

Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council
Meeting Minutes- April 10 , 2017

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

Attendance– The following members of the Borough Council were present; James Collins II, Leroy Shildt, Lois Stoner, Pamela Still, Edgar Kendall, Deborah Halpin-Brophy and Matthew Hockley. Mayor Scott Boise. Also present; Mark Allshouse, Borough Solicitor; Thomas Day, Police Chief/ Borough Manager; and Sara Jarrett, Borough Secretary/ Treasurer.

Approval of Bills List and Payment- Mrs. Brophy motioned for the approval for the payment of bills. It was seconded by Mr. Hockley. The motion passed unanimously

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the Borough Council meeting on February 13th, 2017 were approved as presented. The motion was made by Mrs. Borphy and seconded by Mr. Hockley. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard -

Name: Brett Otto

Address: 20 Chestnut Street

Comments: YELLOW BREECHES EMS Vice President. Here to give a "State of the Union" on the status of the ambulance to comment on the current issues being stirred by SOUTH MIDDLETON Township. Has given presentation to SOUTH MIDDLETON and will give to Dickenson Township. Timeline- in January 2016 Cumberland Goodwill Ems made a proposal to South Middleton to become sole provider to SOUTH MIDDLETON. They would be located and staffed in SOUTH MIDDLETON and dispatched to calls in SOUTH MIDDLETON. In response- SOUTH MIDDLETON appointed a 5 person committee to look to the future. YELLOW BREECHES met with the committee and presented their finances and information they requested with no outcome. SOUTH MIDDLETON in turn hired a consultant named Mr. Logan and asked him to look at both companies and give a recommendation on what would be best for SOUTH MIDDLETON. YELLOW BREECHES met with him and gave a short presentation. He then made the recommendation that Cumberland Goodwill should be the provider and YELLOW BREECHES should merge with them. South Middleton took no action but asked Yellow Breeches to meet with CUMBERLAND GOODWILL to discuss potential merger. YELLOW BREECHES expected a merger to include new leadership together.

CUMBERLAND GOODWILL were not interested in a merger but wanted to be the sole provider. YELLOW BREECHES hosted SOUTH MIDDLETON, Mt holly Borough, and Dickenson and presented information and the state of YELLOW BREECHES. YELLOW BREECHES wanted to tell the borough that they have met with SOUTH MIDDLETON. Mr. Logan was critical of YELLOW BREECHES legal structure and that employees are board members. YELLOW BREECHES hired a lawyer and the lawyer felt that YELLOW BREECHES was fine in their structure. Mr. Logan also pointed out the age of the fleet of ambulances, but YELLOW BREECHES is working on updating ambulances every 3 years. Mr. Logan was also concerned about the debt. The only debt that YELLOW BREECHES has is that of the building. Most people's largest debt is their mortgage and it's the same with YELLOW BREECHES. A cpa came in a spoke on their financial stability. YELLOW BREECHES has no intentions to go away, YELLOW BREECHES does not feel that a merger is in the best interest. Mr. Shildt spoke on SOUTH MIDDLETON and the effect that their decision has on the surrounding community. Mr. Shildt stated that he felt they were doing an excellent job. YELLOW BREECHES has offered to work with them to meet their goals, and were not provided an answer. Mr. Shildt also asked where CUMBERLAND GOODWILL would be located within SOUTH MIDDLETON. Mr. Otto was not able to provide an answer. Mr. Hockley asked if there was legal standing that the closet ambulance should get the call. Mr. Otto said SOUTH MIDDLETON would have liability for those circumstances. Mayor Boise spoke on ALS verse BLS and the difference. ALS is expensive and hard to maintain. CUMBERLAND GOODWILL proposed a system status program. YELLOW BREECHES back up Carlisle when they are busy, but are able to get another ambulance up and running through people who live in the borough. YELLOW BREECHES has the ability to call off ALS and in turn saving money. They cancel ALS 200 times last year. YELLOW BREECHES can offer saving to the borough residents. Mr. Shildt spoke on the expenses of the ambulance ride, but YELLOW BREECHES offers options for billings. EMS does not have the ability to refuse care to those without insurance. Mr. Mayor said that YELLOW BREECHES does an excellent job responding and is happy they are close.

Mr. Kendall had comments regarding the presentation and has done his own research. The system status is not good for us. The call volume and the financial aspect won't support them to be out here 24/7. South Middleton might then ask us to pick up the tab on some of the extra charges. We don't already do that. They do not foresee a merger happening due to the differences. Yellow Breeches has volunteers and Cumberland Goodwill does not other than clergy. He wonders where South Middleton is going with the merger.

Solicitor's Report- Mr. Allshouse reported that there was nothing new and was working on the standard responsibilities.

Committee Reports– The following reports were discussed;

Health, Safety, and Welfare- Mrs. Brophy made the motion to Approve James J. Kline as the Mount Holly Springs Borough Emergency Manager to replace Ernest Szabo. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kendall, with none opposed.

