

MEETING MINUTES  
MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2015  
7:30 p.m.

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Monday, November 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Morrisville Municipal Borough, 35 Union Street, Morrisville, PA for a Regular Council Meeting.

Mrs. Sherlock stated, please stand for a moment of silent prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Mrs. Sherlock asked, may we have a roll call please?

Mr. Bates took roll at this time.

**Those in Attendance:**

Borough Council: Nancy Sherlock, President  
Fred Kerner, Vice President  
Victor Cicero  
Jeffrey Johnson  
Corryn Kronnagel  
Ted Parker  
Todd Sanford  
Debbie Smith

Borough Officials: Mayor Dave Rivella  
Tom H. Bates Jr., Borough Manager  
Robert C. Sooby, Assistant Borough Manager  
Robert A. Seward, Code Enforcement Officer  
Sean Kilkenny, Solicitor  
George McClay, Chief of Police

Not Present: Scott J. Stoddard, Borough Engineer

Junior Councilperson: Anna C. Zuckerman

Mrs. Sherlock stated, we have two special presentation this evening. Chris Cap who is the Director of Pennsylvania State Boroughs Association, who just flew in.

## SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Chris Cap, PSAB stated, Madam President, I have been with PSAB for 15 years, I have been the Executive Director for 4 years and there have been some special people we've worked with over the years, I came in unannounced, I had a Council member up here that invited me to do a presentation for Ms. Nancy Sherlock. Nancy, you have been a tremendous asset to PSAB, you volunteered so much of your time to PSAB and I understand this is your last meeting on this Council. There are a number of Council members around the state that we go out and do these public thank-yous if you will. Nancy Sherlock has been on our trustees -- Nancy, actually, I met you 15 years ago when I was a legislative analyst with PSAB and she was on our Resolutions Policy Steering Committee, and since then, she has served on so many of our committees and made some significant contributions and made some very good relationships with a lot of our members from around the Commonwealth. PSAB of course was established back in 1911. Mr. Thomas Chrostwaite created us and it was a method to aggregate the strength of Municipal Government Officials from around the Commonwealth. And more than a hundred years later, Nancy has just been a significant contributor so I did want to present this Service Appreciation Award to Nancy Sherlock, and I will read it out loud for the record. Service Appreciation Award presented to Nancy Sherlock in recognition of your many years of exceptional service to PSAB on numerous standing committees. Embodying our values of integrity, commitment, service and exemplifying steadfast loyalty. We will be forever grateful. With much respect and appreciation from your friends and colleagues at the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, dated December 21, 2015, signed by myself, Executive Director, and our President, Jack Lawver.

Mrs. Sherlock replied, thank you so much.

Chris Cap stated, Madam President, with no further ado, can I present -- may I approach?

Mrs. Sherlock replied, sure.

(Mrs. Sherlock was presented with the award. Photos were taken and the audience applauded.)

Mrs. Sherlock stated, thank you Mr. Cap, I am very appreciative. I have always enjoyed my time there and it's been a pleasure, thank you. We also have another very special person coming this evening, and that's our House of Representative State, Steve Santarsiero.

Mr. Steve Santarsiero stated, I appreciate your time tonight. It's ironic I just came from Lower Makefield where they swore in a new supervisor to take the place of someone who has retired. It's ironic because that was the beginning of someones tenure and tonight is the mark of the end. It's certainly not the end of community involvement Nancy. There are actually two awards tonight marking your final meeting on Council, for Jeff and Nancy. I know you both well and it's been a real pleasure of mine to work with you both in my capacity as a member of the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives, but also as someone in the Community. It really is an honor to be here tonight, so thank you. What I wanted to begin with in thanking Jeff for his service to Morrisville, Jeff, I have a letter that I bring with me thanking you for everything you've done for Morrisville Borough, as well as a flag of our Commonwealth that I'd like to present to you now.

(Mr. Johnson was presented with the award. Photos were taken and the audience applauded.)

Mr. Santarsiero stated, and Nancy, because you have served Morrisville for 24 years, under the rules of our House as an elected official, and now retiring, you have earned a Citation from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, which I believe you have to be serving for 20 years or more are the rules to get that, and so I have it with me here tonight, I won't read the entire Citation, it cites your time here in Morrisville on different Boards and Committees you have helped serve. It is signed by me as well as the Speaker of the House and the Clerk of the House and it really is an honor for me to be here to present this to you. As I was saying before I have known you for a long time, back when I started the League of Municipalities in this area of the County you were involved with that. You and Jeff both have done a tremendous amount of work for the people of this Borough and I know that you will always be in the hearts of many people here in Morrisville for everything you've contributed to make this a better place in which to live, and so it is really an honor of mine to be able to present this to you this evening along with a flag of our Commonwealth.

Mrs. Sherlock replied, thank you so much. It's been an honor to serve.

(Mrs. Sherlock was presented with the award. Photos were taken and the audience applauded.)

