

Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council
Meeting Minutes- March 11, 2019

Call to Order – Mr. Collins called the March 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, Katie Daniels, Sherry Boyles, Cathy Neff, Lois Stoner, Deborah Halpin- Brophy, and Cindy Goshorn. Also present; Mark Allshouse, Borough Solicitor; Thomas Day, Police Chief/ Borough Manager; and Sara Jarrett-Eaton, Borough Secretary/ Treasurer. Absent was P. Scott Boise, Mayor.

Council held a hearing on Proposed Ordinance #2019-02 on Fire Prevention and Public Safety. There were no citizens to be heard. The public hearing adjourned at 7:02 pm.

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

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the Borough Council meeting on February 28, 2019 were approved as presented, with minor corrections to verbiage and grammar. The motion was made by Mrs. Boyles and seconded by Ms. Daniels. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard - None

Solicitor's Report- Nothing new to report.

Mayor's Report- Chief Day presented the police statistics.

Committee Reports– The following reports were discussed;

Borough Manager's Report- Chief Day reported that only one bid was received for South Baltimore Avenue Handicap Crosswalk Project. The bid received was from Shiloh Paving and Excavating in the amount of \$201,729.00. Mrs. Halpin-Brophy made a motion to reject all bids received on the crosswalks project. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn and passed by majority vote.

Chief Day reported that he sent out 42 letters for bids for the potential five bay garage to be built behind the borough building. The project has been advertised in The Sentinel. Bids are to be returned by March 28th at 4pm.

Health, Safety, and Welfare- Mrs. Halpin-Brophy made a motion to approve the requested aid to South Newton Townships Fire Police at their requested events. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Boyles and passed by majority vote.

Mrs. Halpin Brophy made a motion to approve Ordinance #2019-02 on Fire Prevention and Public Safety Code. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Boyles. Ms. Daniels commented that some formatting errors were not corrected that she recommended. The motion passed by majority vote.

Administrative, Finance, and Budget– Mrs. Halpin-Brophy made a motion to update the signers on the Authority's bank accounts to include Sara Jarrett-Eaton, President James J. Collins II, and Thomas Day, Jr., authorize the increase in the interest rate to 1.95%, and authorize Sara Jarrett-Eaton to enroll the accounts into online banking to better monitor their status. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Neff and passed by majority vote.

Mrs. Halpin-Brophy brought up the number of authority members before the council to be discussed. Mrs. Judy Russell of 231 N. Baltimore Ave asked to give her thoughts as a current authority member. She stated that she has been a member for 25 years. They have always been fine with 5 members and had not had a reason to increase the number before. Five members is sufficient, and seven members would create more work for employees. Authority President, Michael Gwozdecki, addressed Mr. Allshouse questions regarding the membership qualifications and literature he had read. Ms. Daniels, Mr. Gwozdecki, Mr. Allshouse, and Chief Day all engaged in conversation. Mr. Allshouse offered clarification of the literature that Mr. Gwozdecki and Ms. Daniels had provided.

Authority Vice President, Rachel Bear, addressed council regarding the number of members to serve on the authority. She advocated for the increase in the number of the board from five members to seven members due to two people willing to be members. She told council that she would resign if they did not increase the number from five to seven in order for Mr. Kendall to remain on the authority board. Council and audience members engaged in conversation regarding the proposed change. Ms. Daniels motioned to expand the Borough Authority from five members to seven members. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Neff. President Collins called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote as follows, Daniels voted yes, Halpin-Brophy voted no, Mrs. Boyles voted no, Mr. Collins voted no, Mrs. Goshorn voted yes, Mrs. Stoner voted no, and Mrs. Neff voted yes. The motion was defeated by majority vote.

Rachel Bear submitted her resignation from the Borough Authority effective immediately. Mrs. Boyles motioned to accept the resignation of Rachel Bear from the Water and Sewer Authority. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn and opposed by Ms. Daniels. The motion passed by majority vote.

Mr. Gwozdecki asked the two potential candidates why they would like to serve on the Borough Authority. Dr. Robertson and Ms. Bowman both answered.

Mrs. Boyles motioned to appoint Dr. Robertson as the replacement for Ms. Bear on the Borough Water and Sewer Authority. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stoner and passed by majority vote.

Public Works- Mrs. Halpin-Brophy motioned to approve Mt. Holly Springs Borough to participate in the 2019-2023 Cumberland County Bridge Inspection program as administered through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation. The borough requests that Cumberland County conducts, on its behalf, the inspections required by the Act of March 30, 1988 for the 2019 thru 2023 bridge inspection cycle. The motion was seconded by Ms. Daniels and passed by majority vote.

Ms. Daniels updated council on the information for the ongoing sign enhancement for trucks traveling to Vitro Architectural Glass. Ms. Daniels and Jim Hoerner discussed the signage and the invoices to be provided.

Zoning/ Codes Officer– Included in council packet.

Planning and Zoning Board– Ms. Daniels updated council on the ongoing SALDO. She also reported that the Zoning Hearing Board denied Mr. Strayer's request for a variance.

WCOG Report– Ms. Daniels reported on the business that was discussed.

Park and Recreation- Mrs. Neff motioned to approve the annual Halloween parade for October 23, 2019. The motion was seconded by Ms. Daniels and passed by majority vote.

Any other Business to Come Before Council: Mrs. Goshorn motioned to cancel the committee meeting for October 31, 2019 due to Trick or Treat night. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Halpin-Brophy and passed by majority vote.

Ms. Daniels provided council and administration with a communications memo to go over at the next workshop meeting. Council members and the borough manager discussed some details of the memo.

Gay Bowman of 109 Moorland Avenue addressed council about a water pipe cap that was damaged and open near the school. Chief Day said he would look into the issue.

Adjourn – Mrs. Boyles made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Mrs. Halpin-Brophy. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara E. Jarrett - Eaton

Borough Secretary/ Treasurer