

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

**Regular Meeting Minutes  
December 9, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairman Brian Robertson called the December 9, 2021 Borough Authority meeting to order in the absence of Chairman Mike Gwozdecki. The Authority stood and recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Brian Robertson, Judy Russell, Marlin Stoner, Solicitor Mark Allshouse

**BOROUGH** Chief/Borough Manager Tom Day

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mike Gwozdecki, GHD Representative Nancy Adams & Deb Halpin-Brophy

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Mike Shearer was present representing David and Brenda Cleland on re-visiting the bill adjustment request of last month. The Authority did not understand what was going on. The Cleland's paid \$34,967.01 for the final read of 32 Center Street, Lot 14. They would need a refund check of \$26,667.57. That would be for the highest reading of the last four quarters. Mr. Day indicated they should not make that high of an adjustment. They were told by Jim Williams they had a leak and argued with him that it was the Borough's issue only to find it was their problem.

Mike Shearer indicated there was some background to the matter. Dave Cleland said he did not know there was a leak but would have fixed it if he knew. He had someone come out in January to check and some of the tenants are not to responsible. Pronto Plumbing indicated no leaks were found in January. Then someone came out in April and they found a leak which they fixed. Then it went under an agreement of sale and they were hesitant too much of anything with it at that point. The final reading indicated 1,711,000 gallons of usage. Mr. Shearer stated the water charge was \$5988.50 for the water used from September 8<sup>th</sup> to November 4<sup>th</sup>. Mike and Mr. Shearer agreed they should pay for the water portion. Mr. Shearer asked the Authority to use the charge from March 8<sup>th</sup> that was \$6680.60, the highest usage of the last four quarters. Tom Day agreed with that.

Brian Robertson made a motion to refund David & Brenda Cleland \$22,149.75 from the sewer fund for the final reading of November 5<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Judy Russell. Motion passed.

The Authority received a bill adjustment request from Anthony & Ashley D'Andrea for 6 Independence Drive. This is the same situation as the Cleland's. They were selling the house and the final reading indicated a leak. The D'Adrea's used 62,000 gallons and did not live in the house for two months. The Authority reviewed the account screen.

Marlin Stoner made a motion to adjust the final bill of 6 Independence Drive to 12,000 gallons of usage and refund them \$842.50. The motion was seconded by Judy Russell. Motion passed.

### **REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES-NOVEMBER 18, 2021**

Judy Russell made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 18, 2021. The motion was seconded by Marlin Stoner. Motion passed.

### **BILLS FOR APPROVAL-NOVEMBER 2021**

Judy Russell made a motion to approve payment of the November 2021 water and sewer bills. The motion was seconded by Marlin Stoner. Motion passed.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

In Nancy Adams absence, she sent a written report that would be attached to these minutes.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT** No report

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Brian Robertson stated the Borough passed the Resolution for the money transfer. Mr. Day would contact Orrstown Bank on the matter.

Mr. Day reported he has signed the contract with Pennoni for the evaluation of historical sewer billing and treatment agreements. The audit should be done the end of January.

Mr. Day reported he met with Hubert Gilroy and is willing to take on the project at a rate of \$150.00 per hour.

Mr. Day reported he contacted R.J. Hall to supply a list of past employees that retired from the sewer plant. They gave him the rate of \$65,738.88 from the retirement fund excluding the fees associated with it. South Middleton should be paying on the budget \$15,566.00 using the 23.68% per the existing agreement. Mr. Day suggested instead of spending money in legal fees, the Authority needs to schedule a meeting between South Middleton Authority and Mt. Holly Authority to negotiate in good faith. Brian Gembusia conquered there is a problem and South Middleton is not paying their fair share.

Mr. Day reported the clarifier tanks had a lot of moss and foam in the center. Mr. Day would have a talk with Hemisphere Operations on their daily operations. They are not doing the cleaning as stated in the contract.

Mr. Day reported on the UV system. Everything was dug, compacted, electric lines installed, blacktop, sealing and the concrete pad installed for the transformer for the system. As soon as the permit is in hand, everything is ready for installation.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Treasurer's Report**-Marlin Stoner made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for November 2021. The motion was seconded by Brian Robertson. Motion passed.

Judy Russell made a motion to make Tom Day the representative to Orrstown Bank for the purpose of investing the excess funds. The motion was seconded by Marlin Stoner. Motion passed.

## **ADJOURN**

Marlin Stoner made a motion to adjourn the December 9, 2021 Borough Authority meeting. The motion was seconded by Judy Russell. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Fisher  
Utility Billing Clerk