

Borough of Morrisville
Regular Meeting of Borough Council, Tuesday, January 19, 2010
Held in Council Chambers, 35 Union Street, Morrisville PA @ 7:40pm

After a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was brought to order by Mrs. Sherlock. Dorothy Gaydula took roll call. Those present were: Council President Nancy Sherlock, Council Vice President Kathryn Panzitta, Councilpersons, Victor Cicero, Rhonda Davis, Eileen Dreisbach, Fred Kerner, Dave Rivella, and Todd Sanford, Mayor Rita Ledger, Acting Borough Manager Dorothy Gaydula, and Acting Assistant Borough Manager Robert Seward. (Mr. Seward had to leave @ approximately 8:30 for a fire call, and was not able to return.)

There were no Special Presentations

Hearing of the Public

Bill Setzer: Represents the Morrisville Environmental Advisory Committee; Bill mentioned that the TreeVest program has offered 10 trees through a grant to be used at the Manor Park Playground. They are looking forward to planting them. He also asked about the Williamson Park Trail project and the cost. The PECO Green Region grant program is on the agenda and he is asking about costs and our portion of the project. He feels that since we will not be using the plan that includes Franklin Street it should be considerably less.

Marlys Mihok: Marlys read a statement about the Danny Adler article in the Courier Times that spoke of our new Mayor Rita Ledger. She feels we should have had Mayor Ledger swear in all newly elected Councilpersons. Ms. Mihok was upset that we are replacing our current Solicitor and Engineer. She said that we should have advertised and interviewed. She believes it will cost us more money to bring them up to speed. She also believes it involves a political payback. She mentioned the financial forms for the Morrisville Democratic Club and the thousands of dollars donated. Kathryn Panzitta questioned what forms she had since there is nothing that indicates the Morrisville Democratic Club raised thousands of dollars, she would know since she is the treasurer.

Bill Farrell: Thanked Mr.Seward for taking care of the downed telephone pole near his house. He is thankful that the political junk mail is over with. Politics is a dirty job, just do a good job and forget the politics. He liked the campaign literature that had the dog with the big ears and talked about listening. He is listening.

Diane Hughes: Diane announced that tow of the Tuskegee Airmen will be at the Morrisville Library tomorrow at 2pm, tomorrow, January 20th. They will be serving refreshments.

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Approvals of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of October 19, 2007 was made by Dave Rivella and seconded. Motion passed by voice vote 8-0.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 10, 2009 was made by Fred Kerner and seconded. Motion passed by voice vote 8-0.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 11, 2009 was made by Rhonda Davis and seconded. Motion passed by voice vote 8-0.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Special meeting of November 12, 2009 was made by Fred Kerner and seconded. Motion passed by voice vote 8-0.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 17, 2009 was made by Eileen Dreisbach and seconded. Motion passed by voice vote 8-0.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 18, 2009 was made by Eileen Dreisbach and seconded. Motion passed by voice vote 8-0.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of December 15, 2009 was made by Dave Rivella and seconded. Motion passed by voice vote 8-0.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Biennial Organization Meeting of January 4, 2010 was made by Kathryn Panzitta and seconded. Motion passed by voice vote 8-0.

Reports were provided in Council packets on Friday, January 15, 2009

Bill list was not read, Mrs.Diretto-Weik was on vacation and not available.

8A. Motion to pay the bills was made by Dave Rivella and seconded. Motion passed by voice vote 8-0.

8B. Motion to acknowledge three registrations @\$150.00 each for the new Borough Officials registered to attend the 2010 Newly Elected Officials Training workshops to be held in February, as sponsored by the PA State Association of Boroughs. Motion made by Kathryn Panzitta and seconded. Motion passed by voice vote 8-0. The three Councilpersons attending are Rhonda Davis, Fred Kerner and Todd Sanford.

8C. Motion to amend (2010 Payroll) Resolution #872, Section 1, Subsection (e), to change the Librarian's salary from \$17.25 to \$17.58 per hour. Made by Kathryn Panzitta and seconded. Motion passed by voice vote 8-0. * Note the figure was correct in the Budget that was passed but was an error in the Resolution.

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New Business

10A. Appointments

1. Economic Development Corporation (EDC). One 3-year appointment: (vacancy created by the term of Steven Amend which expired on 09-10-09. Ted Fletcher was nominated by Dave Rivella, there were no other nominations, Ted Fletcher was appointed 8-0.
2. Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). Two 4-year appointment; new terms will expire on 12-17-12. Katie Carroll was nominated by Fred Kerner and Bill Setzer was nominated by Kathryn Panzitta, there were no other nominations. Roll calls were taken. Katie Carroll and Bill Setzer were appointed 8-0.
3. Planning Commission. Two 4-year appointments; new terms will expire on 12-31-13. Robert Murtagh was nominated by Eileen Dreisbach, Rhonda Davis nominated Gary Amos, and Fred Kerner nominated Debby Colgan. Roll call was taken and the following were the results;

