

Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council
Meeting Minutes- May 8th, 2017

Call to Order – Mr. Collins called the May meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:01pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance– The following members of the Borough Council were present; James Collins II, , Lois Stoner, Pamela Still, Edgar Kendall, Excused: Deborah Halpin- Brophy and Matthew Hockley Also present; Mark Allshouse, Borough Solicitor; Thomas Day, Police Chief/ Borough Manager; and Sara Jarrett, Borough Secretary/ Treasurer. Leroy Shildt was absent.

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

Approval of Minutes – The minutes of the Borough Council meeting on April 10th, 2017 were approved as presented. The motion was made by Mrs. Halpin-Brophy and seconded by Mr. Hockley. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard -

Name: Katie Daniels

Address: 129 Yates Street

Comments: Question regarding zoning, she was concerned about the notification regarding the zoning. It was clarified by an audience member. The zoning had changed in her neighborhood. Mr. Allshouse explained why she had received the certified letter and posting. Mr. Collins told Ms. Daniels that there would be public comments on May 22nd. The hearing will be held on June 12th. Her neighborhood has been logged twice and caused substantial run off. She lives in the woods and would hate to see it change. She understood the reason why, but is unhappy about the change.

Ms. Daniels also shared that there will be a park to park walk on May 20th. She invites everyone to join. She is working on sponsors for the event.

Ms. Daniels requested the help of the borough with a speed problem. Yates Street changes from 35 mph to 55 mph. She lives next to young children and is concerned about their safety. She is concerned about the speed of trucks and cars that go by that could cause an accident. She would like to propose to PennDot to change the speed from 55 to 45 mph in the hopes it will slow people down. She has offered her driveway to the police to run speed. Chief Day commented that it is difficult to run speed in that area. He commented on a proposed legislation to allow local police to use radar speed detection, but it has not passed. Chief mentioned that the speed limit change will be a battle based on the studies done by PennDot. Ms. Daniels offered her assistance in the petitions to PennDot. Chief stated that he gets a lot of speeders down the road where it is safer to run speed. Ms. Daniels complemented the police on their sitting on either end of town to watch for speeding and stated it had done well. Ms. Still shared that you can share concern on the PennDot website.

Solicitor's Report- Mr. Allshouse reported there was nothing new to report. He is currently working on the zoning ordinance and planning commission.

Committee Reports- The following reports were discussed;

Health, Safety, and Welfare- The chief spoke on the insurance provider change. He recommended that the borough change to Strickler insurance. The insurance will cost the borough \$5000.00 less with more coverage including more workman's compensation, more property coverage, and the street sweeper is on the auto plan. The premium for Strickler Insurance with Selective Insurance is \$40,083.00.

Mrs. Halpin-Brophy made the Motion to change insurance providers from the current provider to Stickler Insurance for all borough insurance needs effective June 1st at a cost of \$40,083.00 for the following year. . It was seconded by Mr. Hockley with none opposed.

Strickler Insurance recommended that the Borough put into action of a secondary insurer policy. Contractors will cover the borough for liability when they are doing work in the borough.

Mayor's Report- Mayor Boise reported the police statistics. He commented that registrations and speeding were the highest is citations. He also reported that the officers would be participating in a silent dispatching to limit radio chatter.

Administrative, Finance, and Budget- The council members decided to table the Hire Susan Smith, Esq. to advise on the rental inspection ordinance this until a future time.

Mrs. Halpin-Brophy read a letter of resignation from Seth Myers, an employee of the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Myers stated in his letter that he would resign effective immediately and he had no borough property in his possession. Mrs. Halpin-Brophy made a Motion to accept the resignation of Seth Myers, an employee of the Wastewater Treatment Plant effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hockley with none opposed. Chief Day noted that the borough is working to fill the position. They have had 13 applicants. 3 of those applicants are certified operators.

Public Works- Mr. Shildt was absent from the meeting but had no report to share. Mr. Hoerner commented that the signs for the proposed parking ordinance had arrived. Additionally, he was working on getting bids for watts street and patching.

Mr. Hockley made the Motion to accept Ordinance #2017-01 regarding parking restrictions within the Borough of Mount Holly Springs. It was seconded by Mrs. Halpin-Brophy. Mr. Kendall was opposed. Mr. Hockley read the ordinance as it was written.

Chief Day stated he would be giving out a memo to residents regarding the ordinance when they are not in compliance. Mr. Hockley asked if a grace period

would be given to residents before citations would be issued. Chief Day agreed to allow a warning period for residents to adjust to the change.

Planning and Zoning Board– Ms. Still made a Motion seeking permission to receive assistance from Cumberland County Planning Commission in creating a new SALDO Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stoner with none opposed.

