## Mt. Holly Springs Borough Authority 200 Harman Street Mt. Holly Springs, PA 17065

# Regular Meeting Minutes July 11, 2019

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairman Ed Kendall called the July 11, 2019 Authority meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the absence of the Chairman. Members stood and recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Judy Russell, Ed Kendall, Marlin Stoner, Brain Robertson, GHD Representative Nancy Adams, Solicitor Mark Allshouse

**BOROUGH** Borough Manager/Chief Tom Day

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Mike Gwozdecki and Jim Williams

## **REVIEW OF REGULAR MEETING MINUTES-JUNE 13, 2019**

Brian Robertson made a motion to approve the minutes of June 13, 2019 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Judy Russell. Motion passed.

## **BILLS FOR APPROVAL-JUNE 2019**

Judy Russell made a motion to approve payment of the water and sewer bills for June 2019. The motion was seconded by Brian Robertson. Motion passed.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT** No report

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Allshouse stated if the Board wishes, he could look into civil judgements for unpaid bills. Judy Russell made a motion to have the Solicitor investigate ordinances for civil judgements against delinquent accounts. The motion was seconded by Brian Robertson. Motion passed.

Mr. Allshouse would do a memo and Pat can distribute it to the Board members before the next meeting. If the solicitor is absent, the Board then can discuss it.

Mr. Allshouse reported he probably would not be attending next month's Authority meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Robertson reported he was given a tour of the plant by John Vaughn. You don't appreciate all the work they do and it is a lot of work maintaining the plant.

The Authority had questioned what the baking soda was for and it is used to neutralize a tiny amount of acid that leaks from a line.

Judy Russell asked about the incident at the plant the seconded week of June. Mr. Day indicated it blew the breaker system in the one building that has the motors that pump it over to the tanks. When that occurred, it flooded both buildings to the degree that the emergency call out box was in the raw sewage. It was trying to call out but it was shorting out. Now the phone company ran the lines overhead and it goes in above and down into the building so the box is inside the building with the pumps. One set of pumps had to be rebuilt.

Mr. Robertson asked how the testing went for PFAS. Mr. Day replied the results have not come back yet.

Mr. Robertson asked how the manhole cover repairs were going. Mr. Day indicated they have not been done.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Treasurer's Report**-Brian Robertson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for June 2019 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Marlin Stoner. Motion passed.

**Borough Report-**Mr. Day reported a section of Fairfield Street will need patched where the water line was replaced. Mr. Day also indicated there is a section of sidewalk that needs replaced in the 300 block of North Baltimore Avenue where a lateral was replaced.

Mr. Day reported asked Nancy if Mr. Rickert sent any plans to GHD for review. Nancy indicated he had not but she will check with Heather. Mr. Day stated he was promised the plans would be to GHD in two weeks. Mr. Kendall asked what legal ground the Authority has. Mr. Day stated Mr. Rickert has 3 wells on the property so he has a water source for everything he needs there but he needs the sewer system. Mr. Allshouse stated why doesn't the Authority have an ordinance that says if you are not hooked to water system then your sewer will be metered. Mr. Kendall stated the wells in Liberty Woods are metered for sewer. Mr. Day replied he would say the majority of his water, if 99.99% of it, goes out into his settlement ponds that eventually ends up in the race.

Mr. Allshouse suggested changing an ordinance or creating new one stating at Borough discretion, we can meter either the water or sewer out. If you have a well on your property the sewer can be metered out. That would clear up the other end of town that have wells.

Mr. Allshouse suggested sending Mr. Rickert a letter of Notice of Violation and attach a copy of the ordinance and explain to him why he is in violation. Mr. Allshouse stated if there was any questions to send him the letter with the ordinance, Mr. Allshouse would double check to make sure everything was good and send it to him. Mr. Day will draft the letter to Mr. Rickert.

Mr. Day also stated the pipe is still in the creek. He said the fish commission did not want him to remove the pipe until June 16<sup>th</sup> and the pipe is still in the creek. Mr. Day stated the Borough owns only to the shut off and that is his pipe and is disconnect from the Borough's side. Mr. Allshouse stated the Borough owns to the shut off. DEP wants the Borough to pull it out, but the Borough has no legal authority to pull the pipe out because that is going on private property to do something. It's Mr. Rickert's problem, not the Authority's.

## **ADJOURN**

Judy Russell made a motion to adjourn the July 11, 2019 Authority meeting. The motion was seconded by Brian Robertson. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Fisher Utility Billing Clerk