Robert Murtagh

Eileen Dreisbach
Victor Cicero
Todd Sanford

Opposed to Robert Murtagh

Dave Rivella
Fred Kerner
Rhonda Davis
Kathryn Panzitta
Nancy Sherlock

Gary Amoss

Dave Rivella
Fred Kerner
Rhonda Davis
Kathryn Panzitta
Nancy Sherlock
Victor Cicero

Opposed Gary Amoss

Eileen Dreisbach
Todd Sanford

Debby Colgan; All eight Councilpersons voted for Debby Colgan
The two new appointments are Debby Colgan and Gary Amos

4. Municipal Authority Appointment: One 5-year appointment to expire 1-05-15. Eileen Dreisbach nominated Phil Frigerio and Dave Rivella nominated Victor Cicero. Roll call was taken. Victor Cicero, Rhonda Davis, Fred Kerner, Dave Rivella, Kathryn Panzitta and Nancy Sherlock voted for Victor Cicero. Eileen Dreisbach and Todd Sanford voted for Phil Frigerio. Victor Cicero was appointed, 6-2.

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5. Persico was nominated by Dave Rivella. There were no other nominations. Raffaele Persico was appointed 8-0.
6. Civil Service Commission appointment was removed from the agenda because the term is not up for the sitting member until 1-31-10. We will appoint next month.
7. Vacant Property Review Committee: Three positions per the bylaws, Borough Manager, Planning Commission and one Borough Councilperson. Todd Sanford was nominated by Dave Rivella. There were no other nominations. Todd Sanford was appointed by voice vote 8-0.

10B. Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding appointing Dorothy Gaydula as Acting Borough Manager and Robert A. Seward as Acting Assistant Borough Manager, effective January 1, 2010. Motion made by Eileen Dreisbach and seconded. Motion passed by voice vote 8-0.

10C. Motion to approve the Parade route for Opening Day of the Morrisville Little League set for April 3, 2010, using the previously scheduled route. Motion made by Kathryn Panzitta and seconded. Motion passed by voice vote 8-0.

10D. Motion to re-affirm the Key Policy currently practiced by the Morrisville Borough Administration. Motion made by Kathryn Panzitta and seconded. Victor Cicero asked about this motion and wanted to know if we were planning to change the locks. He said the Borough Hall belongs to the people of Morrisville and there could be a security issues since they have not been changed in years. Nancy Sherlock confirmed that the plan is to change the locks, and Mr. Seward will be handling that as he has done in the past. Motion passed by voice vote 8-0.

10E. Motion to adopt a Resolution requesting the reallocation of \$31, 407.18 of DRJTBC (Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission) Compact Authorization Investment Grant funds to be used for the purchase and installation of new light heads on East Bridge Street, between Delmorr and Pennsylvania Avenues. Motion made by Eileen Dreisbach and seconded. Motion passed by voice vote 8-0.

10F. Motion to adopt a Resolution in support of the Williamson Park Recreational Trail Project and the submittal of the PECO Green Region Program Grant in the amount of \$10,000. Motion made by Dave Rivella and seconded. Mrs. Gaydula explained the cost to the Borough will be half of the total and less \$10,000 if we receive this grant. We don't have the total at this time since we will be having a new plan. Motion passed by voice vote 8-0.

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10G. Motion to authorize the proper Borough Official to sign the Household Hazardous Waste Collection program Commitment Form for the years 2010-2012 @ \$1,439.10 per year for three years as requested by the Bucks County Planning Commission and due by February 15, 2010. Motion made by Kathryn Panzitta and seconded. Nancy Sherlock explained due to the deadline she would like to see this passed this evening. This is a program we have done for the last six years and this basically is a renewal. She hopes that more residents use the program in the future. The more residents that use the program the lower the cost will be. Motion passed by voice vote 8-0.

10H. Motion to permit State Representative John Galloway to use Council Chambers on Tuesdays from 10:00am to 2:00pm for community outreach. Motion made by Dave Rivella and seconded. After some discussion it was determined that this would be for year 2010. Motion passed by voice vote 8-0.

Announcements

Mayor Ledger said that she is trying to obtain some money for the generator for the Borough building, and has spoken to some Senators.

Dave Rivella announced that the Hungry H Café was featured in the Bucks Life Magazine. He said it is a great place and wishes them well. His wife and his daughter often go there. Also, he has provided Dorothy Gaydula with a copy of a grant application from Congressman Murphy's office. He hopes that we can apply for this money.

Rhonda Davis mentioned that she will be attending a Red Cross Event this week that addresses the Haiti disaster. Rhonda also would like to see the Dog Park use biodegradable bags.

Eileen Dreisbach reported from the Recreation Board meeting that they asked about the schedule for the pick up of Christmas trees, and if we mulch them for the residents. The Borough crew continues to pick up the trees. Mr. Seward was not available to answer her questions at this time. Another concern is the use of the Fire Siren; Mr. Eperjesi feels that it is too loud. Discussion involved a noise ordinance that would take care of these loud issues. Also, is there any money for new tables, benches and bike racks in the park? Nancy mentioned a bike rack program similar to the painted mules program. Maybe we could get involved. Motion to adjourn was made by Dave Rivella at 9:04pm and seconded. Motion passed by voice vote 8-0.

Submitted,

Dorothy Gaydula
Acting Borough Manager