Mrs. Brophy also reported that her committee had been meeting with Ms. Yearick regarding rental inspections. She hopes to be ready for a public presentation in June or July.

Mayor's Report– Mayor Boise spoke about the monthly police statistics. He commented on length of trucks and registration issues being big ticketing reasons. He also stated that 10 cars were ticketed during the street sweeping or failure to move the cars out from the no parking areas. Mr. Hockley recommended that street sweeping should be done on rotating sides of the street so people have a place to put their cars.

Administrative, Finance, and Budget– No Report

Public Works- Mr. Shildt said the streets were sweep and hopes it will decrease flat tires. Additionally, they want to pave Watts Street from Chestnut to Baltimore. Mr. Shildt made the motion to send bids for paving. It was seconded by Mrs. Borphy with none opposed. There are temporary repairs being made to storm drains on Mountain Street and Hill Street. Mr. Hoerner described the difference between the pipes. They are choosing to use a lifelong pipe for replacing. Mr. Hoerner hopes to pave Mountain Street next year. Mr. Shildt made a motion to advertise Ordinance Number 2017-01 for parking restrictions on select streets. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Brophy. Mr. Kendall was opposed. The motion passed by majority vote.

Planning and Zoning Board– On March 16th, the Planning commission approved the text of the draft zoning and recommends that the council approve. Mr. Hockley made a motion to close the existing hearing on the zoning map and text. It was seconded by Mrs. Brophy with none opposed. Motion to advertise a hearing on June 12th at 7:05pm for map and text. The motion was made by Mr. Hockley and seconded by Ms. Still with none opposed.

Ms. Still also commented on the SalDo. She stated that the beginning research is underway. All of council received the document. She spoke with Kirk Stoner regarding the issue. County does not have to be involved.

WCOG Report– **No Report**

Borough Manager Report- Opening of Sealed Bids for paving of Trine Park for just the labor and was advertised. First from McNaughton Services. Their bid was \$11250.00 for 450 tons at \$25.00. The second bid was from Schlusssers Paving. They bid 270 tons at \$25.00 and 450 tons at \$25.00. Schlusssers total of \$18,000.00. Motion made by Mr. Hockley bid to accept McNaughton Services bid at \$11,250.00 for 450 tons at \$25.00 per ton and was seconded by Mr. Shildt. None opposed. The bid was awarded to McNaughton Services.

Chief Day also spoke about the trees to go in around town. There are 18 empty places and want to fill the spaces this spring. There are 13 that need to be removed. They chose the Japanese Lilac a none fruit baring tree. They cost \$68.00 a tree. Three have been paid for by trucks that destroyed the previous tree. They are to grow a maximum of 40 feet and grow in a pear shape. Mr. Russell of 231 N. Baltimore Avenue commented on the previous selection and did not like them due to the berries and they destruction on the home. He approves of the new selection. Mr. Hockley made the motion to accept the tree selection. It was seconded by Mrs. Stoner and opposed by none.

Chief Day has been meeting with EMC and Strickler insurances to get prices for the June contract. A decision on insurance will be able to be made next month.

A person called regarding purchasing 113 East Pine and wants to put luxury apartments in. He wants to put money into those. They plan to put in sprinklers and fencing as well as faced improvements. Ms. Still said that there will be 7 apartments going in. It is a historical property registry and can be developed even though it is in an industrial zone.

Additionally, there is going to be a newsletter to go out twice per year to all residents. He asked for contributions for the newsletter from council members to keep everyone informed. It will go out in May for the spring/ summer and in September the fall/ winter. It will be funded by advertisement space. Ms. Still would like to make sure people are aware of the recycling regulations. We get money for recycling so we should be encouraging to residents.

Mr. Shildt thanked Mr. Hoerner for finding the sweeper. It has been helpful and was a good find.

Zoning/ Codes Officer– **No Report**

Park and Recreation– There will be a meeting next week. Ted Hill from the circus will be there to speak about bringing back the circus to town. The

bleachers at Stoll Field will be removed in July. They plan to remove the baseball field to replace with a soccer field which is easier to maintain. There will be positions opening on Park and Recreations. There has been suggestions made for a community yard sale during the concert.

Any other Business to Come Before Council:

Mrs. Brophy addressed a letter that must be sent and a resolution regarding the new emergency management. Mrs. Borphy made a resolution to appoint James Kline as coordinator. It was seconded by Mr. Shildt with none opposed. A letter will be sent to the Governor.

Mrs. Still discussed the clean-up days. She stated that the Marsh Clean-Up was a success and had 20 people turn out to help. She believes this project will help Mount Holly's Economy. She also announced the Clean Stream clean-up day to be held on the bank of the proposed veteran's park. That clean-up will occur on May 20th from 9am-12pm.

Adjourn – Mr. Shildt made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Mr. Hockley. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:18pm. Council went into executive session to discuss a personnel issue with no action to be taken.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara E. Jarrett
Borough Secretary/ Treasurer