Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council Committee Meeting Minutes- May 30, 2019

Call to Order – Mrs. Neff called the May 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, Katie Daniels, Sherry Boyles, Cathy Neff, Lois Stoner, Deborah Halpin-Brophy, and Cindy Goshorn. Also present; Sara Jarrett-Eaton, Borough Secretary and Treasurer. Absent was Borough Manager and Police Chief, Thomas Day. James J. Collins served as acting mayor until the appointment of Mr. Leroy "Cork" Shildt.

Mrs. Halpin-Brophy made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the May 13, 2019 meeting of council as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stoner and passed by majority vote.

Citizens to be Heard -

Name: Rebecca Yearick

Address: Cumberland County Redevelopment Authority

Comments: Ms. Yearick provided her monthly report to council. A copy of her report

is available at the borough office for public review.

Name: Pamela Still

Address: 18 S. Baltimore Avenue

Comments: Ms. Still addressed council regarding her own, Thomas Day's, and the previous council's achievements over the past 6 years. She commented on the status of the borough 6 years ago and the poor condition that it was in. She addressed council on the reasons why a Borough Manager was hired and why Thomas Day was selected for that position. She offered her thoughts on the meeting minutes that "everyone is talking about." She said that she could not be silent with her concerns.

Name: Dennis Russell

Address: 231 N. Baltimore Avenue

Comments: Mr. Russell addressed council regarding the accomplishments of the Borough Manager and Police Chief, Thomas Day. He commented on what Mr. Day had done for the borough and the money that was saved over various projects. He also stated that he has helped the fire company in multiple ways. He shared that he did not know completely what was going on. He also shared his thoughts on the

work that the Police Department does and specifically the truck inspections. He shared that he thought it was needed. As a resident and President of the fire company, he thinks that Mr. Day does a good job.

Name: Betsy

Address: 319 N. Walnut Street

Comments: Betsy spoke on the civility of the council members and her observations from reading minutes. She also spoke of an experience that she had at the elementary school with a young student. She spoke on the types of people who live in the borough and the ongoing drug issue. She asked council what they are doing to address these issues.

Interviews and the Appointment of Mayor

Mrs. Boyles explained how the interviews for the Mayor's position would work. At that time, Mrs. Stoner withdrew her interest in the Mayor's position. Mr. Kennedy was asked to step out of the chambers while Mr. Shildt answered the interview questions.

Mr. Shildt of 2 Orange Street was asked by Mrs. Boyles what he believed the role of the Mayor was. He answered the question noting the duties of overseeing the police department and fielding citizen complaints. Mrs. Boyles then asked Mr. Shildt what unique qualities he would bring to the position. Mr. Shildt noted his experience with being a past council member and what he accomplished in that role.

Mr. Kennedy of 38 Mill Street was asked by Mrs. Boyles what he believed the role of the Mayor was. He answered that he felt that the Mayor's position was a "figure head", oversaw the police department, worked with council to solved problems, marry people, and engage the community. Mrs. Boyles then asked Mr. Kennedy what unique qualities he would bring to the position. Mr. Kennedy noted his experience in leadership, his willingness to talk out ideas and develop solutions, and that he was team oriented.

Mrs. Neff then asked for a nomination for the Mayor's vacant position. Mrs. Stoner nominated Mr. Shildt. Mrs. Stoner shared her thoughts on Mr. Shildt and her confidence in him to fill the position. Mrs. Daniels noted that there were two strong candidates. Mrs. Neff then asked for discussion. An audience member, Pastor Dan, offered to lead in a prayer. After some discussion from the public and council members, he was asked to hold his prayer until after the vote was completed. Mrs. Neff asked for a "Roll Call" vote. The results of the vote are as follows:

Mrs. Stoner- Yes

Mrs. Goshorn- Yes

Mrs. Neff- Yes

Mrs. Boyles- Yes

Mrs. Halpin-Brophy- Yes

Mrs. Daniels- Yes

The nomination was passed by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Halpin-Brophy made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-02 to fill the vacant seat of May P. Scott Boise with Mr. Leroy "Cork" Shildt with a term to expire December 31, 2021. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stoner and passed by majority vote.

Mr. Shildt was sworn into the Mayor's position by Notary Public, Sara Jarrett-Eaton and took his seat at the council table.

Mrs. Neff returned the gavel to Mr. Collins for the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Collins invited Pastor Dan to pray before the continuation of the meeting.

Mr. Collins opened the Public Hearing on the proposed Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO). He then closed the hearing with no citizens to be heard. The vote on the ordinance will be held at the June 10, 2019 regular meeting of council.

There was no Borough Manager's report due to Chief Day being on vacation.

Mrs. Halpin-Brophy had nothing to report on Health, Safety, and Welfare or Administrative, Finance, or Budget.

Ms. Daniels asked Mrs. Jarrett-Eaton to provide a brief update on the status of the truck signage to Vitro and on Mountain Street. Ms. Daniels reported that a meeting will be set up with Dr. Robertson, Chief Day, and the Public Works Committee regarding the parking issues on Trine Avenue.

Ms. Daniels reported on the current subdivision request that is pending with the Planning Commission for Mr. Kraft. The plan will follow the new SALDO and they are waiting on South Middleton Township's comments or decision. Merle Barclay of the Planning Commission offered clarification. Ms. Daniels also reported that there will be a vacancy on the Planning Commission due to Joe Breymeier's resignation due to moving outside of the borough. Mr. Collins asked Mr. Kennedy if he would be interested. Mr. Kennedy said that he would be interested in serving. Council plans to take official action on Mr. Breymeier's resignation at the June 10, 2019 meeting of council. Mr. Shildt added that he would need to resign from the Zoning Hearing Board due to his new position. Mr. Collins commented that he may not have to, and it would be checked into.

Mrs. Neff reported that the Concert in the Park will be held on June 15, 2019 at 4pm and food would be served at 3pm. The rain location for the concert is the firehouse. She also reported that they are planning for Holly Festival Day on September 21, 2019. Parks and Recreation is taking over the Halloween Parade and is looking for volunteers to help. She also reported that a workday at Veteran's Park will be held on June 1, 2019 at 8am with the help of a local church. Mr. Shildt offered comments on the trees that have already been removed and the potential harm to the bank of the creek. Betsy from 319 N. Walnut Street offered a contact at DCNR to help.

Ms. Daniels discussed the development of a committee to discuss the details of a community calendar. She asked for the "go-ahead" to form a committee and do research. Councilmembers had no objections to the formation of the committee. Mr. Collins told her to go ahead. Ms. Daniels asked for an interested councilmember to help; Mrs. Boyles was recommended. Mrs. Neff asked that Mrs. Jarrett-Eaton be consulted during the process.

Mr. Jason Kennedy of 38 Mill Street spoke to council regarding the Mayor's vacancy and the potential for the position to be on the ballot at the next election. Mrs. Stoner is going to follow up with the Board of Elections.

Adjourn – Mrs. Halpin-Brophy made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Mrs. Stoner. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara E. Jarrett - Eaton Borough Secretary/ Treasurer