

A PORTION OF THIS MEETING WAS NOT RECORDED

CALL TO ORDER

Council President James Collins II called the Borough Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT

James Collins II, Deborah Halpin-Brophy, Lois Stoner, Pam Still, Leroy "Cork" Shildt, Ed Kendall, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Cheryl D. Smith, Solicitor Mike Scherer and Mayor P. Scott Boise

MEMBERS ABSENT Matt Hockley

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS-NOVEMBER

Deb Brophy made a motion to approve payment of the bills for November. The motion was seconded by Lois Stoner. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES-NOVEMBER 10, 2014

Deb Brophy made a motion to approve the Council meeting minutes of November 10, 2014. The motion was seconded by Cork Shildt. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC OPINION SESSION

Doug Bradley, 406 N. Baltimore Ave, Rear addressed Council concerning the drainage in Dollar General parking lot. Mr. Bradley noticed they were doing work at Dollar General. Ten years ago, Mr. Bradley talked to Cocco Development about doing some drainage work to keep the water from his property. Mr. Bradley indicated after he returned from a vacation, the work was done as indicated on their plans. Mr. Bradley would like Cocco Development to repair the drain in the parking lot. Mr. Bradley suggested running a pipe from the drain to the storm drain. Jim Collins asked the Solicitor to send a letter to Cocco Development a letter on Mr. Bradley's situation.

Bill Shartzter addressed Council concerning the Avenue behind Family Dollar. Mr. Shartzter asked if there was a right-of-way behind Family Dollar because they have a dumpster sitting in the middle of the Avenue. His wife tried to go around the dumpster and sideswiped her car. Mr. Collins stated there is no right-of-way behind Family Dollar. Mr. Shartzter stated he had

paperwork that indicates differently and he would present it to Council at the next meeting. Mr. Collins stated he take it to Dennis Lebo, the property owner and not present it to Council.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT No report

*******COMMITTEE REPORTS*******

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE

Deb Brophy made a motion to hire Greg Pritchard as a part-time police officer. The motion was seconded by Lois Stoner. Motion passed unanimously.

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Cork Shildt asked if Rachel would continue on as a part-time officer. Chief Day stated she would, but the problem is she would pulling mostly midnight shifts at Middlesex. Mr. Shildt asked if she would be a regular officer and not a Corporal. Chief Day indicated yes.

Mayor's Report-Mayor Boise presented members the monthly stats for the Police Department from November 10th-December 7th. The Department is still working on the junk vehicles.

Mayor Boise reported the Mt. Holly Springs Church of God put on their play Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and was packed.

Chief Day reported the 2005 police car that was having transmission problem is stripped and is sitting in the corner of the parking lot. The new car is out back and has been stripped of the Middlesex decals. It was purchased for \$5,000 and is in mint condition. Amanda Bradley is in the process of getting the new decals. Chief Day stated the car is in service and the computer was switched to the correct frequency.

Chief Day reported at the end November the department conducted a DOT checkpoint and where all level one inspections. There were 29 trucks inspected and out of 29 trucks, 5 were put out of service, 3 were towed from the scene, 2 trucks had their breaks fixed by John's Mobile and 8 violations were cited.

Chief Day reported Andy Wolf is being recognized by the Chief of Police for saving a women's life on December 17th at Allenberry. Chief Day recommended to Council to present their own award and have the family in attendance.

Deb Brophy made a motion to put the 2005 Police Car out for sealed bids to be opened at January's Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Cork Shildt. Motion passed unanimously.

Deb Brophy made a motion to ratify the purchase of the vehicle from Middlesex Township at a cost of \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Cork Shildt. Motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE, FINANCE & BUDGET

Deb Brophy made a motion to adopt the 2015 General Fund Budget. The motion was seconded by Cork Shildt. Motion passed unanimously.

Deb Brophy made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-02 providing the Mill Rate of Taxation in the Borough of Mt. Holly Springs for fiscal year 2015 and a penalty of ten percent (10%) for taxpayers who fail to make payment after 4 months of tax notice and providing a discount for those who make payment within 2 months of notice. The motion was seconded by Cork Shildt. Motion passed unanimously.

Deb Brophy made a motion to adopt Resolution 2014-02 eliminating the employee contributions to the Police Pension Plan for 2015. The motion was seconded by Cork Shildt. Motion passed unanimously.

Deb Brophy made a motion to approve the Group Activity Permit for the Christmas Tree Lighting December 12, 2014 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. with the closing of Church Street. The motion was seconded by Lois Stoner. Pam Still added there would also be a live nativity. Motion passed unanimously.

