

**Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council
Meeting Minutes- July 12, 2017**

Call to Order – Mr. Collins called the July 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. Also present; Mark Allshouse, Borough Solicitor; Sara Jarrett, Borough Secretary/ Treasurer; Thomas Day, Police Chief/ Borough Manager. Absent: Mayor Boise

Approval of June’s Bill List and Payments- Mr. Hockley 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 June 12, 2017 and a Supplemental Council Meeting on June 29, 2017 were approved as presented. The motion was made by Mrs. Halpin-Brophy and seconded by Mrs. Stoner. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kendall stated that he would like comments added to the minutes, but did not specify the comments he wanted added.

Citizens to be Heard -

Name: Lindsey Varner and Dorothy Trugg

Address: Carlisle

Comments: AME Church

Dr. Varner introduced Ms. Trugg to the council. Ms. Trugg has been working on the research for the AME Church and completed a draft on the history of the church so it can be added to the Cumberland County Historic register. Research has uncovered that the property is a significant burial ground. There will be a community summit on July 26. Stories will be shared and include stories from Mount Holly Residents. She also distributed a video of the history of the AME Church to the council members. Mr. Kendall asked if there were any plans for the building. Dr. Varner responded that there are several options. Preservation has come and looked at it and the cemetery is being maintained. Ms. Still said that we owe Dr. Varner and Dorothy a debt of gratitude due to their work on this.

Name: Gary Stamm

Address: 19 W. Pine Street

Comments: Making Decisions

Mr. Stamm stated that in February of 2016, a council member made the statement, "We are the ones who sign, pass, and make the decisions based on facts. We cannot vote emotionally." He then added the statement from a council member, "The citizens do not know what this community needs. We need to be better informed and educated before taking a stand on an issue." He stated that it is councils fault and they should be more transparent about the actions. Mr. Stamm stated that it was a "fact" that council was tired of working on the budget, so it was passed onto the tax payers. In reference to the Hill Street Project, Mr. Stamm stated that it was a "fact" that there was discussion by one council member that more research should be done on funding and make a decision in February of 2017 to take further action. Instead, it was decided to move forward and that was once again at the tax payer's expense. He then commented on the "facts" of the Veteran's Park, stating that the borough already has a Veteran's monument on Walnut Street and additionally has several parks. Building the proposed park in a flood zone is not a good idea, and the park is a want and not a need. He then went to state that at the June 29th administration meeting, it was brought up by council that help was needed on conducting meetings more efficiently. He stated that it did not build his confidence that council was doing the best job possible. He stated that the council has done very little to fix the aging "innerstructure" including inspections of water, sewer and storm drains. Instead of perusing grants for the "innerstructure", they have gone after beautification grants. Mr. Stamm stated he had safety concerns on West Pine Street, but was informed that nothing was to be done until 2018. He stated that it was a public safety and "innerstructure" problem. He then stated that it is time for council to get their "facts" and do constructive action to bring the community into compliance with today's standards. He said it was time to forget about big grants for councils wants and to get after "innerstructure" grants. He continued in saying that the "innerstructure" is the heart of any town and should be at the top of council's agenda for consideration.

Name: Sherry Bales

Address: 13 E. Pine Street

Comments: Good Plan

Mrs. Bales asked if there had been any news or updates on the floodplain revision. Ms. Still answered that it is still in draft form with nothing to report yet and offered a link.

Name: Katie Daniels

Address: 129 Yates Street

Comments: Zoning Questions

Ms. Daniels stated she knew that there was discussion at the June 29th meeting regarding the zoning map. She asked what the outcome was, and if it was going to be sent back as is which was previously rejected. Mr. Collins responded and stated that the map was going to be sent back to county and the planning commission in the form that was previously rejected. Ms. Daniels stated that despite the public input, the decision was reversed due to the intensions and input of one person. Ms. Daniels asked if that was how it worked. Mr. Collins responded with no but council did reverse its position. Ms. Daniels stated that not everyone was there, including Mr. Shildt and Mr. Hockley. She asked if they could explain why the decision would be reversed after all the information that was presented. Mr. Collins stated he could not because he did not reverse his decision. He stated that someone who reversed their decision could respond to Ms. Daniels. Ms. Still asked if she should wait until her report or respond now. Mr. Collins said she could respond now because she was already answering questions.

Ms. Still responded and commented on the resident concerns. She spoke to the issues of foresting, storm water, steep slopes, subdivision of the property, Mr. Flohrs intensions, the property being self-regulating, and the goal of the new map. Mr. Kendall asked if there were right of way limitations associated with RL and R1. Ms. Daniels asked council to consider going out to the property and looking around. Mr. Shildt stated that he would like to say something. Mr. Collins said they were not there to discuss the public opinion but to hear it. Mr. Shildt stated that Mr. Kendall discussed it. Mr. Kendall stated he was attempting to bring forward a thought of fact. Mr. Shildt stated that he would like to make a statement. Mr. Collins told him that he would get his chance.

Ms. Still stated he could get a variance to do the same thing if the map was not changed. Ms. Daniels said the lines were drawn arbitrarily and selecting zones and it discounts what is trying to be done. Ms. Still stated it was not arbitrary, Mr. Collins stated it was arbitrary. Ms. Still stated they are cleaning up the zones in relation to the property lines. Ms. Daniels stated it has to go to transparency in relation to the workshop vote that occurred. She urged council to think harder and deeper in relation to the little bit of coloring.

Mr. Shildt stated that he had something to say. Mr. Collins told him to wait a minute and asked Ms. Daniels if she was finished. She stated that she would love to give her time to Mr. Shildt. Mr. Collins told Mr. Shildt to go ahead.

Mr. Shildt stated that he is somewhat disappointed in the council. He stated that they knew how he felt and he was gone that week. So at the committee meeting, they decided to reverse the action that was taken at the council meeting knowing he wasn't there. He stated he was disturbed and that council had three months to do this. He thought it had been jammed through and he was unhappy about it. Ms. Still

asked if she could address Mr. Shildt's comments. Mr. Collins responded with no and that she was best not to.

Solicitor's Report- No Report

Committee Reports– The following reports were discussed;

- Health, Safety, and Welfare- No Report
- Mayor's Report– Absent, Chief Day gave the Police Statistics
- Administrative, Finance, and Budget– Mrs. Brophy made the motion to approve Mark Allshouse, Borough Solicitor, to have a 1 hour workshop with borough council concerning council meetings. The motion was seconded by Ms. Still. Mr. Shildt asked for a description of what will be discussed and Mr. Hockley asked for a date. Mr. Allshouse stated there was no date and it might work at a committee meeting. He will discuss meeting procedures and how to do this. Two council members stated that they do not get a class. Mr. Allshouse stated he is not saying what they should do, but rather what they can do. Mr. Shildt advised that people who are running for council should attend. Mr. Allshouse stated he has spent 6 hours fielding questions. Ms. Still stated that if the meetings could be more efficient, then the time could be cut down and the cutting the most expensive guy's time down and in turn saving money.

Mr. Hockley asked Ms. Halpin-Brophy when work will begin on the budget. She stated it will begin next month. He stated he was looking at the current budget and we are down on the income money. He stated that the budget is already strapped due to the Hill Street Project. He stated it is believed that there was money left on the table, but there was not. Mrs. Halpin-Brophy stated that they will begin next month and they should begin thinking about it. Mr. Collins asked Mrs. Halpin-Brophy if she will make contact with her committee and Mr. SHildt should begin getting numbers together. Mr. Collins said the numbers should be complete by August 1st. Ms. Still suggested they make note that extra money will need to be budgeted for the SALDO.

- Public Works- Mr. Shildt made the motion to allow the Mount Holly Springs Citizens Fire Company to hold its annual Fire Company Fair from August 6, 2017 through August 12, 2017 with the following roads to be closed: Chestnut Street from Harman to Church August 7-12, Harman Street from Wood Avenue to Chestnut, Church Street from Chestnut to Baltimore from

August 7-12, Wood Avenue from Harman to Church on August. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hockley and pass unanimously.

Mr. Shildt spoke with HRG on the grant application and it is on schedule. They will present mid-August and will know soon after if they received the grant and the budget can get some relief.

- Planning and Zoning Board– Ms. Still read a statement from Mr. Flohr of his intent for the property. She addressed the foresting and run-off concerns. SALDO will begin at the July 24th meeting and can be a 2 year process. Mt. Holly Springs has the oldest SALDO in the county, and the county will work with us to determine what the borough's needs are. Mr. Allshouse asked for all standalone ordinances in relation to SALDO to be pulled and will be done by volunteers. County has agreed to work with the borough to cut down on engineering fees. Drafts will be put online. The Planning Commission is still in need of a member. People are needed as volunteers to collect recycling at the Citizens Fire Company Fair in order to help aid the borough is revenue.

- WCOG Report– No Report
- Zoning/ Codes Officer– No Report
- Borough Manager Report- Regular street sweeping has begun. Warning slips are being given through July. Citations will begin to be issued in August. Stoll field is scheduled to be disassembled. It will come out July 17-21. The insurance company has been informed. Mr. Kendall understood that Stoll field had to be down by July 3rd. Chief Day stated that he had to commit to their changes by then. Mr. Hockley was under the same impression as Mr. Kendall.

- Park and Recreation- Mrs. Stoner made the motion to waive the fee for the VFW to hold Car/ Motorcycle Show at Trine Park on September 30th. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shildt. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Stoner stated that Mr. Bream will be maintain the ball fields at Trine Park. Park and Recreation voted to disassemble Stoll Field. Mr. Hockley asked if it will be ground level and grass planted. Mrs. Stoner stated that is the plan for now. Mr. Hockley stated that they had a good meeting with the Legion and the VFW regarding money for Trine Park improvements. Mr. Shildt stated he appreciated the support of those organizations. Mr. Kendall stated that it was his opinion that council should vote on the dissolving things like a field. He felt it should have been done before action was taking. Mr. Shildt asked if the land was donated or if there were conditions of use. Mrs. Stoner stated the family approved of the change. Mrs. Stoner stated something had to be done with the field due to insurance. Mr. Collins stated that Mr. Kendall had a good point and if it is borough property and we are changing the face of it and it need to be voted upon. Mr. Kendall stated that

they are elected officials and we answer to them and the action should be made here.

Mrs. Stoner made the motion to disassemble Stoll Field as a ball field and we give Curt Bream permission to use Trine Park either regulation ball field or keep as is with Youth Sports Association maintaining. Mr. Shildt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Any other Business to Come Before Council:

Mr. Collins asked council what they want to do in relation to the map. Ms. Still addressed Mr. Shildts previous statement. She stated she was confident that she made the right decision. Mr. Collins stated that the residents in "Upper Holly" are interested in if someone's property is still split. They are address Dan Flohr's property. Ms. Still asked the borough manager to weigh in on the issue. The Borough Manager commented on the RL and R1 in regards to Mr. Flohr's property and the options. Council members, Borough Solicitor, and citizens engaged in discussion regarding the map and their options for the map going forward. Ms. Daniels brought Mr. Ben Mummert spoke to the concerns of the citizens of "Upper Holly" and the options of the council members.

The remainder of the meeting was not recorded with no other action taking place.

Adjourn – Mrs. Halpin-Brophy made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Mr. Hockley. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara E. Jarrett
Borough Secretary/ Treasurer