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

# Regular Meeting Minutes September 11, 2025

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mike Gwozdecki called the September 11, 2025 Authority meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Gwozdecki led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence for victims of 9-11-2001

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Gwozdecki, Judy Russell, Deborah Halpin-Brophy, James Collins II, Bandon Vazquez, Pennoni Engineer Greg Rogalski, and WWTP Josh Kuhn

MEMBERS ABSENT Chief/Borough Manager Tom Day

#### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS** No visitors

## **REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES-AUGUST 14, 2025**

Jim Collins made a motion to approve the minutes of August 14, 2025. The motion was seconded by Judy Russell. Motion passed.

### **BILLS FOR APPROVAL-AUGUST 2025**

Jim Collins made a motion to approve payment of the water and sewer bills for August 2025. The motion was seconded by Judy Russell. Motion passed.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Greg Rogalski reported there would be no word on the Orange Street Sewer grant until the end of the year.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mike Gwozdecki brought up the bill adjustment from last month for 412 Chestnut Street that was declined. The property owner called and ask Mr. Gwozdecki to review the situation with him. Mike had some discussion with Pat and Josh. The meter was read on 3-6. Pat alerted Josh on Monday and Tuesday knocked on the door and got no response. Wednesday Josh put a note on the door. Sara was aware there was a leak and they did nothing until they got their bill.

They realized they drug their feet. The usage was 134,000 gallons. Mike informed Mr. Close he would present to the board members possibly adjusting the sewer portion of the bill since the water did not go down the sewer system. The sewer portion of the bill would be adjusted to 16,000 gallons and the water would stay the same.

Jim Collins made a motion to let the water the same and adjust the sewer portion of the bill to 16,000 gallons of usage. The motion was seconded by Judy Russell. Motion passed.

Mike Gwozdecki stated Mr. Vazquez was looking into something pertaining to terminology in a contract. They are paying an attorney to get payment for services rendered and that's it. There has been no attempt to re-negotiate the contract. Mr. Vazquez stated the Authority has the right to adjust any contract at any time and there are PA citations. Greg Rogalski stated he sat in a meeting with attorneys from Johnson & Duffie and they reviewed the contract. They indicated the Authority could not get out of it. Mr. Vazquez stated he was not an attorney, but there are laws and precedence that say you can exit any contract.

Mike Gwozdecki stated the Authority is still operating with a worthless contract and the Authority needs to write a new contract and move forward for 2026.

Josh Kuhn reported Wednesday was the first day he was allowed into South Middleton's pump station on Pine Road. South Middleton then went to the sewer plant. South Middleton would have to have multiple people lying about the numbers and Josh didn't think that was the case.

Mike Gwozdecki stated the Authority needs to figure out how to get the contract re-written for 2026. Judy Russell suggested contacting Mark Allshouse.

Mr. Rogalski suggested some on the Board would have to contact someone on South Middleton's Board. Mr. Gwozdecki indicated he would contact Mr. Allshouse and go from there.

Mr. Gwozdecki stated Brandon has a great temperament to discuss contract negotiations. He would get Brandon's information and call Mr. Allshouse. He and Mark should get together and have a conversation. Members thanked Mr. Vazquez.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Treasurer's Report-**Jim Collins made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for August 2025. The motion was seconded by Deb Brophy. Motion passed.

**Borough Report-**Josh stated the sewer extends to Randy Hoon's property on Lakeside Drive and he asked if that is part of the sewer main or his lateral. If something should happen, who is responsible for repairs? Mr. Rogalski indicated that would be a main and would be the Authority's responsibility for repairs.

Josh stated Ahlstrom's would like to monitor the wells on the Shetter property. They would be drawing more water out of their well. The wells were drilled and are just sitting there. Mr. Rogalski saw no problem. Plus, Ahlstrom's would share the data with the Authority.

Mike Gwozdecki stated the next meeting would be October 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

# **ADJOURN**

Mike Gwozdecki adjourned the September meeting at  $5:39\ p.m.$ 

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Fisher

**Utility Billing Clerk**