

Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council Meeting Minutes-July 10, 2023

Call to Order – Mr. Collins called the July 10, 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, Gay Bowman, Lois Stoner, Sherry Boyles, Debra Halpin-Brophy, Cindy Goshorn and Cathy Neff. Also present, Borough Manager, Thomas Day and Secretary/Treasurer, Nanette Dusharm. Mayor, Dr. Brian Robertson was absent.

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

Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the Borough Committee on June 29, 2023 were approved as presented. The motion was made by Mrs. Brophy and seconded by Mrs. Stoner. The motion passed unanimously

Approval of June 2023 Bill List and Payment - Approval and payment of the bills for June as presented. Motion was made Mrs. Boyles and seconded by Mrs. Neff. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment – None

Mayor's Report – Due to the Mayor being absent, Chief Day informed council of the monthly statistics of the police department. Chief Day stated that we had 27 citations for the month, including a DUI charge and a rape charge. We had 15 parking tickets for the month.

Borough Manager's Report – Chief Day informed council that there is still a water issue at Precision Fly Shop. We thought it was the fire hydrant that had been sheered off. On Friday, July 14th we will be going out there to dig up a patch and see where the water is coming in. If we dig there maybe the water will fill up there before it goes into his basement. Chief Day said that he has a meeting next week with Stephanie Williams to finalize the grant for the pavilion at Trine Park for final payment. Chief Day also mentioned that we have the new batch of banners that came in and we are just waiting for the hardware to come. The week of July 17, Yellow Breeches EMS is going to have dumpsters dropped off that they are paying for and they will be tearing down the house next to the old magistrate's office, we offered to help with tearing it down. Chief mentioned that we had a major overflow at the restrooms at Trine. We had to call Rosenberry's to come and unclog and empty the system. Chief Day mentioned that we will have to take care of Fred Gelsinger's property on East Street all summer long. We will have to have Solicitor Allshouse put a mechanics lien on it. Code Enforcer, Jonathan Day has been going

around and starting to issue citations to people that did not respond to letters about mowing and weeds. Chief mentioned that we got turned down for the grant on East Street and Ridge Road, unless we can get DCNR to apply for the grant as owners and have us do the work, and we know that isn't going to happen. Chief Day had gotten pricing on patch work. There are a lot of areas that need repaved and patching to give us additional life to our streets. There are very few companies that will supply the machines and rental of the equipment and man power and we would supply the material under costars. Jerry Schlusser gave an estimate of \$6500 but the only problem with Schlusser is he doesn't have the manpower to run the equipment. So, I also, received a price from RKL services to do the same thing. There are actually 43 areas that need to be done. Their estimate is stating that it will take five days and they will supply three dump trucks, milling machine, roller and the paving machine. Although, they are more than Schlusser, I think we will get more manpower from RKL than Schlusser. Mr. Collins asked if because of the cost would we have to bid it out? Chief Day said no, because we can bid it by equipment, you can put it out through liquid fuels and you can do it by companies giving you the price of their equipment. Chief Day stated that he had a long conversation with Rick Levan from PennDot and that is acceptable to do. Chief Day said that he is not so worried about West Pine at this time. If we can get more grant money, we want to put in more drainage under neath West Pine and then pave it from SR 34 to the Borough line. Chief Day suggested a motion that he would like to use RKL for the paving and patching, Mrs. Brophy made a motion and Mrs. Goshorn seconded. All are in favor. Mrs. Boyles asked if that would be paid out of liquid fuels and Chief Day said yes. Mr. Collins asked if we had enough funds in liquid fuels and Chief Day stated that we had about \$150,000.

Planning & Zoning Report – Nothing to report.

Committee Reports – Mrs. Stoner had talked about how well the Trine Park celebration went. Mrs. Stoner reported that we took in \$1280 in donations, and we took in \$1437 in raffle money and the folks that won the volley ball tournament gave their \$100 winnings back to Parks and Rec, so we received a total of \$2,817. Chief Day had mentioned that we served over 600 hamburgers, 500 hotdogs, 30 pounds of barbecue, 8 containers of macaroni salad and a lot of baked beans, 55-60 pizzas and 500 packs of chips. Jevan from Ugo, gave 15 cases of soda and 10 cases of water and we bought 10 more cases of water that day. We had received \$3,000 from Legion and it well covered the event. We had 32 cars for the car show and that generated \$175 and we received half of that. Mrs. Stoner also mentioned that we have 50 vendors so far for the Holly Festival.

Any Other Business to Come Before Council: There was no other business to be Brought to council. Mr. Collins called for an executive session to discuss personnel Issues. Council went into executive session at 7:30. Mr. Collins called the meeting

back in session at 7:50. Mr. Collins entertained a motion to give the Borough Manager permission to lay off James Hoerner, if our attorney agrees that it is the proper thing to do. Mrs. Brophy made a motion to give the Borough Manager permission to lay off James Hoerner and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn. Mr. Collins had stated that Mr. Hoerner would have to pick up COBRA for his insurance benefits and that the Borough would not be responsible for paying his insurance. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjourn – Mrs. Boyles made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Ms. Bowman. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nanette Dusharm
Borough Secretary/Treasurer