

## **Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council Committee Meeting Minutes-June 29, 2023**

**Call to Order** – Mr. Collins called the June 29, 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, Lois Stoner, Cathy Neff, Gay Bowman and Debra Halpin-Brophy. Also present, Mayor Brian Robertson and Thomas Day, Police Chief/Borough Manager. Cindy Goshorn was absent.

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

**Approval of Minutes** – Ms. Bowman made a motion to approve the minutes from June 12, 2023 council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Brophy and passed by majority vote.

**Public Comments** – Rebecca Yearick of Housing & Redevelopment Authorities was present and she informed council that she had spoken with a leasing agent at A to Z, and he said there was no action on the Dollar General. Then, the next day, the owner, Joe Anthony, the owner had contacted me and said that it was leased. It has been leased by a company called Green Light, a nonprofit organization that speaks to their mission for food, clothing, shelter and safety. They have a long-term lease. They will have bins and such like community aid. The owner's name is Matt Stine. Their plan is to open one of these per year. Rachel is going to open an outdoor play area for the dogs at the Rugged Canine that is to open in July. The Cumberland County land partnership grant program will be opening in a few weeks. Think about what you want to apply for. We have a new demolition program that would fund blighted or condemned properties or properties that have been in a fire. This is a grant of up to \$50,000 with criteria related to how much you can get from the fund for the demolition. It is a partnership between the municipality and the property owner. We also have a landlord repair program that provides up to \$25,000 to create or renovate residential rental properties. It is a forgivable loan and they have to be rented for a period of 15 years. Rebecca announced that at the end of this year she will be retiring so the Borough will no longer have to pay for services for grant management services.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor had mentioned that last month they had a meeting of the Holly Preserve, a group trying to get a master plan together for road improvement, trail issues and improving the fishing. It is just a planning session right now. Mayor had asked Mrs. Brophy if she had a change to work on the floodplain. Mrs. Brophy had stated that it is pretty much done. She said that she had spoken with Kurt Stoner, Steve Blair and Leslie Rhoades, who is the PA Municipal League FEMA

consultant, she said that the municipalities of adopting the flood plain issue. So, I will be getting that all together and get the reports over to planning and then it will be adopted and done. Mayor Robertson had asked the Borough Manager if we had heard anything back from Senator Kutz on Ridge Road. Borough Manager Tom Day had mentioned that we have received all the paperwork. Now, the County and the State wants DCNR to file for the grants since they are the actual owners of the road. The county only had 2 applicants and 1 of them was from Mt. Holly Springs Borough for East Street. The deadline for the grant was June 26. If they open the grant program again, they want to know if the Borough would do the work. We have asked DCNR before if they would do it and they said no. They plan on relinquishing it all together and turning it back over to the landowners in 2025. Mayor Robertson had mentioned that Mt. Tabor's lease is up for renewal. Mrs. Boyles made a motion to renew the lease with Mt. Tabor for \$1.00 per month and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Brophy and all are in favor.

**Committee Reports** – Mrs. Neff had asked if the Borough had decided on installing the GaGa Pit at Trine Park. Borough Manager Tom Day stated that he can get one installed for around \$1,000. The Ramseys are going to donate \$1200. The location has not yet been decided. Borough Manager had stated that he would like to put the sandbox behind the playground. Mrs. Neff made a motion to build and install the gaga pit and Mrs. Stoner made a second and all are in favor.

**Borough Manager's Report** – Borough Manager Tom Day mentioned that the event to be held on July 8<sup>th</sup>, that the Legion donated \$1,000, the Son's of the Legion donated a \$1,000 and the ladies auxiliary will be donating \$1,000 when they vote at their next meeting. Jevan from UGO, is donating 720 cans of soda and 600 bottles of water for the event. The drinks are taken care of, the firehouse has been bagging ice and putting in the freezer. Mrs. Neff's cousin is taking care of all the volleyball applications. We have all the inflatables rented. The band is all ready to go. Mr. Collins asked if parking will be allowed up at the Church. We have everything we need for the celebration. Borough Manager Day stated that the pavilion is done except for the electric and Tony Porter still has to pour the concrete for the outside perimeter. Borough Manager Day said that he is still waiting for a price on the seamless gutters from Kirby Bream. After the event, we will move the picnic tables down so that it can be rented. The County still owes us \$10,000 for the grant on the pavilion. Karen will be calling and checking on that. Borough Manager Tom Day mentioned that we are still waiting on the restitution for the damage of the bathroom door at the park. Apparently, one of the girls of the group that we have had problems with, had beaten the door with a hammer causing \$1500 worth of damage and she was arrested and the trooper is seeking restitution. Borough Manager Tom Day told council about the water break on West Pine Street it was a long night and but we have everything all repaired. Now we have another water issue with Precision Fly Shop. He is getting a lot of water in his basement we had

Carlisle Borough out with their listening devices, and they couldn't find anything. So, Precision Fly and Tackle thinks that it's on the Borough, and the Borough thinks it is the owner's responsibility. We are going to work on that tomorrow and hopefully get it resolved. We have an issue with 32 Center Street that a sixteen-year-old lives in. Children and Youth has really been riding us about condemning the property. There still is no hot water in the house. The house is falling down the walls are caving in. Jonathan has started the process. There is also a 65-year-old with her daughter and the 16-year-old. We have spoken with the owners and they will have to deal with it. Borough Manager Tom Day said that the other issue we have is with 1 Trine Avenue. The water was shut off on April 17, 2023 due to nonpayment. They have been bathing their children in the pool in the back yard from storm water that has run off the roof. The owners have been contacted and they don't care and they won't get involved. Rachel has started a complaint on it and Children and Youth along with domestic relations and that property is probably going to be condemned also. Borough Manager Tom Day informed council that Jim Hoerner is out of work. He has been out on medical and we have no clue when he is coming back. But he is not allowed to comeback until he is one hundred percent cleared. We have been using Steve Block and he is banking any hours over 20. Ms. Bowman asked if we had any information on the dog abuse situation. Borough Manager Tom Day said that the youth and the parents have since been arrested for throwing rocks at cars down on Baltimore Avenue. Chairman Collins asked if we have heard anything about the bill to South Middleton Township. Borough Manager Tom Day stated that he had hand delivered a bill to Jossie for almost a quarter million dollars that they have owed us from 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 sewer rates to them yesterday, June 28, 2023. They have thirty (30) days from the time that I hand delivered it to pay or per our agreement we are allowed to put five percent on the bill or six percent whichever is greatest. That would be another \$10,000 each thirty (30) days. I would have liked to have done that sooner, but I sent the letter out on May 23, 2023 to Jossie saying how much they used, but Hamilton and Musser never sent them a copy of the reconciliation. We are waiting until July 28, 2023.

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

**Adjourn** – Mrs. Boyles made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Mrs. Brophy. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nanette Dusharm  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer