

**Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council Committee
Meeting Minutes- March 28, 2019**

Call to Order – Mr. Collins called the March 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; P. Scott Boise, Mayor, Thomas Day, Police Chief/ Borough Manager, and Sara Jarrett-Eaton, Borough Secretary/ Treasurer.

Mrs. Halpin-Brophy made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the March 11, 2019 meeting of council as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Daniels and passed by majority vote.

Mr. Collins opened the submitted bids for the potential borough garage. Mr. Collins stated that the bids presented would need to be rejected because the bid specifications did not reflect the prevailing wage that is required. Mrs. Boyles motioned to reject all bids submitted due to the lack of prevailing wage being specified. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn and passed by majority vote. Chief Day and council discussed the issues with the bids and the reasons for rejection.

Chief Day proposed that he and the borough employees could build the garage for approximately \$80,000 to include all extras for the project, as the prevailing wage cost is estimated at more than \$200,000.00 without the complete project to be completed. Chief presented pictures of the current garage that police, public works, and records retention are using. Chief stated that he had met with Link Kiner on what materials would be needed. Chief also spoke to Mark Allshouse about bidding requirements. Allshouse stated that the borough could subcontract out as long as the borough is doing 50 percent of the construction. He asked for councils' permission to do so.

Mrs. Halpin-Brophy made a motion to allocate approximately \$80,000 from the General Fund Reserve fund to construct a garage to serve as police vehicle parking and borough record storage. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stoner. Council members engaged in conversation about the next steps and their concerns about the project. Mrs. Neff asked what would happen when the project cost exceeds the proposed cost. Chief responded that he has priced the project and there will be no cost for the labor. She also asked if the public works department would

have the time. Chief responded that they are not using the public works department. Mayor Boise asked Chief for the timeline. Chief responded that it would take a couple months. He also stated that the concrete and block work will need to be subcontracted out. Ms. Daniels asked what would happen if Chief was injured during the project. She stated that she has concerns but likes the idea. She stated that she was looking for more specific information and she is nervous about the project moving forward. Mrs. Neff asked what would happen if Link Kiner got injured. Chief responded that he is covered under our volunteers' insurance but he is not able to do the physical work due to a recent health issue. Ms. Daniels asked questions regarding prevailing wage and how we can use the public money to build on our own without falling under prevailing wage. Chief answered that we are going to do our own labor, so it is not required. Ms. Daniels asked what would be the harm in bidding the project again but including the prevailing wage or scaling the project back to align better with the project budget. Chief responded that there was not more to scale back but prevailing wage is what is driving the cost up. Chief predicts that the project with prevailing wage will come to the price of \$200,000.00. Mrs. Goshorn requested that a paper trail be established for the project. Mrs. Neff suggested that we add a line item to the budget to track the cost. Mrs. Stoner added that Chief would not volunteer to do something that he could not accomplish. Ms. Daniels added that she asked for more information and would still like to have it. She commented that it was a big project for someone who is already busy. Ms. Daniels commented that she understood that prevailing wage drove the cost up on projects, but it was created for a reason. Chief responded that prevailing wage was created to make it possible for unions to compete for government jobs but in the end it knocks out the smaller contractors, in his opinion. Ms. Daniels responded that in her opinion, prevailing wage is in place to protect workers but she knew how Chief felt about people coming in and doing work for cheap and not being able to speak English. Chief interjected that he never said that and to please not put words in his mouth. Ms. Daniels continued that Chief was very strong about workers coming through. She expressed concern that the borough is working around the system. Mrs. Neff interjected to ask Ms. Daniels what additional information she was looking for. Ms. Daniels responded that she would have liked to have the public works committee meet to hash out the project. She would also like to see a projected outline of the project.

The motion passed by majority vote.

Chief Day reported that Bill Kick from HRG Engineering contacted him regarding the East Pine Street Bridge. He told him that there was another grant available for the project from Multimodal. The administration cost to submit would be \$3,200.00. Mr. Kick told Chief that there is a lot of political influence involved in the application and allocation. He suggested that Chief reach out to Mike Regan for his support and to look at the application. Council authorized Chief to reach out to Regan for support.

Chief Day reported that Jim Hoerner and Ed Ginter have been pumping out the large body of water that has formed near Trine Park so it can be filled with dirt.

Chief Day presented the bid results for the WCCOG stone and asphalt pricing. Mrs. Halpin-Brophy motioned to accept the pricing from the WCCOG and CoSTARS for stone and asphalt for 2019. The motion was seconded by Ms. Daniels and passed by majority vote.

Chief Day informed council that he received a notice from Shiloh that they will continue their work on April 8, 2019 on the Hill Street Project. Council and Chief Day engaged in conversation regarding the potential fees to be applied to Shiloh due to their late completion of the contract work.

Chief Day reported that two arrests had been made in the Christmas Day overdose case.

Chief Day reported that the police department had an audit and passed with only minor changes to be made.

Chief Day reported that Officer Kelsey Hinkle completed the field sobriety testing class.

Chief Day made council aware of a potential strike of truck drivers in the area on April 11 or 12 due to the changes in the law for log books. The strike is planned to take place on Interstate 81 and may spill into neighboring municipalities.

Chief Day presented pictures of the Authority's Water Tanks that were recently cleaned with the new hot water power washer.

Citizens to be Heard -

Name: Rebecca Yearick

Address: Cumberland County Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Comments: Ms. Yearick presented her monthly report to council.

Mrs. Halpin-Brophy reported that the committee of Administrative, Finance, and Budget will be meeting to look over a potential resolution for volunteer fire and EMS members for a break on homeowner's real estate taxes.

Council members engaged in conversation regarding the pot holes in town and the exposed pipe on Mooreland Avenue that Mrs. Bowman brought to council's attention at the previous council meeting.

Ms. Daniels motioned to advertise the draft SALDO for public comment to be held on April 25, 2019 at 6:30pm during the committee meeting. Mrs. Boyles seconded the motion and the motion passed by majority vote.

Ms. Daniels reported that the Planning Commission recommended that council approve the requested extension of Daniel Flohr's subdivision application for 180 days. The next action will need to be taken on September 9, 2019 at the regularly scheduled council meeting. Ms. Daniels made a motion to accept Mr. Flohr's offer of 180 day extension to his subdivision application. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Halpin-Brophy and passed by majority vote.

Mrs. Neff reported on the upcoming events with Parks and Recreation.

Ms. Daniels and Mrs. Boyles reported on the clean-up day to be held on May 4, 2019.

Ms. Daniels reported on the Comprehensive Plan Project Grant that is available for application by the borough.

Council members discussed the communication plan memo that Ms. Daniels sent to council members and administration. Council members discussed the points that Ms. Daniels made in her memo and discussed how they would like the committee meetings to operate.

Adjourn – Mrs. Halpin-Brophy made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Ms. Daniels. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara E. Jarrett - Eaton