

MINUTES

MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 19, 2010

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Monday April 19, 2010 at 7:332 PM in Council Chambers of the Morrisville Building, 35 Union Street, Morrisville, PA as a Regular Council Meeting with the following in attendance:

BOROUGH COUNCIL: Nancy Sherlock, President
Kathryn Panzitta, Vice President – Absent
Victor Cicero
Rhonda Davis
Eileen Dreisbach
Fred Kerner
David Rivella
Todd Sanford

BOROUGH OFFICIALS: Mayor Rita Ledger
Todd Eisenberg, Solicitor
Dorothy Gaydula, Borough Secretary, Acting Borough Manager
Robert Seward, Acting Assistant Borough Manager

Ms. Sherlock brought the meeting to order. Ms. Sherlock began with a moment of silent prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dorothy Gaydula took roll at this time.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mark Stephen McKenna was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for becoming an Eagle Scout by Mayor Ledger.

Ms. Sherlock also announced that after the special presentation there will be an Executive Session regarding litigation. A motion will be added to this evening agenda.

The meeting resumed at 8:07 p.m.

Ms. Alina Marone was interviewed for the Library Board.

Ms. Marone lived in Morrisville since June 2003. She has two children. She is a graduate of Abington Township School District and Ursinus College. She previously lived in Germantown Philadelphia. Ms. Marone wants to become a member of the Library Board because she was raised in a neighborhood where people volunteered. She started tutoring through Ivin's House and really began utilizing the library. She has a place in her heart for the library. Her son loves it there. She spends a lot of time there. The library is a place where people can come together.

Mr. Cicero asked Ms. Marone what her degree was in.

Ms. Marone said that she has a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in politics and a minor in art.

Mr. Rivella thanked Ms. Marone for her interest and he feels the library is a gem of Morrisville. He thinks her background with fundraisers would be an asset. He asked Ms. Marone if there was anything she would think to improve the library.

Ms. Marone stated the staff is wonderful in the library. She thinks the library needs more computers and electronic equipment and a larger selection of books.

Ms. Sherlock thanked Ms. Marone and said that they will make a decision at their May meeting.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

1. Bill Setzer, 806 Crown Street MEAC: Mr. Setzer stated that 63 persons worked last weekend canal cleanup. There were approximately 200 man hours volunteered. Mr. Setzer gave a special thank you to Boy Scout Troop 46 of the Methodist Church and Boy Scout Troup 3. Mr. Setzer thanked all of the volunteers. He really feels the canal is a treasure. Mr. Setzer announced that May 1, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., there is going to be an effort to clean up the Riverfront. Also, on May 15 there will be the Graystone cleanup. He encourages people to start looking at the Morrisville website. Mr. Rivella said that a special recognition should go to Mr. Scheese for his 25 years of volunteering.
2. Barbara Halpern, Morrisville First: Ms. Halpern reported on activities that are coming up. One event is a first ward yard of the summer contest. As many neighbors as possible can sign up. There will be prizes for the best yards. This hopefully will improve the neighborhood. July 9th is the final date to register. Another event is the National Night out. The date is August 3, 2010. Hopefully the whole Borough will consider this. They would like to have small block parties throughout the neighborhoods. It is a way for neighbors to meet and make connections. It will make Morrisville safer and more welcoming. Intergenerational membership program that will take place in the fall. It is a free program through X-Site. They pair children, ages 12-14, with adults to perform community service. Ms. Halpern brought brochures for Council. Ms. Ledger asked how people could get an application for the best yard. Ms. Halpern is going to have a table at community events.
3. Bill Minder, 423 Crown Street: Mr. Minder wanted to remind everyone of Ordinance 856. This ordinance is to ensure that dog owners pick up after their dogs. There are fines and penalties for not picking up after your dogs.
4. Sharon Hughes, 124 Mercer Street: Ms. Hughes runs the cameras for the Borough. There is a long pause while there was an Executive session. The cameras would not pause, so there is a 25 minute wait. It is new equipment, so no one is experienced with it yet. The agenda meetings also are not able to be heard on the television. Sometimes the microphones are not on. Someone should look into the microphones being louder. Please speak so everyone can hear. Ms. Hughes also would like to see better lightening around the Robert Morris statue.

