

MINUTES

MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 21, 2010

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Monday June 21, 2010 at 7:31 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
Victor Cicero
Rhonda Davis
Eileen Dreisbach
Fred Kerner
David Rivella –Absent
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

Ms. Sherlock announced that there was a special motion tonight. Since there were guests in the audience, they would read the motion now.

Approval of General Release and Settlement Agreement in Stockham Interests, LLC, et al. V. Borough of Morrisville, et al, Civ. Act. No. 08-cv-03431 (U.S.D.C.E.D.Pa)

Motion 4A to approve the General Release and Settlement Agreement in the form presented by the Borough's defense counsel, it being expressly understood that the ultimate settlement is contingent upon obtaining Court approval.

Motion made by Mr. Cicero and seconded.

Ms. Sherlock asked if there was any public comment on this motion.

There was no public comment.

Ms. Sherlock asked if Council had any comments regarding this motion.

There were no comments from Council either.

Motion carried by roll call, 7-0.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There was a special presentation this evening recognizing Mr. Wayne Tetterer for his 50 years of service as a Volunteer Fireman. State Representative John Galloway was there to honor Mr. Tetterer. Here is what was read about Mr. Tetterer:

Mr. Wayne Tetterer,

On Behalf of the Mayor and Morrisville Borough Council, I would like to present you with this certificate of appreciation for your 50 years of service as a volunteer fireman.

Morrisville is very blessed to have someone who works so diligently to ensure the safety of our lives, our homes, and businesses.

Wayne continues to be a volunteer at the Morrisville Senior Center and works hard as a crossing guard on one of our busy streets.

Thank you Wayne for your continued dedication to the Borough of Morrisville.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

1. Nancy Zimborski, Morrisville First, Bucks County Housing Group: Ms. Zimborski announced that they no longer wish to have the Community Center in the Robert Morris apartment complex. They will be working with the First Ward Project through their Wrightstown Office.
2. Patricia Schell, Manger of the Senior Center: Ms. Schell wanted to thank Mr. Wayne Tetterer. He is a valuable volunteer at the Senior Center. Ms. Schell also wanted to announce that this Wednesday there will be a Tea Party and a Quilting show. The cost is \$2.00 per person. The even starts at 1:00 p.m. Also, on July 10, 2010, the Senior Center will be hosting Alex's Lemonade Stand from 9-2 p.m. There will also be a flea market on this date.
3. Tom Rossi, Morrisville Little League: Mr. Rossi announced that the Baseball Tournaments will be held July 23-26. They are getting ready and they appreciate all of the businesses and the Borough's support. Ms. Sherlock mentioned the letter from Mr. Rossi about the irrigation system. They are going to add this to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 19, 2010 with corrections.

Motion made by Ms. Panzitta and seconded.

Mr. Rivella needs to be added to the attendance list.

Ms. Panzitta wanted the vote checked on page 3.

Motion carried by voice vote, 6-1 with Ms. Panzitta abstaining.

Motion to approve the special meeting minutes of May 11, 2010.

Motion made by Mr. Kerner and seconded.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

REPORTS

Mayor's Report: the Mayor's Report was included in the packet. Mayor Ledger gave an update on projects that she has been working on. She met with the Chief on Friday. The Langhorne Borough Police Department allowed them to come for a demonstration of a device that they have which deters speeding in the Borough. Ms. Ledger also has been in meetings regarding various grants and she has a few weddings to do this month.

Manager's Report: the Manager's Report was included in the packet. Ms. Gaydula announced that unfortunately the library did not reopen today. Mr. Seward will elaborate.

Assistant Borough Manager's Report: The Assistant Borough Manager's Report was included in the packet. Mr. Seward said that the ceiling grid was more labor intensive than the contractor had anticipated. Mr. Seward did an inspection this morning. There was dirt and dust that was not cleaned properly. Also, they were not happy with how sticky the rug was from the tape. They do not want anyone to trip and fall. The major work is completed on the first floor. The contractors should be balancing and running the air conditioner right now.

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.

Ms. Dreisbach asked how long the street sweeper has been out of service. There are repairs listed in both March and May.

Mr. Seward said they are at the end of their rope with the street sweeper. It needs repair and they are working on it. They are going to have to look into a new one during budget time. It has probably been 18 months since it worked.

Ms. Dreisbach said it was at least nice that Waste Management was cleaning S. Pennsylvania Avenue once a week.

Ms. Ledger stated that it is nice; however she was wondering if there was anyway they could commit to one day so everyone can move their cars off the street.

Mr. Seward said they asked, but it's whenever they have the time.

