

**Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council Committee
Meeting Minutes- October 29, 2020**

Call to Order – Mr. Collins called the October committee meeting of the Borough Council to order at 6:30 p.m. 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, Gay Bowman, and Cindy Goshorn. Also present; Thomas Day, Police Chief/ Borough Manager and Sara Jarrett-Eaton, Borough Secretary and Treasurer. Absent was Leroy “Cork” Shildt, Mayor.

Mrs. Boyles made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the October 12, 2020 meeting of council as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stoner and passed by majority vote.

Citizens to be Heard -

Name: Rebecca Yearick, Cumberland County Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Comments: Ms. Yearick provided a written report to council and touched on important items on her report. Chief Day provided an update to council and Ms. Yearick on the status of the crosswalk improvement project and ongoing issues with drainage at the Church Street intersection. Council members, Ms. Yearick, and Chief Day discussed the process of fixing the issues and the next steps. Ms. Yearick also asked that council consider renewing her contract for 2021 with a cost of \$4,000.00, which is unchanged from the current contract.

Administrative, Finance, and Budget Committee –

Mrs. Boyles made a motion to end the probationary period and make wastewater operator, Steffen Little, a full-time employee with a raise of \$1.00 per hour as noted in his contracted due to passing the licensing exam. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bowman and passed by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Boyles made a motion to increase the employee healthcare contribution by 5% making the employee coverage contribution 25% of the premium and employee dependent coverage contribution 40% of the premium. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stoner and passed by unanimous vote.

Chief Day mentioned approaching the WCCOG or other municipalities on participating in employee healthcare as a cooperative.

Borough Manager Report –

Chief Day reported that RJ Hall, the borough's pension plan managers, have recently lowered their prices for a \$700.00 savings per year.

Chief Day reported that the Citizen's Fire Company supplied the borough with their 2021 proposed budget and funding requests from the borough. Chief read from the supplied budget that the fire company is requesting \$40,000.00 towards their operating fund, \$2,000.00 towards paid drivers, and \$10,000.00 per year for a 5 year commitment towards a ladder truck. Council members and Chief Day discussed the funding needs of the department with consideration to the COVID-19 pandemic, the current funding allocations, the locations that they respond to, and the funding obligations moving forward. At the end of the discussion, council members decided to table the discussion.

Chief Day reported that Pam Still approached him about putting in a pollination flower bed at Trine Park where the recently corrected water drainage occurred. Mrs. Stoner, Mrs. Neff, and Ms. Bowman, members of Parks and Recreation, felt it was a good plan. Ms. Bowman, a certified master gardner, had already been contacted for her assistance with the project.

Chief Day offered kudos to Sergeant Wolfe for an outstanding job on a recent case. Sergeant Wolfe had a jury trial for a serial juvenile rapist which lead to a conviction on 17 of 18 charges filed. The rapist will be sentenced to between 20 and 40 years in prison.

Chief Day reported that earlier that day there was an accident involving a drunk driver. The driver destroyed a fire hydrant, street signs, and curbing/ sidewalk along North Baltimore Avenue. The driver was taken to the county prison for processing and their car was towed by the borough.

Chief Day reported that it was Brad Mentzer, temporary maintenance employee, last day with the borough. He was able to secure full-time employment working with a tree service.

Chief Day reported that he authorized Jim Hoerner to replace the lighting in the borough garage to LED lighting. The cost will be approximately \$1,500.00 but the borough should see a savings long-term on the electric bill.

Parks and Recreation Liaison Report –

Mrs. Neff reported that the borough's Trick-or-Treat date is scheduled for the following day from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. She also reported that Parks and Recreation is planning to host a holiday decorating contest in December.

Council members, Chief Day, and the Borough Secretary, Sara Jarrett-Eaton, discussed the pricing for the Trine Park pavilion rentals. Mrs. Jarrett-Eaton presented council members with some comparison pricing to local municipalities.

Chief Day reported that the maintenance department went to Biglerville to teach them how to install their new Christmas lights. Biglerville's Mayor recently met with Chief Day regarding the Christmas lights and offered compliments to Mt. Holly Springs as a whole.

Any Other Business -

Ms. Daniels reported that the Mt. Holly Springs Civic Association's 2021 calendar is nearing completion and the Civic Association has found a sponsor for each month. Ms. Daniels asked council members to think about integrating virtual meeting plans moving forward as an effort to think ahead.

Adjourn – Mrs. Boyles made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Mrs. Goshorn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara E. Jarrett - Eaton
Borough Secretary/ Treasurer