As no one else wished to speak, the public session was closed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 16, 2010, Special Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2010, Regular Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2010, Special Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2010, and the Special Meeting Minutes of April 13, 2010.

Motion made by Mr. Cicero and seconded.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

REPORTS

Mayor's Report: the Mayor gave a verbal report. Ms. Ledger is working with a developer on a property in town. She is also working with Mr. Lee Rockefeller in regards to the Morrisville Pool. A company also asked if we want to advertise our meetings online. Ms. Leger is waiting on more information from this company. The Mayor of Yardley wants to work with Morrisville in regards to a few projects.

Manager's Report: the Manager's Report was included in the packet.

Assistant Borough Manager's Report: The Assistant Borough Manager's Report was included in the packet. The engineer commented on the MS4 state report. He said the report was started by the previous engineer. It was very minimal. The report will be filed on time. They will also start with a plan for year 8.

Police Chief's Report: the Police Chief's Report was included in the packets.

Public Works Report: the Public Works report was included in the packets.

Code Enforcement Report/Emergency Management Report: the Code Enforcement Report/Emergency Management Report was included in the packets. Mr. Seward commented on better lightening at Robert Morris Plaza. The lights now are so that they do not interfere with traffic. Mr. Seward was not involved in the lighting decisions.

Solicitor's Report: No report for this evening.

Committee Reports: Green Committee report was included in the packets.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Direccion-Weik read the Treasurer's report.

FINANCE

Motion 8A to pay bills.

Motion made by Mr. Rivella and seconded.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

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Motion 8B to award 2010 Fuel Oil contract to Farm and Home Oil Company, based on the following bids received through the Bucks County Consortium:

- *Unleaded regular gasoline @ \$.22 cost per gallon *(delivery charge).*
- *#2 Heating Oil @ \$.185 cost per gallon *(delivery charge).*
- *On-Road Ultra low Sulfur diesel Fuel @ \$.185 cost per gallon *(delivery charge).*

*** Pricing listed is “Market Fluctuation Pricing”; the price paid will be the market fluctuation price plus the cost per gallon listed above (this is added as a delivery charge).**

Motion made by Ms. Dreisbach and seconded.

Mr. Seward stated that it could fluctuate each month.

Motion carried by roll call, 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion 9A to schedule and advertise the Public Hearing for the Ordinance and Zoning Map changes, to be held on May 17, 2010, at the regularly-scheduled meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. Cicero and seconded.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion 10A to approve the Community Day, sponsored by Morrisville YMCA, to be held on May 22, 2010, in Williamson Park.

Motion made by Mr. Kerner and seconded.

Ms. Sherlock said Alina and Barbara will be there.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

Motion 10B to approve the Preliminary/Final Plan for the Estate of John Krysa (Subdivision Plan), dated October 28, 2009, and revised March 24, 2010, as per letter dated March 30, 2010, from Remington & Vernick Engineers.

Motion made by Mrs. Davis and seconded.

It is a simple subdivision plan that is ready to be approved.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

Motion 10C(MOTION ADDED) to authorize Special Counsel to draft a letter to opposing Counsel regarding settlement provisions in the matter of Stockham Interests, LLC, litigation.

Motion made by Mr. Rivella and seconded.

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Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Sherlock announced that there is a Finance Meeting on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. There is an Arts and Events meeting on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and a Green Committee meeting on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Also, June 19th is a Landmark Towns Initiative. There is a shuttle bus that can view all four Landmark Towns. There will be more information later. There is a golf outing for Good Friends. The information is on Channel 22.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Mr. Rivella and seconded.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Submitted by:
Dorothy Gaydula
Borough Secretary