

Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council Meeting Minutes-September 9, 2024

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, and Gus Ginter. Also, present Deborah Halpin-Brophy, Mayor, Thomas Day, Police Chief/ Borough Manager; and Karen Johnson, Interim Secretary/Treasurer. Absent-Cindy Goshorn.

Approval for Payment of Bills –August 12 to September 9, 2024

Approval of Financial Reports-August 12 to September 9, 2024

Financial reports were reviewed, Balance on all accounts \$680,704.80 and payment of bills \$161,287.20. Mrs. Stoner motioned for the approval of the payment of bills, which was seconded by Mr. Ginter. The vote to approve the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes –The minutes of the Borough Council meeting from August 12, 2024 were reviewed. Ms. Bowman motioned for the approval of the minutes which was seconded by Mr. Ginter. The vote to approve the motion passed unanimously.

Public Opinion-none

Business Before Council-

Officially hire two employees: Council was introduced to the newly hired applicants: Dylan Coyle- a resident of Mt. Holly Springs was hired as full-time public works employee. Mr. Ginter made the motion to officially hire Dylan at the rate of \$20.00 per hour, with a second by Mrs. Stoner. The vote to approve passed unanimously.

Jason Bonawitz- a resident of Mt Holly Springs was hired as Part-time Codes/Zoning Officer and Part-time Public Works. Ms. Bowman made the motion to officially hire Jason at the rate of \$21.00 per hour with a second by Mr. Ginter. The vote to approve passed unanimously. Jason was then sworn into office by Mayor Halpin-Brophy.

Yellow Breeches EMS Letter- Council received a letter from Yellow Breeches EMS with a request for monetary support for 2025. They are asking for \$30,000 for payroll and equipment expenses, \$5,000 toward mandatory radio replacement, and \$10,000 for ambulance replacement fund, which will total \$45,000 for 2025. The Borough's collected amount for 2024 in the Emergency Medical Services Fund, resulted in sending \$25,000 for 2024 (below the past amounts of \$30,000). Council discussed the requested amount for 2025 and decided to only use the funds collected in the EMS Fund.

2024 PA Historic Preservation Award-The Borough, along with Halteman's Home Improvements, SBA Architect Ted Strosser, Mt. Tabor Preservation Project will receive a 2024 Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Award-Construction: Rehabilitation. The awards ceremony is on Thursday, October 23, 2024 at the Zembo Shrine in Harrisburg. Karen will represent the Borough at the awards ceremony.

2024 Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Grant- The Borough received notification that we were awarded \$52,560 for our East Street Project from the Cumberland County Conservation District. This project will install 9 storm drain pipes and boxes, along with repaving the street. Mr. Ginter made a motion to accept the contract for the grant between Cumberland County and the Borough, which was seconded by Mrs. Stoner. The vote to approve passed unanimously.

Cooke Township Authorization Request- Cooke Township is asking for authorization for Citizens Fire Company to provide standby for fire and other emergencies for their Fall Furnace Fest on Saturday, Oct. 19th, and Sunday, Oct. 20th at Pine Grove Furnace State Park. Mrs. Stoner made a motion to give authorization in the event of a worker's compensation claim, with a second by Ms. Bowman. The vote to approve passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report- Mayor, Deborah Halpin-Brophy

Mayor Halpin-Brophy presented the Monthly statistical report for the police department. Traffic citations-37, warnings-4, Parking tickets-21, ordinance tickets-3, non-traffic citations-1, and 2 criminal complaints.

Heart & Soul- Invitation for the idea summit at the Amelia Given Library on Saturday September 28 at 10:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Council Members Reports-

Mrs. Stoner- National "Afternoon" Out- postponed from August and was rescheduled for Sunday, September 8 at the firehouse. Great turnout around 120 attended. Had 2 K-9's, DJ, Food, etc.

Holly Fest- 94 Vendors so far. Painting of space numbers will be around September 19th. Next Park & Rec meeting, Tuesday 17th.

Ms. Bowman- discussed the "pick-up truck gathering" doing donuts in the church parking around 8 to 8:15 pm on Wednesday, September 4th. Chief Day was unaware this happened since he was not notified. Ms. Bowman stated that Pa State Police did show up and the group left.

Update on Greenlife- doing well, would like to install a dressing room but no space available. They are doing well selling clothing. Having issues with people dumping junk items at the door, would like to install a storage shed, but the location would block the back side door which would not be permitted. Borough manager Day stated they need to keep the outside clean.

Safe exchange- Ms. Bowman asked about cameras for the borough building for a safe exchange area. Borough manger Day stated that right now we have no funding available for the cameras. They can use Family Dollar and Sheetz, they are places that are well lit and have outside cameras

Borough Manager's Report- Thomas Day

Ridge Road update- all the shale is down, DCNR funds provided for 2A modified and the road is beautiful. Our section looks very nice and the driveways have been tapered. 6-inch perforated piping is yet to go in which will go directly to the storm drains. Emergency apparatus will not have any problems accessing the road.

Budget- working on the budget for 2025, will try to have ready for Council in October, so we can have a balanced and passed budget by the November meeting.

New Pavilion- is now complete, with electric, lights, and water lines for frost free spigots, and sign has been put up. Kudos to Ed Ginter and public works.

Pavilion at Butler- any future plans for the pavilion are on hold until the school district decides on what they will do with the elementary school.

Adjourn – Mr. Ginter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm, which was seconded by Mrs. Neff. The vote passed unanimously, and the meeting moved into:

Executive Session with No Action

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Johnson
Interim Secretary/Treasurer