Deb Brophy made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-03 Weight Limit of Vehicle's operated on West Pine Street. The motion was seconded by Cork Shildt. Ed Kendall stated he was concerned about the weight proposed in the Ordinance. Mr. Kendall suggested raising the limit to five tons versus three tons. Some pickup trucks weigh more than three tons. Mr. Kendall indicated his truck would be more than three tons with full tanks. Motion passed by majority vote with a no vote from Ed Kendall. Cork Shildt stated that should have been discussed for it was advertised. Chief Day indicated one requirement of the study was the sign structure. Jim Hoerner would have to post the signs in accordance with what the engineers suggested. Cork Shildt asked it would be possible to have an "81 straight ahead" signs installed on the poles at the bank so trucks would not turn at W. Pine Street. Chief Day stated the Borough would have to have approval from the State. Cork Shildt asked Chief Day to look into the matter.

Deb Brophy made a motion Edgar Kendall to a 5 year term to the Borough Authority with an expiration date of 12/31/19. The motion was seconded by Lois Stoner. Motion passed with Ed Kendall abstaining from the vote.

WCOG Report-Pam Still reported Mr. McKnight discussed the tax collector since he has two bad ones in his area. He said again there would be tax collector classes with criminal background checks being mandatory. Ms. Still also stated they would be backing up and suggested using another municipality to partner with.

Pam Still reported electric cars and pedi cycles are now legal for speed limits up to 35 mph.

Pam Still reported Representative Tallman may have a satellite office in North Newton Township. Mr. Tallman is also interested in Mt. Holly's Streetscapes.

Pam Still reported Bill Jones was elected President of the COG and Laura Portillo is Vice President.

Pam Still reported there is a draft wireless communication model ordinance that has been completed at County. It addresses the new technology that allows small antennas to be located in right-of-ways. They would like municipalities impute on it and a meeting would be held January 13, 2015. The information is on their website.

Pam Still reported there is a concern to the EPA on proposed Clean Water Act. The EPA and the US Army Corp of Engineers expressed major concerns about proposed changes to the Act that would create an un-funded mandate and drastically impact township budgets.

PUBLIC WORKS

Cork Shildt reported public works is ready for street plowing and cindering.

Cork Shildt reported he was approached about having a cleaning person once a month or every once in a while. Cork Shildt asked if someone could come in and shampoo the carpets and asked if that was in the budget. Jim Collins stated he did not know and that would come out of public works budget. Pam Still stated she and Dave Toner cleaned some of the carpets and that is as good as it got. Some stains would not come out.

Cork Shildt stated some of the Christmas decorations are obscured by trees. Jim would be trimming some of the branches the beginning of the year.

Cork Shildt reported PennDot reversed their decision on a salt type to use liquid fuels money on the purchase.

PLANNING & ZONING

Pam Still reported no Planning & Zoning meeting would be held in December.

Pam Still reported the Board went through specific criteria for the Planning & Zoning updates. Steve Hoffman would appreciate an extra month to complete the changes. The next meeting would be held on January 27th.

Pam Still made a motion to appoint Chuck Crone to a 3 year term to the Zoning Board with an expiration date of 12/31/17. The motion was seconded by Deb Brophy. Motion passed unanimously.

PARK & RECREATION

Jim Collins made a motion to appoint Lois Stoner to a 5 year term on the Park & Recreation Board with an expiration date of 12/31/19. The motion was seconded by Deb Brophy. Motion passed unanimously.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Lois Stoner reported Jim has 6-8 trees that need to be removed from Baltimore Avenue. Some have been hit, some are missing and some are dead.

STREETSCAPE

Pam Still reported on December 3rd the Revitalization Committee had 11 in attendance and through private vote, narrowed the list of 16 firms down to 5. All members voted for Kairos Design for the number one spot. Derck & Edson came in second and Town Planning came in third. Ms. Still the three candidates would come and present on January 8th at a location to be

determined. Ms. Still invited Council to attend, but the Committee would conduct the vote. Ms. Still questioned if more than three members of Council are present, would it have to be advertised. Mr. Scherer indicated if there is more than three, it should be advertised. Ms. Still indicated she would provide a link to members.

Pam Still reported Pastor Ryan has agreed to be the spokesperson for the public meeting.

Pam Still presented a brochure to Council for review. Chuck Crones employee produced the brochure.

Pam Still reported she had talked to Pat about the comment line on the water bills. Ms. Still asked if she could a comment on the bills about the drug drop box in the Borough Office since it is illegal to flush drugs.

Pam Still asked if anyone knew why the road was scraped in front of Sheetz and why it was not done at E. Pine Street. Mr. Shildt indicated he did not know. Mr. Kendall thought it was scraped to help with the plowing of the road.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS FOR COUNCIL

Mayor Boise stated Matt Hockley and an emergency appendectomy on Sunday and asked for members to sign the card.

Chief Day reported approximately 75 pounds of prescription drugs have been collected in the drop box.

ADJOURN

Cork Shildt made a motion to adjourn the December 8, 2014 Borough Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Deb Brophy. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl D. Smith
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Transcribed by:

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Utility Billing Clerk

