

Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council Meeting Minutes-January 9, 2023

Call to Order – Mr. Collins called the January 9, 2023, 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, Sherry Boyles, Gay Bowman, Lois Stoner, Cindy Goshorn and Debra Halpin-Brophy, Cathy Neff. Also present, Mark Allshouse, Borough Solicitor; Nanette Dusharm, Borough Secretary/Treasurer, Mayor, Dr. Brian Robertson, and Borough Manager, Thomas Day

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Borough Council meeting on December 12, 2022, were approved as presented. The motion was made Mrs. Boyles and seconded by Mrs. Brophy. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of December 2022 Bill List and Payment- Mrs. Stoner motioned for the approval and payment of the bills and was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard – There were no visitors present.

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

Mayor's Report – Mayor reported that we now have three new officers on staff. We had a total of 36 traffic citations for the month of December. Mayor had also mentioned that January 9, 2023 is Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Chief Day had mentioned that we have been allocated \$23,000 toward purchase of new radios and for 3 portable radios that are P25 compatible and for the software to upgrade them. This is the same system that the State Police use and they are hoping for it to go live by the end of 2024. Chief Day had reported that they had set up speed detail on Yates and Mountain Street last week and they noted that the average speed clocked was around 38 in a 25mph zone. They also wrote nine tickets for 50 mph and above.

Council Business - A motion was made by Mrs. Boyles for the approval of the 2023 Holidays for full-time employees and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Neff. Approval of all wages for 2023 was approved by a motion from Mrs. Neff and was seconded by Ms. Bowman. A motion was made by Mrs. Boyles to approve advertising the meeting dates for council and all committees for 2023 and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn.

Mrs. Stoner made a motion to adopt Resolution #2023-1 for Borough fees and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Boyles.

A motion was made for approval of the 2023 Humane Society Agreement and the annual fee of \$250. Mrs. Goshorn made the motion and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Boyles.

WCCOG Report – Nothing new to report.

Planning & Zoning Report – Nothing new to report.

Borough Manager's Report – Chief Day informed council that the pine tree in front of the borough building had started to lean from the last wind storm that we had so we took it down before it fell. Looking for any suggestions on something to put in its place. Chief Day mentioned that they had finished the authority budget reconciliation and it ended up being twice as much as it was. Chief Day informed council that he had filled out an emergency contact for Gene Shetter and also had a key made for his residence in case of an emergency and the key will be kept in the borough safe. Chief Day mentioned that we had purchased a new copy machine from Staples. We had gotten a good deal on it with a coupon ended up costing us around \$145.00, it was going to cost \$6700 to repair the old one. Chief Day report that the minimum purchase amount that will require the advertisement for bids increased from \$21,900 to \$22,500. In addition, the minimum purchase amount for telephone quotes increased from \$11,800 to \$12,200. Chief Day said that Brad Gerlock of Orrstown Bank had invested the \$200,000 into a CD and we got a rate of 4.35%. For every \$10,000 in interest that is earned it will be transferred into another CD. Chief Day had told council that from the recent cold weather we had some frozen meters and pipes that had been broken. Chief Day is also suggesting that we look into a way to charge the resident for us to go out and do the repair to cover the hourly wages that would incur for the call-ins. Solicitor Allshouse stated that an ordinance would have to be done at the Authority end of it in order to do that. Also, Chief Day had mentioned that we should look into having the Authority pay thirty percent (30%) of the Borough Manager's salary for the time that he puts into the Authority and then pass that expense along to South Middleton for their share as well. Chief Day had mentioned that we also have a water break at the sewer plant that started on Friday, January 6th. Since the problem is about 10' in depth we have no capabilities to shore the walls so we have called Gleim Excavators to come in and get the excavation to start and check it out for repairs.

Mrs. Stoner had mentioned that Parks and Rec are looking into possibly having a fishing derby that would be done with Mountain Creek Trout Club and the Lions Club some time in the spring. Also, Mrs. Stoner mentioned that even though the Santa house was closed on Friday, December 23rd due to the weather they still had a very good turnout. Santa had seen 245 children and 9 dogs.

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. Boyles. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nanette Dusharm
Borough Secretary/ Treasurer