

Mt. Holly Springs Borough Council
Meeting Minutes-November 13, 2017

Call to Order – Mr. Collins called the November 13, 2017 meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:00pm at 200 Harman Street Mt. Holly Springs PA 17065 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, Matthew Hockley and Mayor Boise. Also present; Mark Allshouse, Borough Solicitor; Sara Jarrett, Borough Secretary/ Treasurer; Thomas Day, Police Chief/ Borough Manager.

Approval of October 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 October 9, 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: Annalise McDilda

Address: 11 Cedar Street Rear

Comments: Ms. McDilda addressed council on the leaf collection and why her leaves had not been picked up.

Name: Katie Daniels

Address: 129 Yates Street

Comments: Ms. Daniels addressed council on an intersection near her home. She said trucks had been parked at the bay and blocking the intersection. Chief Day addressed Ms. Daniels and shared with her that the dock manager does his best to keep the trucks off of Route 34.

Solicitor's Report- Nothing new to report.

Committee Reports– The following reports were discussed;

Health, Safety, and Welfare- Mrs. Halpin-Brophy made the motion to approve a contract to be signed with the Humane Society of Harrisburg with a fee of \$250.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shildt and passed.

Mayor's Report- Mayor Boise reported on the police statistics for the month of October.

Administrative, Finance, and Budget–

Mrs. Halpin- Brophy made the motion to advertise and display the budget for public view. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shildt. Council also wished to set the mil. Rates for the 2018 year with no increase. Mrs. Halpin-Brophy made the motion to set the Real Estate rate at 2.3 mils. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hockley and passed. Mrs. Halpin- Brophy made the motion to set the Fire Tax at .216 mils. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hockley and passed. Mrs. Halpin-Brophy made the motion to set the Street Light Tax at .239 mils. The motion was seconded by Ms. Still and passed.

Mrs. Halpin- Brophy made the motion to accept the resignation of Officer Nickolas Basov. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hockley and passed unanimously.

The Citizens Fire Company asked for an increase in the Fire Tax to cover a deficit in the budget of \$4000.00 and asked for \$5000.00 towards new equipment. Council engaged in discussion with possible action on proposed Fire Company funding. Mrs. Halpin-Brophy made a motion to issue a check to Citizens Fire Company on January 2, 2018 for the amount of \$4000.00 in order to balance the 2018 Budget. The motion was seconded by Ms. Still. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Halpin-Brophy made the motion for Borough Manager Thomas Day to seek funding for a new dump truck. He is authorized to seek out options for a price up to \$80000.00. Chief Day stated that about \$25000.00 would come from Liquid Fuels to help defer the cost. The borough would be looking at the left over 2017 models to replace the 18 year old truck. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shildt and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Halpin-Brophy made the motion to advertise the Rental Inspection Ordinance to be voted on at the December meeting. Council engaged in discussion regarding the ordinance. Mr. Kendall questioned aspects of the ordinance and asked if the borough intended to help landlords clean up their properties. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shildt and opposed by Mr. Kendall. The motion passed by majority vote.

Mrs. Halpin-Brophy made a motion to advertise the IPMC as the standard for the Rental Inspection Ordinance to be adopted in December. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shildt with Mr. Kendall opposed. The motion passed by majority vote.

Mr. Shildt made a motion to cancel the HA Thompson Treasurer Bond for the bill amount of \$800.00 and change the insurance provider to Strickler Insurance with a Treasurer's Bond for \$500,000 for the amount of about \$500.00. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Halpin-Brophy and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Halpin-Brophy made the motion to allow reimbursement to the maintenance department for the purchase of inmate lunches. Mr. Kendall disagreed with providing inmate lunches and gave an account of what the inmates are fed and the procedures. Council and the Mayor engaged in discussion regarding the issue. It was stated that lunches would be purchased at Chief Day's discretion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shildt and was opposed by Mr. Hockley and Mr. Kendall. The motion passed by majority vote.

Mrs. Halpin-Brophy made the motion to authorize the borough Secretary to open 3 new accounts: Citizens Action, Park and Recreation, and Bonding before the end of the year. It was also made a part of the record that the Citizens Action account has a balance of \$10440.90 to be moved to the new account. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hockley with none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Works-

Mr. Shildt made the motion to approve Resolution #2017-05 for the Pennvest Funding for the Hill Street Project. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stoner and passed with none opposed.

Mr. Shildt also reported that there will be a conference call with Pennvest on November 28th. Mr. Shildt had still not heard on the Green Light Go Grant. Mr. Hockley asked if Mr. Shildt would be allowed to stay even if his council term was expiring and also asked about Ms. Still.

Planning and Zoning Board-

Ms. Still reported that zoning was in need of an alternate to serve a 3 year term. She also reported that planning was refining the informational packet and working on new prices. She thanked Steve Hoffman and Crystal Hunt for their contributions to the packet.

Borough Manager Report- Chief Day reported that the VFW and American Legion donated money for projects at Trine Park. Mr. Hockley thanked them for the contribution. Steven Toth an employee of the Waste Water Treatment Plant passed his Plant Operator Certification on the first try. He did not pass the Sludge Certification but only missed by 2 points. He will retake the exam in January of 2018.

Mrs. Halpin-Brophy made a motion to give permission to Tom Day to make upgrades to the Council Chambers. The motion was seconded by Ms. Still and the motion passed.

Chief Day also reported that he would be meeting with the Health Care Provider. He stated that the coverage would not be changing and would cost less. Mr. Shildt made the motion to have Tom Day investigate the insurance options and sign of behalf of the borough. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Stoner and passed.

WCOG Report- No Report

Zoning/ Codes Officer- No Report

Park and Recreation-

Mrs. Stoner reported that an additional Dog Waste Station was ordered for Butler Park. The grant money for the Butler Street Trail will be paid to the borough by the end of the month.

Any other Business to Come Before Council:

Ms. Still shared with council about the Historic places in Mt. Holly. There are currently 15 qualifying residences. She also spoke on the Storm water. She stated that there are macro invertbre from the Marsh Preserve and are identifying the water quality. It is good. She also inquired about leaf pick-up. She asked in the bags should be open or closed and inquired with Mr. Hoerner if the bags could be recycled.

The Mayor congratulated the Boy Scouts in the audience on their accomplishments in the organization. They stated that they were there working on a Citizenship in the Community badge.

Adjourn – Mr. Shildt made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Mrs. Stoner. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara E. Jarrett
Borough Secretary/ Treasurer