Mr. Hockley asked if Ms. Still would explain SALDO for those who may not understand. SALDO stand for subdivision and land development ordinance. It should match the Zoning Ordinance. The current SALDO is outdated. They will work to refine to best meet the needs of Mount Holly Springs. They will begin with our ordinance and eliminate what is no longer needed.

Ms. Still asked if council members would be present for the Planning Commission meeting on May 22nd. She is in need of a quorum, 4 members must be present. Cumberland County Planning Commission recommended the Zoning Ordinance to be approved.

WCOG Report– Tri County Planning Commission was represented. They gave projections for the next 25 years. Mount Holly was found to be equal in growth and population. There was no decrease as there was in other municipalities. Chief Day also stated that it was commented on the electronic clean-up in Shippensburg. The University stated it was a success, but will not do it again for the entire county. They got more donations than they can handle.

Borough Manager Report- Chief Day recommended to council that they sell 32 Mill Street in order to get it back on the tax rolls. It is currently an empty lot. Mrs. Halpin-Brophy made the Motion to allow Borough Manager Thomas Day to advertise for bids for the sale of 32 Mill Street. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hockley with none opposed.
The property will be sold as is. Those who bid on the property will be responsible for all closing costs.

Mr. Kendall asked if there are any existing restrictions. Mr. Collins commented that the property previously was in the flood zone, but was not sure if it still was. Chief Day also said that he checked in to the fact that the property was bought with county money and can be sold. Chief Day had checked with the county and it is clear to sell. Mr. Allshouse stated that the property would be sold as is.

Zoning/ Codes Officer– Executive Session.

Park and Recreation- Mrs. Stoner made the Motion to appoint Kathy Neff to the Park and Recreation Committee to fill Suzanne Corman's seat for a term ending 12-31-18. The motion was seconded by Mrs Halpin-Brophy with none opposed.

Mrs. Stoner made the Motion to advertise bids for the construction of the Butler Street Park Trail. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Halpin-Brophy with none opposed. Pennsy is having a meeting to donate materials for the project. Mrs. Stoner has commitments and \$800.00 in donations, along with a grant allocation. Mr.

Hockley had commented that the school owns the property. He asked if the school expands, will they expand over the trail. Mrs. Stoner said they have the schools permission to do the trail. Mr. Hockley also stated that they would use tax payers money to make improvements to others property. Mr. Kendall inputted regarding the placement of the trail. Mrs. Stoner said she is not using tax payer's money with the exception of in-kind donation.

Any other Business to Come Before Council:

Ms. Still made a Motion to approve the Land Partnership Grant submission for 20 thousand dollars due June 1st on behalf of the Borough. It was seconded by Mrs. Halpin-Brophy with none opposed. Mr. Hockley and Mr. Kendall commented on what happens if they are unable to complete the first section of the project. He asked if the second phase could be completed without phase one. Ms. Still stated that she will know in the fall if they received the grant money for Phase 1. They are able to leverage monies against each other. Veterans Park is hopeful that phase one will go through. Ms. Still believes they can still get work done on the park, even if all grants are not awarded. They would recraft the plan. Mr. Hockley shared that neither veteran's organizations had supported the Veteran's Park. They see that some of the town's parks are not maintained. He believes that they did not donate with the fear it would not be maintained,

Ms. Still also made a motion to authorize Pamela Still to write a letter of support on behalf of the borough in support to the Cumberland County Commissioners for a fee for blight remediation. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Halpin-Brophy. President Collins called for a roll call vote as follows:

Still- yes
Halpin- Brophy- yes
Collins- yes
Hockley- no
Kendall- no
Stoner- yes

The motion passed with a majority vote.

Mr. Kendall asked why they needed more money, and referenced properties in Carlisle and their rehabilitation. Ms. Still stated that it is a fee that some people may never have to pay. This money has more stipulations from the county. Mr. Hockley asked who gets the money. He commented on the use for the money and who would be able to use the money. Mr. Allshouse, Mr. Kendall, Mr. Hockley, Mr. Collins, Ms. Still, and Chief Day all engaged in conversation regarding the use for the money and who gets to use the county money.

Adjourn –The meeting adjourned at 8:16pm, President Collins called an executive session. Council went into executive session to discuss a personnel issue with action to be taken.

President Collins called the meeting back to order after executive session at 8:50. Mrs. Halpin-Brophy made the motion to hire Nicholas Basov as a part-time police officer and

codes enforcement and zoning officer at a rate of \$18.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hockley with none opposed.

Mrs. Halpin-Brophy made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hockley had the second to her motion with none opposed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara E. Jarrett
Borough Secretary/ Treasurer