read a letter she prepared regarding the press release information provided to council members. She is happy that young people are getting involved in the community, fresh ideas are always welcome. There are issues with some information in the press release and she went on to clarify, and would like to see the changes before submission to the press. Our small town has a lot to offer and great people working hard in the background. Elected council members (who do not get compensated) and a borough manager, who all see a problem and work to get it solved. We are a community of families, and businesses who have settled here and are serving our community. Most importantly, the governing body "must be informed."

### **Zoning/Codes Report-Jason Bonawitz**

-Mr. Bonawitz started by mentioning his eighth month of employment with the borough and wanted to say thank you to Borough Manager Day for being a “great boss, teacher, and leader”, and also for his support for learning opportunities. Also, a thank you to Karen for all the help that has been extended with his “endless questions.”

-He provided updates on: rental inspections-he has received thank you’s due to council caring about the conditions of rental properties, mostly hearing good things from tenants about their landlords. General Code-supplement began May 6<sup>th</sup>. Attended his first WCCOG meeting today-no major projects are planned. Pesticide test is coming up. FEMA: has received one certificate with three more coming. Blight Ordinance:14 was on list, with 13 making contact. 8 of those have contracts signed for making improvements, (He will hold off citing with fines as long as they stay on schedule).

-Tri-County Regional- quick fact, if farmland around us is sold to developers this can affect Mt. Holly Springs with road traffic, etc.

-House at 28 Chestnut Street has health concerns with dead animals in the pool, The listed owner and management company (county records may not be updated) have been notified through email with no response from either. Citations of \$625 per day/per violation in fines are being ignored. The county has sprayed the area for mosquitoes, and the house is not secure. The borough will have to act soon due to health conditions, footing the bill and putting a mechanic’s lien on the property, plus contacting our solicitor moving forward.

### **Borough Manager Report -Thomas Day**

-Borough Manager Day outlined a letter received by Yellow Breeched EMS regarding an Intermediate Advanced Life Support system becoming available in the near future.

-Letter sent to female drunk driver with the intent to file a small claim for damages to our sidewalk (restitution that has gone unpaid by Geico). She must have contacted and initiated a response from the insurance company because we received the amount of \$9600 for the repairs.

-Statement of accounts did not reflect CD amount of \$212,000.00

-Bobcat- finally received after months waiting, has lighting and snow-plow attachment. Right now, waiting on licensing, cannot be done through Penn Dot must go through DCNR.

-Bridge on 74 Monroe Township- received notification they will be replacing the bridge, and it is not slated to be finished until September 2026.

-Ed Ginter and Dylan Coyle have been keeping up with things in Public Works even with the rain. East Street has not been started due to the weather, but we have purchased all the materials needed. Looks like deep summer to finish the project.

**Any Other Business Before Council**-none

**Executive Session with no vote to follow**

**Adjournment**- Mrs. Boyles called for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:03 p.m. Mr. Ginter made a motion to adjourn with a second by Ms. Bowman. Vote to approved passed unanimously. Council moved into executive session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Johnson  
Interim Secretary/Treasurer