Code Enforcement Report/Emergency Management Report: the Code Enforcement Report/Emergency Management Report was included in the packets. There is no Zoning Meeting for the month of July.

Solicitor's Report: Mr. Eisenberg sent everyone an article about signs and the rules. It was in Friday's packet.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports this evening.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer was not present, so Ms. Sherlock read the totals.

FINANCE

Motion 8A to pay bills.

Motion made by Mr. Kerner and seconded.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

Motion 8B to approve payment in the amount of \$60,000.00 to the Morrisville Fire Company, as per 2010 Fire Fund Budget.

Motion made by Mr. Kerner and seconded.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

Motion 8C to approve payment in the amount of \$45,000.00 to the Morrisville Ambulance Squad, as per the 2010 EMS Fund Budget.

Motion made by Ms. Panzitta and seconded.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

Motion 8D to award the Maintenance Materials bid as received through the Bucks County Consortium, as follows:

- QPR/High Performing Cold Patch from H & K/Blooming Glen Quarry @ \$113.00 per ton (+\$8.49 per ton, delivered price);
- Superpave 9.5 mm Wearing from Barrett Asphalt @ 46.70 per ton (+\$4.00 per ton, delivered price), -- for the period to end March 31, 2011.

Motion made by Ms. Davis and seconded.

Ms. Panzitta said thank you administratively for going through all the trouble to get that written.

Ms. Gaydula said that all the bidding is done online now and they kept leaving off the delivery price.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

Motion 8E to approve the tentative Arts and Events Budget and Calendar of Events for 2010.

Motion made by Ms. Dreisbach and seconded.

Ms. Ledger asked if the Arts and Events Budget and the Family Day Mayor's Picnic come from the same source.

Ms. Sherlock said that it did in the past.

Ms. Ledger asked if that is no longer.

Ms. Sherlock said she is not saying that. She is saying long before Arts and Events there was a budget for the Mayor's picnic. That was run by the Mayor. She said about four years ago, Mr. Wisnosky got involved in Arts and Events, but he was the Mayor so he was also in charge of the picnic.. It all comes from the same entertainment budget. Ms. Gaydula confirmed this. The first event is the Ron Crites concert on July 17, 2010. It is from 6-8 p.m. in Williamson Park. The next meeting is this Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

Motion 8F to approve payment in the amount of \$100 as membership renewal with the Friends of the Delaware Canal.

Motion made by Mr. Kerner and seconded.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

Motion 8G to reject the bid(s) received on June 14, 2010, for the Emergency Generator Bid, and to rebid this project for just the Municipal Building, as recommended by Edward Koehler, Borough Engineer, with Remington, Vernick & Beach Engineer with an alternate bid for a combination.

Motion made by Ms. Davis and seconded.

Mr. Koehler suggested we re-bid using a combination of Borough Hall and the Ambulance Building. He feels that the current design will be left as is and then be sent out as an alternate.

Mr. Eisenberg said that it can be a friendly amendment to include the alternate.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

Motion 8H to approve Pay Request No. 2 in the amount of \$46,890.00 due GEM Mechanical Services, Inc., for CDBG Project #09-33, the Library Air Conditioning Project, as recommended by Pennoni and Associates on June 15, 2010.

Motion made by Ms. Panzitta and seconded.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

Motion 8I to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare bid specifications for CDBG Project #10-23, Library Entranceway, Roof Replacement, and advertise for bids.

Motion made by Mr. Cicero and seconded.

It is for the same style slate roof. There is a start up meeting for this on Thursday.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

10A Appointment:

- One appointment for the Landmark Towns Alternate Member
 - Mr. Kerner nominated Ms. Panzitta
 - Ms. Dreisbach nominated Ms. Ledger
 - Ms. Panzitta received 5 votes and Ms. Ledger received 2 votes.

Ms. Davis said that she knew Ms. Panzitta was willing to accept this position; she wished she knew Ms. Ledger would have also.

Ms. Ledger said she wasn't asked. Ms. Ledger stated last meeting Ms. Sherlock said she wanted Ms. Panzitta to have this position.

Ms. Sherlock clarified that it was actually two meetings ago. She also said that no one else seemed interested when she mentioned the position.

Ms. Davis agreed.

Ms. Ledger said that she was nominated because she has the available time to be the alternate.

Ms. Davis said that she just hopes in the future they know who is interested in advance.

Ms. Panzitta said that is the point of the agenda meeting.

Ms. Dreisbach said that Ms. Ledger did express interest last Tuesday.

Mr. Cicero said there is no sense in arguing over something that already happened.

Motion to appoint Ms. Panzitta as the Landmark Town alternate member.

