

**Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council
Meeting Minutes-June 9, 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, President, Cathy Neff, Gay Bowman, Lois Stoner, Andrew Tate, Pam Still, and Gus Ginter. Also, present Deborah Halpin-Brophy, Mayor, Thomas Day, Jr. Borough Manager/Chief of Police, and Karen Johnson, Interim Secretary/ Treasurer.

Approval for Payment of Bills and Financial Reports –May 12, 2025 to June 9, 2025

Mrs. Stoner motioned for the approval of the payment of bills (\$206,736.39), (financial report -deposits \$238,188.37 with total account balances of \$993,181.45). Mr. Ginter seconded the motion, vote to approve passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes –The minutes of the Borough Council meeting from May 12, 2025 were reviewed. Ms. Bowman asked for a correction of the word insight. Ms. Still motioned for the approval of the minutes which was seconded by Mr. Ginter. The vote to approve the motion passed unanimously.

Public Opinion-

Rick Coplen-Carlisle

Mr. Coplen extended his many thanks, specifically naming Mayor Brophy, Manager Day, Mrs. Stoner, Mrs. Neff, Carmen James, Cindy Thompson, and Pam Still, plus many others for hosting his Central Penn students with an informative tour and grill-out. His students were impressed with the people and community of Mt Holly Springs. He extended an invitation to anyone who wished to come for his student’s presentations on June 20th at Central Penn College at 10:00 am, or by Zoom. Council members thanked Mr. Coplen for speaking.

Council President Sherry Boyles presented a certificate of appreciation for his student Darwin Cruz who came up with our new slogan “Where Mountain Creek Flows, Community Grows”.

Business Before Council-

-- Approval to give Amelia Givin Library their budgeted amount of \$2,000 for 2025.

Ms. Bowman made a motion to approve the payment, Mrs. Stoner seconded, with a vote to approve passing unanimously.

-- Approval to give Yellow Breeches EMS their budgeted amount of \$37,000 for 2025.

Mr. Ginter made a motion to approve the payment, Mrs. Stoner seconded, with a vote to approve passing unanimously.

Ms. Still asked about the outcome of the South Middleton Supervisor’s meeting concerning Yellow Breeches EMS, she was unable to make the meeting due to illness. Borough Manager Day explained that South Middleton Supervisors, (who already had their minds

made up), voted to stop using Yellow Breeches EMS and will fully support Cumberland Goodwill moving forward, only giving Yellow Breeches EMS 30 days termination notice. Mr. Tate asked about why management wasn't at the meeting at South Middleton. Mrs. Stoner did confirm that management was there and did speak. Manager Day stated he had "great concerns about whether Cumberland Goodwill could handle the extra calls". He stated that in 2024 with 1800 calls, Yellow Breeches backed up Goodwill with 21% of those calls (about 224). He stated that emergency responder positions are at and all time low, with Police, EMS, and Firefighters reducing in numbers. Finding and training recruits to fill open positions are very difficult. For the residents of Mt Holly Springs Borough, Gardners, Cooke Township, and Dickinson Township, all will certainly suffer with long response times. Without Yellow Breeches EMS, any form of backup could be as far away as Newville, or Silver Springs, this could be a life-or-death situation while waiting for someone to respond. Manager Day stated that Yellow Breeches EMS is still in business for now, but uncertain how they will do financially in the future. Dickinson and Mt Holly Springs are currently in support of keeping Yellow Breeches EMS available for our residents, and hope they can continue to do so.

Council Members Reports—

Gus Ginter, Gay Bowman, and Andrew Tate—nothing to report

Cathy Neff and Lois Stoner-Parks & Recreation—

Community Appreciation Day-Tournaments for volleyball and corn hole are ready to be advertised. Flyers are done and being circulated. A list for volunteers will be addressed at the Park & Rec meeting next week.

Holly Festival Day—63 vendors have signed up so far.

Movie in the Park—tabled for now

Family Fun Day—working on for next year, ideas to have events for everyone. Considering a chili cook off, talent show, etc.

Newsletter- Has great information for the residents. Working on end-summer/fall now and will include our new slogan.

Scouts Garden Projects—no information of project status.

Pam Still—Planning Commission—

Codes/Zoning Officer Bonawitz attended the last planning meeting to discuss phone calls about CBD store, and discussion regarding new businesses. Zoning will also look at the changing needs of communities.

Planning Commission is looking to review current zoning ordinances. Mrs. Boyles asked for a motion to approve the Planning Commission to move forward with the reviewing process of the zoning ordinances. Mr. Ginter made the motion with a second by Mrs. Stoner, vote to approve passed unanimously.

Ms. Still stated that Steve Hoffman (who helped with our zoning prior) should be once again involved with the reviewing process. She also mentioned Rachel Reznick -DCED who offered to help as well.

Ms. Still and Mr. Bonawitz attended and outreach meeting on June 3rd for land

conservation.

Zoning meeting on May 13th - Hunter Perez LED sign request was denied.

Mr. Bonawitz has been taking copies of the newsletter to inspections, especially helpful for new residents to our community.

Mayor's Report- Mayor, Deborah Halpin-Brophy

Mayor Brophy gave the Police Stat Report for May 12, 2025 to June 8, 2025.

Zoning/Codes Report- Zoning/Codes Officer Bonawitz (absent from meeting)

Mrs. Boyles gave a brief report for Mr. Bonawitz:

General Code supplement has been completed with a final cost of \$2615.00, replacement pages have been received and added to the books.

Ordinance approval request voted during the Council members report.

Borough Manager's Report- Thomas Day

--DEP Permit Application-Stream Restoration to begin in August to restore the banks along Lakeside Drive. They will place large stones to keep banks from washing out.

--East Street Project—need good dry weather to start the project.

--Water Main Break—June 5 near the Holly Inn—Prior engineers had the water line mismarked by 17 feet, instead of alongside of road, ended up being in the center of the road, costing half a day's work. Public works guys and police officers did a great job dealing with traffic control, and worked 21.5 hours (plus additionally two 10-hour days for paving). Gleim's did the majority of work on the lines and did a great job.

Other Business Before Council: none

Adjourn —Mrs. Boyles asked for a motion to adjourn, Mrs. Stoner made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ginter. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Johnson

Interim Secretary/Treasurer