

## **Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council Meeting Minutes-March 13, 2023**

**Call to Order** – Mr. Collins called the March 13, 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, Debra Halpin-Brophy, Cathy Neff and Cindy Goshorn. Also present, 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 Committee meeting on February 23, 2023, were approved as presented. The motion was made Mrs. Boyles and seconded by Mrs. Stoner. The motion passed unanimously

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

**Public Comment** – Anita Raines of 101 Ridge Road we are just looking for the Borough's perspective on any updates on the restoration, and if there is any ability or any other courses of action that can be done. Borough Manager Tom Day stated that he had reached out to the County many times and state representatives. The only one that has an active right away is DCNR. DCNR maintained that road for many years and out of the clear blue, they stopped maintaining it. The problem is with all the washouts it is going to be pretty costly. There would be 47 culverts that would have to be put in so that the water disperses a little at a time. We have never had flooding like we do now on Mooreland Avenue. We were awarded the \$170,000 in grant money to do the project, but the Borough needs to show some kind of ownership to do the work and we couldn't get DCNR to add us as a form of ownership to their right of way, so the grant was pulled out from under us. The County owns Lakeside Drive and we were able to fix that. But trying to find the funding to fix Ridge Road is the problem right now. If DCNR could give us some kind of ownership to the property then we can probably secure the funds through the conservation district. Barb Gleim is well aware of it and Thomas Kutz has been up there to see the road. If residents want to contact the local representatives they could and that would be fine. So, the problem now lies that the grant money was given to another municipality. We kept all the millings to be applied but the funding for the culverts is the issue. Chairman Collins thanked our guests for coming in.

**Mayor's Report** - Mayor reported that we had 29 traffic citations for the month and 33 parking tickets. We are coming along on the proclamation that is being held on April 10, 2022 and for allowing us to take pictures for the time capsule. The booklet is coming along.

**Borough Manager's Report** – To go over the grant information, Karen gave me a list. We are still waiting on the street sweeper, and the H2O grant. We did receive a decision on the law enforcement grant. They received 405 applicants with 135 million in funds available. They prioritize the commonwealth by a high violent crime rate and we were not selected, we didn't fit their criteria. I actually reached out to Senator Rothman about it as well. Our crimes in Mount Holly are 45% less than the national average. Borough Manager Day had also stated that Karen is still working on the DCNR grant for the basketball court at Tichy and the pickleball courts at Trine. She has also submitted for the firehouse subgrant for computers for the cars and the HRA community grant, phase II for the crosswalks and curbing. Borough Manager Day stated that all the playground equipment has been installed at Tichy Park, we will be having the playground mulch installed at the end of the week. The public works guys have worked really hard to get this done. Borough Manager Day stated that we have ten park benches that came in, one of those I would like to make a dedication to Jerome Guise who died in the fire and put it right behind his dad's house. We have a total of eight benches if anyone wants to purchase one, they are \$500. I would like to place two at Tichy park and hope we can get somebody to sponsor those. The lights for the basketball and pickle ball courts up at Trine Park have been ordered. They should be here in a couple weeks we will start running the electric for it. As far as codes and zoning is concerned, Jonathan has been sending out letters to people with junk and trash and of course Ed Ginter is one of them. Borough Manager Day mentioned that he is still waiting to hear from Charlie Mallios about the water issue up at Westgate. There are 42 houses that have been using our water and not paying for it. As far as Park and Rec, there is a men's team for volleyball that is ranked 31 in the world want to put a league up there they have about 40 teams for that are interested in forming a league that would be Monday through Thursday. We have the banners for the 150 year event we have 6 of the 150 year anniversaries and the hometown heroes. We have had several of those come in.

**Planning & Zoning Report** – nothing to report

**Solicitor's Report** – nothing to report.

**Committee Reports** – Mrs. Boyles made a motion to appoint Jonathan Day to be Full-time Codes Enforcement Officer/maintenance and it was seconded by Mrs. Brophy. All in favor.

Chairman Collins said there would be an executive session for a personnel issue with no action to be taken.

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

**Adjourn** – Ms. Brophy made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nanette Dusharm  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer