

Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council Meeting Minutes-August 10, 2020

Call to Order – Mr. Collins called the August 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, Gay Bowman, Lois Stoner, and Cindy Goshorn. Also present; Leroy "Cork" Shildt, Mayor; Mark Allshouse, Borough Solicitor; Thomas Day, Police Chief/ Borough Manager; and Sara Jarrett-Eaton, Borough Secretary/ Treasurer.

Approval of July Bill List and Payment- Mrs. Boyles motioned for the approval for the payment of bills. It was seconded by Mrs. Stoner. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the Borough Council meeting on July 30, 2020 were approved as presented. The motion was made by Mrs. Boyles and seconded by Ms. Daniels. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard -

Name: Mark Stahl

Address: 59 Boyds Schoolhouse Rd., Biglerville

Comments: Mr. Stahl introduced a new local organization called the Mountain Creek Trout Club that is pending 501 (c)(3) status. He informed council of upcoming events that the group planned to have. Additionally, he shared that the goal of the organization was to do stream cleanup and improve the water quality and fishing in the Mountain Creek. Mr. Stahl hoped to have the boroughs support for the organization projects. Ms. Daniels asked if the plans for the canceled Veteran's Park project would be helpful, Mr. Stahl said they would be.

Mrs. Boyles made a motion to approve the Mountain Creek Trout Club to use Trine Park on August 15, 2020. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stoner and passed by unanimous vote.

Solicitor's Report- Mr. Allshouse reported that he had worked on the revisions to the proposed fireworks ordinance.

Mr. Allshouse went over his revisions with council members. He touched on Section 3-part C pertaining to the restriction of holidays allowed for fireworks. Mayor Shildt shared his disagreement with the restriction. He shared his concern and how it could take from his civil liberties. He stated that he did not think that the restrictions from

the borough should infringe on State laws. He also stated that specific notes from individual council members on ordinances should go to the entire council before going to the solicitor. Ms. Daniels explained her process of the changes she submitted and her interpretation of the discussion at the previous meeting regarding the ordinance. Mrs. Goshorn noted that council should decide if they want day or time restrictions and how many days would be allowed for each holiday. Mayor Shildt stated that he felt New Year's should be included in the list of allowed holidays. Chief Day asked Mr. Allshouse if he had reviewed Carlisle's new fireworks ordinance. Mr. Allshouse further explained restrictions and those that were dictated in Carlisle's ordinance. Council members decided to further review the proposed changes and presented ordinance for discussion at the committee meeting.

Mayor's Report- Mayor Shildt reported on the monthly police statistics.

Mayor Shildt read a proclamation in which he proposed March be made First Responder's month each year. At the regular business meeting of borough council immediately following the pledge of allegiance to the flag, a moment of silence and prayer will be observed in recognition of sacrifice made by Jerome Guise and all other first responders within our community. Mrs. Boyles made a motion to make March First Responders Month within the Borough of Mount Holly Springs with recognition at the first meeting of the month. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn and passed by unanimous vote.

Committee Reports- The following reports were discussed;

Health, Safety, and Welfare- Mrs. Boyles made a motion to send a letter to Senator Regan and Representative Torren Ecker, from Borough Council, for changes to be made for the state fireworks legislation that was recently made more lenient. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stoner and passed by unanimous vote.

Administrative, Finance, and Budget- Mrs. Boyles made a motion to open a separate bank account for the Mt. Tabor Church to house any grant awarded money. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bowman. Mr. Allshouse clarified that any money held by the borough must be made payable to the Mount Tabor Church, as the borough will only be acting as custodians of the money. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Boyles requested an executive session at the end of the meeting for personnel with no action anticipated.

Public Works- Ms. Daniels made a motion to purchase a 2006 Ford F350 Bucket Truck from Racey Auto Sales of New Oxford for \$22,500.00. the motion was

seconded by Mrs. Stoner. Chief Day explained the need for a new truck and the ongoing issues with the current bucket truck. He described the truck that he hoped to have the borough purchase and did not plan to trade in the truck we already own. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Daniels requested an inventory list be created of all brough equipment and vehicles with anticipated life spans. Chief Day stated that determining a life span of a piece of equipment may be difficult. Mr. Collins asked about the certification on the bucket truck and how often it needed to be completed. Chief Day stated that the inspection on the newly purchased vehicle was just completed.

Ms. Bowman made a motion to put the 1997 lift truck for sale with sealed bids to be opened at the August 27, 2020 committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stoner. Ms. Daniels asked if there was a threshold for putting out a sale with sealed bids. Chief Day answered that there was none. The motion passed by majority vote.

Chief Day offered appreciation to the maintenance staff for their hard work on the berm on Mountain Street in anticipation of the upcoming paving by Hempt Brothers.

Zoning/ Codes Officer– The Zoning and Codes officer report was included in the council packet.

WCOG Report– No meeting was held by WCCOG for the month of August.

Borough Manager's Report- Chief Day reported an ongoing issue within the first block of Chestnut Street. He reported that a resident had showed him a video of the runoff issue and the flooding he experienced in the basement during rain. Chief Day recommended the installation of a mid-block drain box to connect into the existing drainage system. He estimated the cost to not exceed \$2,000.00. Ms. Daniels made a motion to install a mid-block drain box to mitigate storm water along Chestnut Street with a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Boyles and passed by unanimous vote.

Planning and Zoning Board– Ms. Daniels made a motion to appoint Kyle Nicholas as the Zoning Hearing Board alternate member. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bowman and passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Daniels reported that there was no movement on either of the submitted subdivision plans. She also reported that there were rain barrels available for purchase from the county.

Parks and Recreation- Mrs. Neff provided an update on the Jurassic World event that is to be hosted in late September. She also reported that Trine Park will be used for a "Barn Hunt" the last weekend in September. Mrs. Neff reported that the Halloween parade and events would be discussed at the next Parks and Recreation meeting.

Any other Business to Come Before Council: There was nothing else to be brought before council.

Adjourn – Mrs. Boyles made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Council members adjourned into executive session for a personnel issue with no action anticipated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara E. Jarrett - Eaton
Borough Secretary/ Treasurer