

**Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council
Meeting Minutes-May 8, 2023**

Call to Order – Mr. Collins called the May 8, 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, Cindy Goshorn and Cathy Neff. Also present, Mayor, Dr. Brian Robertson, Borough Manager, Thomas Day and Secretary/Treasurer, Nanette Dusharm.

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

Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the Borough Council meeting on April 10, 2023, and the Committed meeting on April 27, 2023 were approved as presented. The motion was made by Mrs. Boyles and seconded by Mrs. Goshorn. The motion passed unanimously

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

Public Comment – Mr. Ken Slaysman of 23 East Street, Mount Holly Springs was present. Mr. Slaysman wanted to thank council for the great job and all the work that was done at Tichy Park. Mr. Slaysman mentioned that his grandkids love it and it is great improvement. Mr. Slaysman stated that the fence is a few feet from his property and that he would be willing to mow that little strip between the Borough and his property line if council is alright with him doing so. Council said that would be fine if he so chooses to do so. Borough Manager Day said that there will be a half basketball court installed eventually also. Mr. Slaysmen had mentioned that his granddaughter plays in a band and had asked if she could play at the grand opening of Tichy Park. Council and Borough Manager Day said that they would talk to parks and rec about it.

Mayor's Report - Mayor Robertson reported that we had 48 traffic citations for the month and 27 parking tickets. Mayor Robertson stated that the Lion's Club fishing tournament that was held in April was a good success and had about 150 children that had participated.

Planning & Zoning Report – Pam Still had reported that there is nothing new to report. They are still working on the Comp Plan and that there is one opening on the planning commission.

Committee Reports – Mrs. Boyles would like to make a motion to take a line of credit out with Orrstown Bank in the amount of one million dollars. This is to fund a portion of the grant matching for proposed water line project. The conditions are: 1. Any costs or fees incurred by Orrstown Bank in connection with the transaction will be paid by the Borrower. Such costs may include, but are not limited to, legal fees, appraisal costs, recording fees, etc. 2. Borrower to maintain deposit account relationship with Orrstown Bank for duration of loan. 3. Receipt and review of Mt. Holly Springs Borough 2021 Audit. 4. Evidence of Grant Award. 5. Specs, plans, budgets, fixed price contracts, and permits for water line expansion project acceptable to Orrstown Bank. 6. Evidence of satisfactory liability insurance. 7. Attorney prepared documentation. Borough Manager Day will explain the reason for this loan: When we applied for the \$5.5 Million grant to extend the south end water facility to the 128 homes out there that includes building a pump station. The matching portion of that \$5.5 Million is \$1.7 Million for the authority. We have at our disposal right not in reserve and operating, I can come up with that \$1.7 Million, but it would drop us down to about \$100,000 or so of operating expenses. If something would happen, we would have to rely on a line of credit that we could pull from until we could start building back our reserve again from that construction. So, right now, we have invested \$1 Million dollars in CDs that is sitting in Orrstown Bank that is drawing roughly about \$30,000 in interest for 2023 and then in our operating expenses for the water authority there is roughly around \$850,000 inside the reserve. If we are granted the \$5.5 Million, we would have to come up with the \$1.7 Million to match the funds to do that. Now, there are other alternatives that we can do in lieu of this, we could require each homeowner to pony up a certain amount of dollars towards the hookup fees. A lot of cases they even make the homeowner pay for a portion of the line that runs inside. But I was trying to take the burden off our residents as much as possible if we get this grant. Even if we would charge them \$3,000 per home hookup fee that would generate \$384,000 to go back into our operating and then anything more than that, that the authority or council would deem would just be a bonus to set back. It is not unheard of to have that to have the water supply run into your home. So, that is a discussion we could have later. But this doesn't obligate us to take the money out, but if our pump station were to go down, then we would have to come up with \$250,000 then we would have access to up to \$1 Million dollars through Orrstown. Mrs. Neff had asked if they all have wells up there right now? Borough Manager Day said yes, they would then be required to cap their wells at that point. There are 88 homes in Liberty Woods. Some of the properties up there are on their second or third wells due to the sand and the wells caving in. Borough Manager Day said that we would know about the grant by September. It is already in front of their board so it sounds pretty favorable for us. We just need to be prepared for it. The motion was then seconded by Mrs. Brophy and all members are in favor.

Borough Manager's Report – Borough Manager Tom Day informed council that he had received an email from State Representative Tom Kutz. Apparently, they have been pushing on this Ridge Road thing. Kutz's office was in contact with DCNR which is the only one that has the right-of-way access to that road. We had \$170,000 grant from the conservation district and they pulled it from us at the last minute because we couldn't show ownership of the road or a right-of-way access. Now, DCNR is willing to turn over that access to the Borough. But once they do that it puts us on the hook for future repairs. If we accept that right-of-way and we can get the grant money back from the County to fix all of that section of road, for us at the Borough it will correct a lot of water issues that we have. If DCNR gives us that right-of-way it would relinquish their access and right-of-way so, if they ever wanted to log Michaux State Forest and want to use it, "no" they would have to go out the other way. Mrs. Neff asked if the grant money had been reallocated? Borough Manager Day said no, we would have to reapply for the grant money again. Chairman Collins asked if there would be an easement or how would they give us ownership? Borough Manager Day said that would relinquish their access and walk away from it totally. There is a legal way they can turn it over to us and then we can have. DCNR is the only ones that the State that can claim that have ownership, otherwise it goes to the property owners on either side. We still have all the millings stored to use for repairing the road. There is also no way for emergency vehicles to get up there if there was a fire or an ambulance. Borough Manager Day told council that we were going to start the new pavilion tomorrow but they are calling for rain, so we will start that on Wednesday. Borough Manager Day had received a complaint today from Ms. Wilson that lives on West Pine Street about Trine Park. Apparently, Saturday, after midnight there was a group up there and had the lights on and playing basketball and hooting and hollering. I think what we are going to do if council and parks and rec are in agreement, we will have a shut off time of 10:30 p.m. and if they don't adhere to it, then we will put a timer on it to shut it down.

Mrs. Stoner had mentioned that they have a Park and Rec meeting on Monday night. Mrs. Bowman will be getting plants this Saturday to start the flower garden at Butler Park at the flag pole. Borough Manager Day mentioned that when we finish the construction of the pavilion at Trine, we will start the pollinating garden. Borough Manager Day had mentioned that they will be bringing the voting machines on Monday. Mrs. Stoner asked if she could get help setting up a tent for election day. Pam Still had asked council about the pollinating garden being done at Trine if she could have a tree planted in memory of her father. Ms. Bowman said that it would need to be a pollinating tree and the tree that Ms. Still is asking about is not listed as a pollinating tree. The garden is just going to be just plants and shrubs. Borough Manager Day has a layout and a list of plants.

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 Ms. Bowman. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nanette Dusharm
Borough Secretary/Treasurer