

**Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council**  
**Meeting Minutes-July 14, 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, Lois Stoner, Pam Still, and Cathy Neff. Also, present Deborah Halpin-Brophy, Mayor, and Thomas Day, Borough Manager/Police Chief. Karen Johnson, Interim Secretary/Treasurer and Andrew Tate were absent.

**Approval of Payment of Bills and Financial Reports:** Report for the payment of bills and financial reports for June 9, 2025 to July 13, 2025, were reviewed. Mrs. Stoner made a motion to approve the payment of bills-\$326,465.85, (deposits of \$236,363.58 and financial balances of \$903145.15). Mr. Ginter seconded the motion, with a vote to approve, passing unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes-** The minutes of the Borough Council meeting from June 9, 2025 were reviewed. After a few corrections were noted, Ms. Bowman made the motion to approve the minutes, with a second by Mr. Ginter. The vote to approve passed unanimously.

**Public Comments:**

-Rick Coplen-Carlisle

Professor Coplen thanked those who took time to visit his classroom. He discussed his upcoming new class on Micro Economics, and once again openly invited members to join virtually via zoom on July 29<sup>th</sup>. The focus for his students will be ideas for new business, new non-profits, etc. hoping each will work together within the community providing new opportunities in Mt Holly. Professor Coplen closed by thanking council.

Ms. Still stated her appreciation to Professor Coplen's for his work, and also to Tom and Council members for supporting the Professor and his students.

-Angie Ginter-Mt Holly Springs

Mrs. Ginter (who is on Park & Recreation Committee) wanted to invite council to come to National Night Out on August 9th. She has reached out to the Scouts, Legion and VFW to attend as well. This event is an effort to bring people together by involving the community, fire department, police department, Park & Rec, along with council members, hoping attendees will get to know each other better.

### **Business Before Council:**

--Mt Tabor insurance coverage – Ms. Still made a motion to add Mt Tabor AME Church to our insurance policy to be reimbursed by Mt. Tabor Preservation as quoted (\$1500 for the year). Mrs. Stoner seconded the motion with vote to approve passing unanimously.

-- Mrs. Boyles mentioned a thank you letter from Cynthia Thompson at Amelia Givin Library for the received donation.

--Halloween Parade street closure- Mrs. Stoner made a motion for approval to obtain a permit through Penn Dot for street closure during our MHS Halloween Parade on October 15, 2025. Ms. Bowman seconded the motion, and vote to approve passed unanimously.

--Jim Burgess -Heart & Soul asked if any council member(s) would be interested in participating in a panel discussion on Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Mt Holly Church of God.

### **Council Members Reports:**

--Gus Ginter—wanted to say great job to Park & Rec for Community Appreciation Day—was a very good day (thanks in turn to Gus for the car show turnout)

--Gay Bowman—discussed seeing young woman with a stroller and a toddler trying to cross the street at 34 and East Butler crosswalk with no vehicles stopping for her to cross. Ms. Bowman wanted to know if the borough would purchase signs for the crosswalks. Borough Manager Day stated the cost to put 2 at each intersection would run around \$1000 dollars. Ms. Bowman made a motion to purchase the needed crosswalk signs with a second by Mrs. Neff. Vote to approve passed unanimously.

Jen Deiter spoke up that this would be one thing for someone to mention on Oct 4 at the Heart & Soul event.

Ms. Still asked if failing to stop for a pedestrian in a crosswalk could receive a fine. Mr. Day said it would be difficult to get a citation through at the MDJ office, and putting an officer at intersections for long periods of time would not be feasible (waiting for a pedestrian and a vehicle to ignore them). Signs would definitely help with awareness.

Ms. Bowman asked if a citizen could still step in to help.

--Cathy Neff—wanted to second on the great day, great weather, and great comments regarding Community Appreciation Day. She highlighted some totals for the event (Business donations-\$2700, Donations-\$2232.60, Car Show-\$300.00, and Raffle Baskets-\$1151), saying they would be discussing further at the next Park & Rec meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Borough Manager Day gave an inventory of the event: 840 people were fed, we went through 560 hamburgers, 432 hot dogs, 45 lbs. BBQ, 40 lbs. baked beans, 15

lbs. mac salad, 360 bags of chips, 520 cookies, 20 lbs of onions, 672 waters, and 432 sodas. He said Cheap Sneakers has one date available in June 2026 the 20<sup>th</sup>, and he would like to secure the band now, waiting to discuss further at Park & Rec meeting the next evening.

Mr. Day also wanted to thank Eddie, Dylan, Steve, and Jason for all their hard work getting Trine Park ready for the event.

--Lois Stoner—wanted to include Tom on the thank you for all the hard work as well.

--Pam Still—Planning---She mentioned, Jason and Rick Coplen attended the last planning meeting. Mr. Coplen gave a presentation from Rachel Reznick -DCED on funding opportunities, EMS, grants, and training along with an offer to come and help.

Council voted prior for ordinances to be reviewed, so Planning will be taking a pause from the comprehensive plan.

Conservation- Stephanie Williams with the County has new Marsh Preserve signs, also plans to update parking lot. Ms. Still would like to have interpretive signs similar to Mt Tabor's for additional information available regarding the preserve. Ms. Williams is heading the steering committee (ROE) to study green space, since Mt Holly has 23.5% green space.

**Mayor's Report- Deborah Halpin-Brophy** – Statistical Report for June 9, to July 13, 2025 was reviewed.

**Zoning/Codes Report-Jason Bonawitz**

-- Recent rains and storms resulted in cleanup and delays for mowing, so he will hold off issuing citations.

-- Trine –Appreciation Day –also wanted to mention how nice the day was.

-- July 10, Cumberland County Blighted Mediation Board met, and accepted both properties at 28 Chestnut Street (pool has been drained, garage graffiti has been covered) and 20 Center Street (vacant)—same place where sewer was cut and capped due to tree roots causing a sewer block and backup. Property owners will receive letter with 45-day improvement deadline. At the September meeting the board will decide how they will proceed. Jason has records of the contacts he has made. September 11, he will report back to the board. He has 14 properties to be contacted.

-- FEMA training –dates- week of July 14-24

-- Updated rental inspections

**Borough Manager Report -Thomas Day**

-- East Street Project—end of December completion date—been hard to start due to the rainy weather. Hoping for a two-week dry August stretch to start and complete.

--West Pine Street—milling project—will contact Ryan Hostetter -HRG for pricing of milling and paving. Liquid Fuels monies will help offset the cost. Left over funds will help with a chip and tar on Chestnut Street after the Holly Festival. This process will definitely save the street.

-- Advertise for Secretary-Treasurer position was delayed due to daughter's wedding, mother's passing, and Karen's vacation. We will advertise first thing upon her return.

--New Police Pick-up—this week it is in to be equipped and detailed. Scales will be placed in back.

**Any Other Business Before Council-** none

**Executive Session with no vote to follow**

**Adjournment-** Mrs. Boyles called for the meeting to be adjourned. Ms. Bowman made the motion with a second by Mr. Ginter. Vote to approve passed unanimously, and group moved into executive session.

Respectfully Submitted,



Karen Johnson

Interim Secretary/Treasurer