Motion made by Mr. Cicero and seconded.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

Motion 10B to approve the concept for a memorial garden near the Rotary Pavilion in Williamson Park as proposed by the Rotary Club of Morrisville in their correspondence of June 4, 2010, and for Borough council and Rotary Club to work together on the design for this garden.

Motion made by Ms. Dreisbach and seconded.

Ms. Sherlock said they will be in contact with Mr. Fletcher from the Rotary.

Ms. Ledger asked why this Borough would be designing something that the Rotary is paying for.

Ms. Sherlock said because it is on Borough Property.

Ms. Panzitta said that it is better to have Council just in case something should go wrong.

Ms. Sherlock also said that the Borough is responsible for the maintenance.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

Motion 10C to approve the Fall Carnival 2010 scheduled for October 7-17, 2010, as requested by the Rotary Club of Morrisville, subject to the security arrangements as outlined in their letter of June 18, 2010.

Motion made by Ms. Dreisbach and seconded.

Ms. Panzitta asked if the Police Chief agreed to this.

The Chief did agree to this.

Ms. Sherlock hopes it is a successful and dry carnival.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

Motion 10D to approve the appointment of Patricia Anne Brofman as an additional Deputy Tax Collector for Morrisville Borough and authorize the proper Borough Official to sign the Appointment Form to be forwarded to the School District for consideration, and then submitted to Paist & Noe, Inc., the Bond Surety Company for the Tax Collector.

Motion made by Ms. Panzitta and seconded.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

Motion 10E to acknowledge the 2010 Activities List as submitted by the Morrisville Fire Company, to be forwarded to the Borough's insurance company.

Motion made by Mr. Kerner and seconded.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

Item 10F to adopt the Resolution as submitted by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks authorizing the Bucks County Board of Commissioners to submit an application for designation of an Enterprise Zone on behalf of Morrisville Borough.

Motion FAILED. No first was received on this motion.

Motion 10G to adopt the Resolution authorizing the Bucks County Board of Commissioners to submit an application for designation of an Enterprise Zone, with stipulations to maintain our current Enterprise Zone Map and the option to retain our ability to expand the Map in the future.

Motion made by Ms. Panzitta and seconded.

Ms. Panzitta said that after reading the packet, she was looking towards extending it the entire length of Bridge Street. She took into consideration the possibility of expanding this area in the future before she voted.

Ms. Davis said there is typo on this motion.

Ms. Sherlock said that when Ms. Panzitta mentioned it last week she thought it was great, but then she hesitated because of the Light Industry. She likes leaving the option open.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

Motion 10H (MOTION ADDED) to approve for the Morrisville Baseball to install an irrigation system in the Little League Field.

Motion made by Ms. Panzitta and seconded.

The Borough's attorney said that this motion is fine.

No one in the audience wished to comment at this time.

It is just one field, the Little League Field.

Ms. Sherlock feels it is a form of beautification. She said obviously it would be checked to make sure it wasn't a tripping hazard.

Mr. Rossi said they are retractable sprinkler heads. The line will go one foot deep.

Ms. Sherlock asked if it can be easily removed.

Mr. Rossi said that it is easily removed.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

Ms. Sherlock said tomorrow morning herself, Ms. Gaydula, and Mr. Seward are going to New Hope to the DRJTBC office. They are going to present a proposal for compact grants. They would need to authorize an expense to have the engineer come. Ms. Sherlock wanted to open this to Council.

Mr. Eisberg said a consensus is enough to have Mr. Koehler go.

Ms. Panzitta said that since they are dealing with grants, the more people who go the better.

Ms. Ledger asked about the list. She wanted to know if it was the list from when she spoke with Frank McCartney from the DRJTBC.

This is the only list that Council is aware of. It is the same list that was discussed by Council in March. Ms. Sherlock read the list.

Mr. Cicero said that these are competitive bids.

Council was in agreement that the engineer needed to go to this meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Ledger said that it was honor to honor one of our firefighters tonight. She wanted to say thank you for the incredible service that the firefighters provide us.

Ms. Sherlock announced the Dog Park Ribbon Cutting is on Saturday June 26, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. There will be a canine demonstration and the Friends of the Dog Park will have a table available with information.

There is an Arts and Events Meeting on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. There is also Green Committee Meeting at 7:30 on this date. They are having a special presentation.

There are applications for the Tennis Camp available at Borough Hall. The camp is this summer in Williamson Park.

There is a Planning Commission meeting next Monday at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Ms. Panzitta and seconded.

Motion carried by voice vote, 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by:
Dorothy Gaydula
Borough Secretary