

Borough of Morrisville
Special Meeting of Borough Council
Tuesday, April 13, 2010 @ 7:30pm

After a moment of silent prayer and the Pledge of the Allegiance roll call was taken. Those in attendance were: Council President Nancy Sherlock, Council Vice President Kathryn Panzitta, Victor Cicero, Rhonda Davis, Eileen Dreisbach, Fred Kerner, Todd Sanford, Acting Assistant Borough Manager Robert Seward and Solicitor Todd Eisenberg. Mayor Rita Ledger was absent. Dorothy Gaydula was absent.

Council interviewed two residents who are interested in being members of the Economic Development Corporation; they are Mr. William Pepitone and Mr. VK Macwana.

Mr. Pepitone is a retired Police Officer from New York and moved here a few years ago. He and his wife are happy here with their two children and are investing in the Borough. His vision is to keep the residents that live here, attract new residents and engage some of the new residents. He feels we must make the town look good before we can attract new businesses. He believes we need more restaurants and coffee shops and make the downtown a place you want to walk to.

Mr. VK Macwana moved to the area about eleven years ago, but just moved to Hamilton Boulevard three years ago and would like to get involved in the Borough. He and his wife have three children. He works in New York as a General Manager of a Comfort Inn in Midtown. He was involved with the Langhorne Rotary. He believes that the town is doing better than other parts of the country and it still continues to prosper. He would like to see more restaurants, coffee shops and maybe a .99 store. He has connections with the Dunkin Donuts and the Holiday Inn businesses. He has a degree in Business. He is able to make the meetings even though he has a long day.

Council will be advertising for the open positions until the end of April and Council will make the appointments in May. Nancy Sherlock thanked them both for their time.

Hearing of the public:

Bill Setzer: wanted to thank the 26 people who helped with the tree planting in Manor Park Playground on Saturday. Bill made the announcement about the future three River and Canal clean ups. All the information is on the MEAC page of the Borough website. Any questions you can call Bill Setzer.

Ken Anderson: representing Republic/Allied Waste Services wants to say that he thinks we are doing a great job with environmental issues, keep up the good work. Also, he is providing a short film to be shown on Channel 22 on Earth Day. Bill Setzer will be previewing it first.

Mr. Minder: wanted to inform the public about the Borough Pooper Scooper Ordinance, he read a piece of it and mentioned that there is a fine of up to \$600. Nancy Sherlock mentioned that we could put it on Channel 22 as a reminder.

Tom Rossi: representing the Morrisville Baseball League, wanted to thank the Borough Crew and the Police Department for their help with Opening Day. It was a beautiful day as far as the weather goes and was happy for those Council members and the Mayor who could attend. Regarding the State Tournament...it is being held from July 23-26, with a 5:30 start on Friday and the final game on Monday evening. They are planning on a picnic for everyone to attend on Saturday. They hope to have the '55 team there as part of the festivities. They expect approximately 50 families and hope that they will utilize what the Borough has to offer in the way of amenities. They are working with the Business Association to have a hospitality table at the games. Nancy Sherlock mentioned that maybe the residents would take this opportunity to fix up their homes to showcase the town.

Ted Fletcher: spoke about the mini carnival scheduled for May 13-16, 2010 and the security that they have planned. He wanted to be sure that we are comfortable with the arrangement and was there to answer any questions. Ted agreed that if there is a security issue that police will be scheduled or worse case scenario it would be closed down. The carnival will be set up on the blacktop this time. Chief Jones said that he was ok with the arrangement if Council was ok.

Marlys Mihok: thanked Tom Rossi for a wonderful parade and all their hard work. She spoke about the Joint School Board/Council meeting and said that they were implementing some of the suggestions that were talked about. They have a flashing sign at Grandview and also new speed signs. She provided us with a sample copy. She wanted to know if Council will be putting a line down the center of West Palmer Avenue in front of the High School and would we be painting arrows at Grandview? Nancy mentioned that until the Borough gets the proper tools or borrows them they will not be able to paint the lines. As far as arrows at the entrances to the circle at Grandview that would have to be done by the School District. There was a question about the width of Palmer; we will have to see about no parking on one side if necessary. Road crew will measure.

Sharon Hughes: wanted to let everyone know that there are good things in Morrisville, because a member of her family lost their wallet and it was mailed back to them intact. She also mentioned that James Gafgen a fabulous tenor will be performing at Summerseat on Saturday, April 17th, cost is \$20.00

Debby Colgan: would like the Borough to spend our open space money on Williamson Park improvements, if we do we would quadruple our money. She believes it creates economic benefits. People are attracted to parks. MEAC does not care for the current park project that would require a long ramp to access the levy.

Motions:

#1 Motion to confirm Nancy Sherlock as the Voting Delegate and Kathryn Panzitta as Alternate Delegate for the PSAB 99th Annual Conference to be held April 25-28, 2010 was made by Eileen Dreisbach and seconded, motion carried 8-0.

#2 Motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor to prepare and advertise the Ordinance for Contractor Responsibility Certification, as recommended by the Ordinance Committee was made by Victor Cicero and seconded, motion carried 7-1, Todd Sanford casting the nay vote.

#3 Motion to approve the security measures for the Morrisville Rotary Mini-Carnival to be held on May 13-16, 2010 as approved by the Police Chief Jones was made by Dave Rivella and seconded, motion carried 8-0.

After much discussion regarding what we should do with the proposed DCNR grant money for the Williamson Park Trail, it was agreed that we really don't have the money to do the trail, but we didn't want to give back the money for fear we may not receive any in the future. Discussion ensued about using Open Space money in the park. We should have Chris Kerns from the County come talk to Council about our options. After more discussion a motion was made.

#4 Motion to send a letter to DCNR turning down the Trail Grant due to the lack of funds, was made by Dave Rivella and seconded, motion carried 8-0.

#5 Motion to adjourn was made at 9:22pm by Dave Rivella and seconded, motion carried 8-0.

Submitted,

Dorothy Gaydula
Acting Borough Manager