

**Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council
Meeting Minutes-November 14, 2022**

Call to Order – Mr. Collins called the November 14, 2022, meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Borough Council meeting on October 10, 2022, were approved as presented. The motion was made Mrs. Brophy and seconded by Mrs. Stoner. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of October 2022 Bill List and Payment- Mrs. Brophy motioned for the approval for the payment of bills and was seconded by Mrs. Neff. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard – Kyle Schnitzer of 212 Chestnut Street, Mount Holly Springs, was present and asked council if he could become a member of the Planning Commission. We currently have two vacancies on the planning commission. Mrs. Brophy made a motion to appoint Kyle Schnitzer to be a member of the planning commission and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn.

Solicitor’s Report- Mr. Allshouse had nothing new to report.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Roberston introduced two of the new police officers that will begin in December. Dustin Pague and his family were present and Donald Holcomb and his family were present as well. They are expected to start after graduating from the academy on December 12, 2022.

Committee Reports

Administrative, Finance, and Budget– Mrs. Brophy made a motion to adopt the 2023 budget and it was seconded by Ms. Bowman. All members are in favor. Mrs. Stoner made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2022-1 Tax Millage Rate increase for 2023 and the motion was seconded by Ms. Bowman. All are in favor. The Ordinance was signed and adopted.

Health, Safety, and Welfare Committee – Nothing new to report.

Zoning/Codes Officer– Nothing new to report.

Planning & Zoning Report – Nothing new to report.

Public Works- Nothing new to report.

Borough Manager's Report-Chief Day reported that we had old piping at the corner of W. Pine and Chestnut Street that was damaged at the curb by Knisley's. It was the old terracotta drain at the curb. Chief Day spoke with Kim from Knisley's and they are willing to give us 200 feet of piping and dig out and replace the old pipe. Chief Day had mentioned that they have cleaned and winterized the restrooms at Trine Park and they are now closed for the season. The pavilion has been put on hold because of some permit issues with South Middleton Township. We will be putting the new pavilion up in the spring. Tichy Park playground equipment is supposed to be delivered on November 15th. But due to the weather changing we may have to put off installing the playground until spring, unless we get some nice weather in the near future.

Chief Day had mentioned that we had been awarded \$250,000 for a \$2 Million grant that we had applied for from the County. Pennoni engineers will be working with Karen to apply for a larger grant to see if we can get more funding. Chief Day informed council that we will be getting billed for more worker's compensation insurance from the Citizens' Fire Company's audit. They had discovered an issue with the death of a firefighter from Co. #36 and it was overlooked until now. So, they will be collecting money for the difference and Chief Day will be reaching out to Dickinson Township and South Middleton Township for their portion as well.

Chief Day informed council that we have the plow truck and cinders all ready to go. The weather forecast is calling for 1-3" of snow for tomorrow. We have ordered 2 tri-axel loads of road salt so far. Chief Day reported that Halloween went well with no problems. He wanted to thank the fire police and PSP for their help with traffic during trick or treat. Chief Day mentioned that on November 23rd we will take the flags down on the poles and start putting up Christmas decorations. He also noted that Pennsy Supply is done with the paving of Baltimore Avenue except for putting the guardrails up. It looks very nice and he said they had done a nice job. Chief Day stated that the Dollar General Store had their final inspection and should be opening soon. Chief Day mentioned that leaf pick up will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays through the rest of November and the first two weeks of December. He mentioned that the chipper is in need of some repairs and the work that needs done is going to be about \$3,000.

Mayor Robertson had mentioned about the nice job the guys had done with cleaning up all the leaves before we had gotten all the rain the other day. Ms. Bowman had asked how things were coming along with the new computer people. Chief Day had mentioned that the computers have all been updated so that we can access anywhere in the building now. They are still working on the website and everything is coming along good so far.

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 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nanette Dusharm
Borough Secretary/ Treasurer