

**Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council  
Committee Meeting Minutes-February 23, 2023**

**Call to Order** – Mr. Collins called the February 23, 2023, Committee meeting of the Borough Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Attendance**– The following members of the Borough Council were present; James Collins II, Sherry Boyles, Gay Bowman, Lois Stoner, and Debra Halpin-Brophy. Also present, Thomas Day, Police Chief/Borough Manager, Mayor, Dr. Brian Robertson, and Cindy Goshorn. Cathy Neff was absent.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Jim Collins II led the Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of Minutes:** Mrs. Brophy made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the February 13, 2023, council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Neff and passed by majority vote

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Robertson presented a rough draft of the proclamation and order of Mount Holly Springs sesquicentennial. Mayor Robertson read the rough draft to the council members and they all approved. Mayor Robertson had mentioned that sometime he would like to get pictures of the council and the police department.

**Committee Reports** – The Great American Clean Up. Mrs. Boyles had mentioned that last year the county didn't have the resources to supply the materials. Mrs. Boyles had asked council if they were interested in participating again this year or if the Borough should just do their own thing. Mrs. Stoner mentioned the sesquicentennial celebration and went over some of the things that they have planned. They have the band Cheap Sneakers. They would prefer doing the car show and that was suggested to be held from 10:00 – 2:00. They are getting the dog rescue again this year and they will also do something for the Holly festival. We have a lot of vendors so far. Ms. Bowman had mentioned about the Christmas parade that was discussed at the Parks and Rec meeting with Donna Benner. Chief Day said she has been on face book posting about having a Christmas parade and Chief Day had told her that she would have to have about 20-30 volunteers to set this up. We would need certified people for the intersections. Prize money to pay for the bands to come out. Mrs. Stoner said that they invited Mrs. Benner to come when it is time to start planning the Halloween parade to see how much is involved. The amount of money that we paid out in prizes last year, we had only made \$100.

**Borough Manager's Report** - Chief Day told council that today we had started working in Tichy Park assembling the playground equipment. When we dug for the footers for the swing set, we actually hit water. We had to build everything up to get a good solid base. Tomorrow we will start setting cement and putting stuff in place and assembling the playground equipment. Chief Day mentioned that he had reached out to Kurt Mueller of South Middleton of who did their tennis courts and he gave me the name of a guy with the last name of Zell. I contacted him about painting the basketball and the pickle ball courts with the same color scheme of a forest green color. I was surprised his quote came in for \$1900. I told him to put us on the list for that. Chief Day said he has Karen looking and applying at DCNR for one of those park grants cause what I would like to do is put half of a basketball court in at Tichy Park. I figured with black top and all the cost would be around \$8,000 to \$10,000 for the material and actually putting it down. I ordered ten more park benches we had sold out of the first ten. We got the green and brown. I have one of the benches sold. We are going to use the new ones to replace the concrete ones. I want to put two down at Tichy park. Chief Day said that the guys have been working up at the Shetter property. They have been cleaning up and took out about 100 trees that had overgrown the pond area. The pond is nine feet deep in the center. We have purchased seeds and we are going to plant a big pumpkin patch and then come around Halloween time have the kids come and pick out a pumpkin and decorate it or something. Chief has the officers stopping periodically to check on Mr. Shetter and I stop too just to do a check on him. Chief Day said he was approached by South Middleton about the ball fields. Field three is being used by Carlisle little league. South Middleton Girls softball asked if they can use the field. Chief Day had mentioned that we ordered six banners with the Hometown Hero thing, we changed the guidelines as being far as being deceased you can still do one if they are still alive, a firefighter or served on council or mayor and they are in good standing. We have already had three applications and I have to do background checks on them yet. Chief Day said he is doing one for Cork Shildt. Chief Day said that no one uses the pavilion here behind the Borough Building probably because there is no restroom. It wouldn't take much to change that over to a male and female bathroom instead of a pavilion. This way the ballfields wouldn't have to have porta johns. We are looking into a grant for part of the basketball grant from DCNR maybe a \$20,000 to \$30,0000 grant and use it part of it for the bathrooms. If there aren't any objections by council, I believe that is something that would be used more than a pavilion. Mayor Robertson asked what the cost was on the banners. Chief Day said that they are \$170. The hometown heroes are \$275. They will be about 3-5 years before they start fading. Every other pole on Baltimore and E. Pine and W. Pine. The flags will go on the lit poles and banners on the non-lit ones. Chief Day said he contacted county conservation about some excavation being done by the railroad tracks past Lakeside Drive. I believe that it is being done by Met-Ed. I think they are going to replace the poles on the side of the mountain.

Chief Day mentioned that ABC 27 news did a segment today on the A & E church over here on black history. Carmen James was there and did a great job with the interview. The H2O grant is all finalized and submitted just waiting on a response. This is a \$5.5 Million grant. The county is giving us \$250,000 towards our portion for what we would have to kick in which is about 15 to 20 percent. So, it would be about \$800,000. It won't be awarded until June or the end of July. In the spring we plan on painting all the curbs in town. We have the paint just waiting for the weather.

Josh had brought to my attention that we had about 15 people dated from as far back as 2019 that their meters were not reading and he had to get in and change their meters. I contacted our solicitor and asked if there was anything we can do to hold these people accountable if they won't contact us and he said shut their water off. He gave me a section of which they are out of compliance and I sent letters to each of the individuals and I have gotten a response from six now. Come March 1, 2023 we will be shutting the others off. Josh also brought to my attention that at 238 Park Way Drive the meter wasn't hooked up for the new house and they were using water. The new owner had taken possession of the house and the meter wasn't installed. The water bill was being estimated. They have been building houses in Westgate, hooking the water up and using the water. Then when it comes time for settlement, they hook up the meter. So, they have been stealing water from the Borough. Chief Day confronted Charlie Mallios about it and he asked how can we settle this. We just finished working on the 2021 reconciliation with Hamilton & Musser. That aren't paying any of Pat's salary. In the 1976 agreement it says laborers, contractors and managers. Back when that was written we didn't have a billing clerk. In the past years we got \$92,000, this year was \$198,000 based on what Nick, from Hamilton & Musser came up with. South Middleton wasn't even paying the state permits or anything to run the plant. We are into 2022's reconciliation and once get done I will send a letter and get started with the negotiations. On March 1<sup>st</sup>, we are doing our update classes with MOPEC this year in person. There have been a lot of compliments about our police running speed.

Ms. Bowman asked if we are working on using the Borough as a safe place for drop off and pick up for kids and sales of on-line items. Chief Day said he is hoping to have cameras installed next week depending on his schedule. He will be putting cameras in the front and rear parking areas of the building. Ms. Bowman asked if we decided on the trees for the front of the building yet. Chief Day said he hasn't had time yet to look into it. Ms. Bowman said she will look into prices for red bud trees.

**Any Other Business to Come Before Council:** There was no other business to be brought before council.

**Adjourn** – Mrs. Stoner made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Mrs. Brophy. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nanette Dusharm  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer