

## **Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council Committee Meeting Minutes-March 30, 2023**

**Call to Order** – Mr. Collins called the March 30, 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, Cathy Neff, Cindy Goshorn and Debra Halpin-Brophy. Also present, Thomas Day, Police Chief/Borough Manager, Mayor, Dr. Brian Robertson.

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

**Approval of Minutes** - Mrs. Boyles made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the March 13, 2023 council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bowman and passed by majority vote.

**Public Comments** – Kyle Schnitzer of 212 Chestnut Street, Mount Holly Springs was present. Mr. Schnitzer reported to council that he is going to be running for Borough Council at the upcoming election as a write-in. Mr. Schnitzer is currently a member of the Borough's Planning Commission.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Robertson sworn in new member, Brad Mentzer to be a Fire Police for the Citizen's Fire Company. Mayor Robertson had informed council that the booklet for the Holly book is at the printers. Mayor Robertson had also mentioned that the annual community Easter Egg Hunt is to be held on April 8, 2023 at 1:00 at Trine Park. Mayor Robertson had mentioned that an activity poster has been ordered for all the events in Mount Holly Springs for the year. The Mayor had also mentioned that there is a play on April 15, 2023 the Holly Heroines that will be held at the Church of God there are tickets for just the play or the play with hors d'oeuvres. The Mayor had mentioned that there is a fishing derby to be held on 4/15/23 sponsored by Mountain Creek Trout Club will be holding their fishing derby at the Veteran's Pak behind Sheetz and the Lions Club Fishing Derby to be held at the Holly Fish and Game Club on April 29, 2023.

**Borough Manager's Report** – Borough Manager Day informed council that the hometown hero banner program was doing very well. We have sold 12 so far and we are waiting on proofs for 10. We will be putting the 150<sup>th</sup> banners up as well as the hero banners along Baltimore Ave. They will also be put on the Borough's website with a drop-down item of their bios. Borough Manager Day had informed council that the Borough Authority has filed criminal charges against Charlie Malliois of 715 Sand Bank Road, Mount Holly Springs, with 32 counts of theft of services. We had given him adequate time to respond to the issue and he has not. Borough

Manager Day thinks that the Authority needs to look into ways to enforce it better. It was reported that we had a water main break at 206 Chestnut Street. This is the third time in four years in the same area, so we decided to replace the lateral pipe instead of patching it. A big tree lifted the whole sidewalk and cut the water line in about a six-foot section.

Borough Manager Day has the police department on the lookout for a four-wheeler that has been riding around the Borough. They believe the source is on Mountain Street in the log home and they are going to keep watch and hope to catch them and if we do, we will have the right to confiscate the four-wheeler. We have opened the restrooms up at Trine Park and discovered a water line break that will need to be replaced. We have received the new light poles for the pickle ball and volley ball courts and we will start digging to put the electrical in next week. We will also be putting a fence around the volleyball and pickle ball courts as well. Borough Manager Day had mentioned that we will be having a grand opening for Tichy Park on June 10, 2023. We were thinking that it would be nice to have a sign put up and "rededicate" the park in memory of Cork Shildt. Mrs. Brophy made a motion to purchase a sign and rededicate the park in memory of Cork Shildt and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn.

Mrs. Goshorn had mentioned that the elementary school is looking for the borough's permission to possibly put up a book box. The book box would be put somewhere in a safe location for kids to access along the street. Borough Manager Day mentioned that in front of the Borough building would be a nice spot to put it. Council had made a decision to terminate employment with Douglas Shields effective immediately. Mrs. Brophy made a motion to terminate the employment of Mr. Shields and it was seconded by Mrs. Stoner. All were in favor and the motion was passed unanimously.

**Committee Reports** – Mrs. Neff had informed council that Parks and Rec has 22 vendors registered so far for Holly Fest. We would like to have at least 75. Borough Manager Day had mentioned that there is an outdoor class called "good and rooted" it is a biology and math class that would like to use Trine Park to hold their classes. They wanted to know if they could have a port-a-john during the months that the bathroom would be closed. It was also mentioned of possibly using the Shetter property to hold classes there as well. There is the wagon sheds there that can be used for shelter during inclement weather. Ms. Bowman had asked about possibly having a sensory garden somewhere up at Trine Park. Borough Manager Day said that they had left top soil up there before for a garden to be put in so there shouldn't be a problem as long as there is someone that is able to maintain it. Borough Manager Day stated that the local pro volleyball team we be using the volleyball courts up at Trine Park starting in April on Mondays through Thursday from 6-10 pm. We have park benches that are for sale. The Civic Association has purchased one for Jerome Guise and there is also a plaque that was purchased for Kurt Bream. It was brought up that instead of burying a time capsule

up at Trine Park for the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration to put the items in the safe here in the Borough office. Mrs. Boyles had made a suggestion of having a bulletin board installed up a Trine Park with information for Borough activities like the one that we have in front of the Borough Building that is locked and can only be taken care of by Borough employees. It was asked if the Borough could make their annual donation to the Amelia Given Library earlier in the year instead of at the end of the year. Mrs. Boyles made a motion to pay the \$2,000 annual donation to the Amelia Given Library and the motion was seconded by Ms. Bowman. All members were in favor. An announcement was made that Mayor Robertson will not be running for re-election as Mayor. He will be moving out of the area by the end of the years. Mrs. Deborah Brophy is going to be on the ballot as a write-in for mayor for the upcoming election.

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

**Adjourn** – Mrs. Brophy made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nanette Dusharm  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer