# Mount Holly Springs Borough Authority 200 Harman Street Mt. Holly Springs, PA 17065

# Regular Meeting Minutes June 9, 2022

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mike Gwozdecki called the June 9, 2022 Borough Authority meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Members stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Gwozdecki, Brian Robertson, Judy Russell, Deb Halpin-Brophy, Marlin Stoner, Solicitor Mark Allshouse, Pennoni Engineer Greg Rogalski

**BOROUGH** Chief/Borough Manager Tom Day

# **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS** No visitors

# **BILL ADJUSTMENT REQUEST**

TCC, owner of Neighbor of Jenny Lee Mobile Home Community submitted a letter requesting a one-time bill reduction due to the inflated usage and a fee waiver for the penalties incurred while they were investigating the cause of the high bills.

Mr. Gwozdecki stated they are requesting a bill adjustment but the work performed was dated April 21<sup>st</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup>. Before the property was sold by Mr. Cleland the usage was 1,700,000. Some repairs were done, but apparently not all leaks were fixed. Then after settlement the portion of the quarterly bill for Neighbor of Jenny Lee was still high. An adjustment was made at 1,711,000 gallons and apparently lost another 500,000 gallons until the 12-7-21 reading under the new owner.

Mr. Gwozdecki stated how did they use 500,000 gallons from the day it was supposedly fixed until the meter reading on 12-7-21 but the next meter reading on 3-8-22 was only 237,000 gallons but the new owners have no documentation for repairs. The solicitor suggesting tabling the request until next month when the Authority would have the next reading.

Mr. Gwozdecki TCC should pay the bill read on 3-8-22 with no penalty at minimum until it gets cleared up and see what the June reading is and ask them if they did any repairs from the purchase of the property on 11-5-21 prior to the meter reading on 3-8-22. The final determination was tabled until the next meeting.

# **REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES-MAY 12, 2022**

Deb Brophy made a motion to approve the Authority meeting minutes of May 12, 2022. The motion was seconded by Judy Russell. Motion passed.

### **BILLS FOR APPROVAL-MAY 2022**

Mike Gwozdecki asked who painted the new doors. Mr. Day stated Josh is painting right now.

Judy Russell made a motion to approve payment of the water and sewer bills. The motion was Deb Brophy. Motion passed.

# **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Rogalski reported he would have an audit report of South Middleton Township by the end of the month. South Middleton Township is meeting their obligation under the terms of the agreement, however, Pennoni's recommendation would be to re-negotiate the agreement. Hubert Gilroy is reviewing the agreement also.

Mr. Rogalski reported the South Middleton Budget Reconciliation has been tasked to Pennoni and hope to get that done by the end of the month. Mr. Day indicated he will be meeting with Hamilton & Musser to handle the budget reconciliation. Mr. Day talked to Nick who does the audits for the Borough. Nick had told Mr. Day they were in the middle of a law suit where one municipality feels they are being underpaid and the other feels they paying the correct amount and he is familiar with the process. Mr. Day has appointment with Nick on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Rogalski reported on the funding from Cumberland County. The application has been extended to July 1<sup>st</sup>. Pennoni would need some additional information. Mr. Day has a meeting with Kurt Stoner on the June 16<sup>th</sup>. Mike Gwozdecki asked if the cost of the two motors that is needed be included on the grant. Mr. Day stated that is why he is meeting with Mr. Stoner.

Mr. Gwozdecki asked the status of the new UV System. Mr. Day stated they are in the process of trying to program everything but he does not know if it is on line yet. ATS has been paid \$53,000 so far. Mr. Day stated South Middleton should be billed 33.33% and not part of the budget line item. South Middleton should also be billed 33.33% of the new doors and the truck. Josephine Hall informed Mr. Day in their meeting, that the Borough has not sent a bill in 5 years that was a capital improvement. South Middleton would be responsible per the agreement of paying the 33.33%. Mike Gwozdecki suggested sending South Middleton a bill for the UV System & engineering fees associated with it, the new doors at the sewer plant and the new truck.

# **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Allshouse reported he is working on the title search for the piece of land by well site on Maple Street.

Mr. Allshouse sent a letter to Authority members for next year's legal budget expense. As of January 1, 2023 Mr. Allshouse 2023 rate for legal services will increase to \$150.00 per hour.

Mike Gwozdecki made a motion to approve the 2023 legal rate per hour to \$150.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Deb Brophy. Motion passed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Treasurer's Report**-Brian Robertson made a motion to approve the May 2022 Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Deb Brophy. Motion passed.

**Borough Report-**Mr. Day reported the new truck has arrived and is in service. The old truck is at Freedom Auctions and should be going through the auction block tonight. Matt thinks it should bring around \$10,000.

Mr. Day reported a meeting would be held on Monday with Hamilton & Musser pertaining to the South Middleton budget reconciliation.

Mr. Day reported Susquehanna Valley Tree Service would be cutting and trimming trees along Mt. Creek at the sewer plant.

Mr. Day reported the fire hydrant that was knocked off on Mountain Street is installed and operational. A flow test would have to be done to determine what color the cap would be painted. Mr. Day stated all the fire hydrants would be painted by Josh and the inmates at a cost of \$400-\$500 for paint. The cost of the fire hydrant would be added to the restitution of the person that knocked of the hydrant.

Mr. Day reported Josh is doing a very good job doing ground maintenance at the water tanks. Mr. Day would inform Josh about checking the gutters at the pump house on McLand Road.

# **ADJOURN**

Mike Gwozdecki adjourned the June 9, 2022 Authority meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Fisher
Utility Billing Clerk