

**Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council Committee  
Meeting Minutes- September 26, 2019**

**Call to Order** – Mr. Collins called the September committee meeting of the Borough Council to order at 6:30pm and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Attendance**– The following members of the Borough Council were present; James Collins II, Sherry Boyles, Cathy Neff, Lois Stoner, Gay Bowman, and Cindy Goshorn. Also present; Leroy "Cork" Shildt, Mayor and Thomas Day, Police Chief/ Borough Manager. Absent was Council Member Katie Daniels.

Mrs. Boyles made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the September 9, 2019 meeting of council as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stoner and passed by unanimous vote.

**Citizens to be Heard -**

Name: Robert Otto

Address: 5 Mooreland Avenue

Comments: Mr. Otto addressed council regarding the meeting structure and if they are able to meet to talk and brainstorm. President Collins and Chief Day explained the structure of the meetings.

Name: Rebecca Yearick

Address: Cumberland County Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Comments: Ms. Yearick provided her report to council and in writing which is available in the borough office. Council and members of the audience engaged in discussion regarding items within Ms. Yearick's report.

Chief Day reported that the 2019 Pension payment was made. The State Aid was \$56,325.00 and we had to pay into the MMO \$92,869.64.

Chief Day also reported that the Fire Relief's payment was received and sent out in the amount of \$ 9,935.39.

Chief Day updated council on the status of the payroll service with Cohick and Associates. The original plan was to transition in October, but it has been delayed until January. The Secretary and Treasurer is going to finish up the end of the year reports and payrolls and Cohick will be starting fresh in the new year.

Chief Day reported that the borough's estimated amount of Liquid Fuels money to be received next year is \$62,833.36. This is a decrease from last year. The numbers fluctuate based off of the amount of taxes received and the amount of residents and roads we have.

Chief Day reported that the ambulance has finalized their 2020 budget. They are requesting \$14,000.00 from the borough, which is the same amount as 2019.

The proposal for the Gene Shetter property was drafted and provided to him. The borough is still waiting on his response.

On September 7, 2019, a Warner Truck struck the traffic signal pole at the corner of Mill Street and North Baltimore Avenue. We received a quote from our traffic signal maintenance company to repair and relocate the pole. The amount of the quote from Atlantic Transportation is \$23,381.00. This amount was submitted to Warner Trucking's insurance company and they will be sending a check to cover the damage.

Chief Day updated council on the damage to the Trine Park bathrooms and who was responsible for the damage. The total of the damage done was \$3,500.00. The insurance company was notified and will be sending a check for the damage. The bathrooms have been fixed by the Maintenance department. The borough will be seeking restitution from the juveniles involved for the borough's insurance deductible and the insurance company will be seeking restitution for the money that was paid out.

Chief Day provided council with information regarding a grant that was received from DCED for improvements to Trine Park. The grant award was for \$65,000.00 and the match will be for \$12,000. The overall project is expected to cost \$85,000.00 to include the playground, dog park, new roofs for the pavilions and bathrooms, and new boards for the picnic tables. Chief Day provided council with pictures of the proposed equipment. Chief Day recommended removing the basketball court that is in poor condition as the dog park area and the softball field as the playground equipment placement. In the future, the basketball courts could be replaced. Council members discussed the placement of the dog and equipment areas. Chief Day explained to council that the grant amount and our match does not cover the original plan for the park. Council would either need to include more money in the match or downsize the project. Mrs. Neff suggested that they solicit donations for the remaining balance. Mayor Shildt asked who would be doing the work. Chief Day said that the borough would be doing the work, which is how the cost is being kept low. Chief Day recommended council put \$20,000.00 towards the project to include their \$12,000.00 match. It would be \$8,000.00 more of a cost to the borough.

Mrs. Neff made a motion to increase the borough contribution to the grant award from \$12,000.00 to \$20,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stoner.

Jason Kennedy of 38 Mill Street offered comment on the presented motion. He asked if the motion needed to be done tonight. He mentioned that there are parks other than Trine Park like Tichy Park. Council members offered additional clarification on the grant that was applied for.

Gary Stamm of 19 W. Pine Street offered comment on the equipment that was removed before and the cost of the liability insurance. He also agreed with Mr. Kennedy's comments that were made before him. Chief Day offered clarification of why Trine Park was chosen for improvements and the issues of the liability insurance. Mr. Stamm asked why Butler Street park was not being improved. Chief Day clarified that the land is owed by the school. Mr. Stamm asked why the pavilion was built if the land was not ours. Chief Day further explained the use of the property as allowed by the school. Mr. Stamm asked about the vandalism at Trine Park. Chief Day offered clarification on the Trine Park vandalism. Mr. Stamm said that the transparency in the borough is not what he feels it should be. Mrs. Boyles offered her opinion on the proposed park and the asset that she feels it would be for community members. She offered examples of having to travel to neighboring municipalities to use their parks. Chief Day commented on the mosquitoes at Tichy Park. Mrs. Goshorn commented on how many kids live down towards Tichy Park and that it is needed for those children. Council engaged in discussion regarding the proposed park and location of improvements. Mayor Shildt offered his opinion on the proposed park and offered comments in response to the discussion. Council members and the Mayor discussed the need of baseball fields within the borough.

Mrs. Stoner removed her second to Mrs. Neff's motion. Mrs. Neff removed her motion. There was not action taken on the issue of the proposed park improvements.

Mrs. Boyles reported on proposals that Ms. Daniels had for the budget. Ms. Daniels requested \$100 per member of council to be budgeted for educational events. Chief Day responded that they had already included that in the proposed budget. Ms. Daniels also requested that a budgeted item be a traffic radar sign to be used in the borough, including on Yates Street due to speeding. The cost of the radar sign is \$7,695.00. Due to the budget restrictions, Ms. Daniels also offered the idea to rent a similar piece of equipment. Council engaged in discussion regarding the feasibility of renting or requesting a speed radar sign and the speed issue on Yates Street.

Mrs. Neff reported on the Holly Festival Day. She stated that it was a successful event and there were 90 vendors signed up for the event and 79 vendors on the street.

Mrs. Neff complimented the work of Ed Ginter and Josh Dorand from the Maintenance department on their hard work at the festival.

Mrs. Neff reported that there will be a Halloween Parade meeting to finalize details for the upcoming parade. The parade takes place on October 23, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Boyles reminded council members of the clean-up day scheduled the following weekend from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Mayor Shildt addressed the ongoing Facebook comments about the mosquitoes throughout the borough. Mayor Shildt shared information he had gathered regarding the issue.

There was no other business to come before council. Mr. Collins began the proposed 2020 budget discussion. Members of council, members of the audience, Chief Day, and Mayor Shildt engaged in discussion regarding the proposed budget and 2020 tax rates.

**Adjourn** – Mrs. Boyles made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Mrs. Neff. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara E. Jarrett - Eaton  
Borough Secretary/ Treasurer