

Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council Meeting Minutes- October 12, 2020

Call to Order – Mr. Collins called the October meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance– The following members of the Borough Council were present; James Collins II, Katie Daniels, Sherry Boyles, Cathy Neff, Gay Bowman, Lois Stoner, and Cindy Goshorn. Also present; Leroy "Cork" Shildt, Mayor; Mark Allshouse, Borough Solicitor; Thomas Day, Police Chief/ Borough Manager; and Sara Jarrett-Eaton, Borough Secretary/ Treasurer.

Mr. Collins opened the hearing for the proposed fireworks ordinance and asked for public comment. Dennis Russell of 231 North Baltimore Avenue Mt. Holly Springs addressed council about the proposed ordinance. He referenced Section 3 part b of the ordinance that addresses how many days fireworks can be set off around the selected holidays. Mr. Russell felt that allowing the day before, day of, and day after the holidays were too many. He also stated that there were very few places within the borough that fireworks could safely be discharged that were not within 150 feet of an occupied structure.

No other people wished to speak during this time on the proposed ordinance and Mr. Collins closed the hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of September Bill List and Payment- Mrs. Boyles motioned for the approval for the payment of bills. It was seconded by Ms. Daniels. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the Borough Council meeting on September 24, 2020 were approved as presented. The motion was made by Mrs. Stoner and seconded by Ms. Daniels. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard -

Name: Cindy Thompson, Director

Address: Amelia Givin Library at 114 N. Baltimore Avenue

Comments: Mrs. Thompson presented her annual report to council and highlighted the services that the library provides to the borough residents. She also thanked council for their support of the library.

Solicitor's Report- Mr. Allshouse informed council that he would be out of town November 5th through the 28th and would have limited availability. He will not be able to attend the next council meeting. Mr. Allshouse also reviewed the proposed On-Lot Sewer Ordinance from the authority and explained the next steps.

Mayor's Report- Mayor Shildt presented the monthly police statistics.

Committee Reports– The following reports were discussed;

WCCOG Report– Troy Russell attend the meeting and provided a packet of information from the meeting.

Health, Safety, and Welfare- Mrs. Boyles made a motion to passed Ordinance 2020-01, Fireworks Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stoner and passed by unanimous vote. Ms. Daniels asked for clarification of the written times for large display fireworks. She also asked if it would be possible to develop a way of tracking days with high firework activity.

Mrs. Boyles made a motion to advertise the On-Lot Sewage Management Program Ordinance as presented for public inspection with a hearing to be held on November 9, 2020 at 7 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Neff and passed by unanimous vote. Ms. Daniels asked about the general grammar and format cleanup. She also asked about the length of the ordinance and how it will be communicated with the public. Mr. Allshouse clarified that the ordinance presented is an updated version. The new content of the ordinance is only four paragraphs of the 14-page documents. Chief Day explained the need for the ordinance and that it effected 38 properties.

Administrative, Finance, and Budget– Mrs. Boyles made a motion to advertise the proposed 2021 borough budget for public inspection with approval to be considered at the November 9, 2020 regular council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn and passed by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Boyles made a motion to advertise the proposed 2021 Tax Ordinance for public inspection and a hearing on November 9, 2020 council meeting at 7:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bowman and passed by unanimous vote.

Chief Day informed council of the minimum trash service charge of \$5.00 that is assessed on vacant properties within the borough. He explained that although property owners are only paying the minimum charge for those properties, the borough trash bill includes all properties in the borough, so the borough is paying the difference. He recommended that council increase the minimum charge in order to help mitigate the cost. Ms. Daniels made a motion to raise the minimum trash service charge from \$5.00 per quarter to \$15.00 per quarter. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn and passed by unanimous vote.

Zoning/ Codes Officer– The Zoning and Codes officer report was included in the council packet.

Public Works- Chief Day reported that the new traffic light pole and radar units at both intersections are being installed by Atlantic Transportation Services. This project has been ongoing for about a year.

Chief Day reported to council that PennDOT plans to resurface Route 34 from Hill Street to Old York Road. The project is anticipated for fall of 2021. PennDOT is asking the borough to engaged in a contract to pay for the replacement of non ADA compliant crosswalks at a cost of between \$4,000.00 and \$6,000.00 per ramp. Chief Day continued to explain that anything crossing a state road will be replaced at PennDOT's expense. There will be several ramps that the borough will be responsible for replacing. Homeowners and businesses will be contacted with information regarding their responsibility with the cost of the replacements. Council members and Chief Day discussed who would be responsible to pay for the ramps and an estimate of the borough's obligation. Chief day estimated the cost at approximately \$30,000.00. Mrs. Boyles made a motion t o authorize the borough manager to engage in an agreement with PennDOT regarding the ADA compliant ramp installations. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn and passed by unanimous vote.

Chief Day updated council on the crosswalk enhancement project. He explained an installation issue at the Church Street and North Baltimore Avenue intersection that is causing drainage problems. He reported that he has an upcoming meeting with the engineers to go over problem mitigation.

Planning and Zoning Board– Ms. Daniels made a motion to accept the offer of extension from Mr. Flohr for his pending subdivision plan until March 9, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Boyles and passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Daniels made a motion to accept the withdraw of the submitted subdivision plan for 236-238 North Baltimore Avenue by ATA. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Boyles and passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Collins gave a brief update on the status of the codification project.

Parks and Recreation- Mrs. Neff, Mrs. Stoner, and Mrs. Jarrett-Eaton provided an update on the Halloween Trick-or-Treat night plans and the borough's event that evening.

Any other Business to Come Before Council: Brian Robertson from 12 Trine Avenue offered appreciation to Cindy Thompson from the library for a job well done during the pandemic.

Adjourn – Ms. Daniels made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Mrs. Boyles. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara E. Jarrett - Eaton
Borough Secretary/ Treasurer