Mr. Santarsiero stated, if I could just say in conclusion tonight, I always point this out when I hand out a Citation, there is a picture inside the jacket of the House Chamber and if you have been to the Capitol at Harrisburg, you know what a beautiful building it is, it's a very ornate pretty building. Sometimes the actions in the house don't always reflect the beauty of the Chamber itself, but I would say to both Nancy and Jeff and your families, if you get an opportunity to come out, I would be happy to take you on an tour of the House, bring you onto the House Floor and I'm sure I can speak for my counterpart in the Senate, Senator McIlhinney that he would be pleased to do the same thing, so please let my office know if we can put that together some time in the new year and we'd be happy to take you on a tour and yes, hopefully we will get a new budget passed in the next few days. I want to thank you again for your service. I want to thank the rest of the Board for all of your service and Mayor Rivella as well and let's hope for good things in the future year. Thank you all.

Mrs. Sherlock replied, thank you so much for being here this evening.

Mr. Johnson relied, thank you Steve.

(audience applauded)

Mrs. Sherlock stated, next, we will move on to the hearing of the public.

### **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

1. Kurt Holthenrichs - *300 Melvin Court*  
He wanted to say thanks to everyone in Morrisville who donated to the family who lost their home. Danielle and his wife took care of the donations. He wanted to thank everyone for taking care of the tree downtown. He wanted to know where the Welcome to Morrisville sign was. He asked if Council put the Auditor position out to

bid. He spoke about Bob Sooby and he feels he is not qualified and wants Council to reconsider his hiring, he said Morrisville is being looked at as a joke. Merry Christmas to everyone.

2. **Bill Minder - 423 Crown Street**

He spoke about the sanitation collection, the leaves didn't get picked up the Friday after Thanksgiving. The trash and recycling was picked up though. He wants Council to fix it for next year. Merry Christmas to everyone.

3. **Jane Burger - 90 W. Maple Avenue**

She had questions on the budget, how do we start with a \$51,000 plus deficit. She discussed the Borough Manager salary and Assistant Borough Manager. She suggested to go back and have the salary as a resolution. She talked about putting the shade tree in the street department fund. She talked about the transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund. She stated that you can't move funds around. Sinking fun, you can't pay a vendor out of this fund. She read from the Bible. She said that Jeff Johnson was always respectful and she thanks him for that. She said that 24 years is a long time and Mrs. Sherlock has certainly done a lot and been on many Boards which have already been mentioned. I'm sure there will be many other opportunities, you will find something, you are a woman who likes to be busy. My wish for you is that you find peace, you can only find that within yourself. Thank you both for your service. Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year. To the incoming Council and those of you that are staying, I look for you to have a very productive and cooperative and thoughtful year as you all work together on the benefit of the Community. She mentioned the stump grinder, and feels it is not necessary.

4. **Bill Farrell - 347 N. Pennsylvania Avenue**

He welcomed the Sheriff of Montgomery County. He asked about the 2.75 mils, how much would that be. He has nothing personal against us. He considers himself a good judge of character. He spoke about the Borough Manager Hiring. Is Mr. Bates being retained to train Mr. Sooby? Mrs. Sherlock answered, no. He stated that he worked for a number of bosses, he didn't get along with his boss, he told his boss, if you lie and you believe your lies you are pathetic. Last, happy and healthy new year to everyone.

***There being no further comments, public comment portion was closed.***

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion 6A - Motion to pass the minutes of the Regular Borough Council Meeting of November 16, 2015.**

**Motion made by Mr. Kerner.**

Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock stated, are there questions or comments on these minutes?

Ms. Smith stated, she has a correction on page 12. On the last paragraph, there are two sentences that seem to be running together. On page 13 there is a typo, it says *talking* instead of *taking*. Page 14 a typo, it should be *told* instead of *poled*.

Mrs. Sherlock asked, can we pass them with those corrections made?

Ms. Smith replied, if they're going to correct those.

Mrs. Sherlock asked, the first and second agree to that? May I have a roll call please?

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 7-0 and 1 abstention by Mr. Kerner.

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**Motion 6B** - Motion to pass the minutes of the Special Borough Council Meeting of November 23, 2015.

**Motion** made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Mr. Kerner seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock stated, are there questions or comments on these minutes? All those in favor say aye. Opposed?

**Motion** carried by voice vote, 7-0 and 1 abstention by Mr. Johnson.

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**Motion 6C** - Motion to pass the minutes of the Special/Budget Borough Council Meeting of November 30, 2015.

**Motion** made by Mr. Kerner.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock stated, are there questions or comments on these minutes? All those in favor say aye. Opposed?

**Motion** carried by voice vote, 7-0 and 1 abstention by Mr. Johnson.

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**Motion 6D** - Motion to pass the minutes of the Special/Budget Borough Council Meeting of December 1, 2015.

**Motion** made by Mr. Kerner.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock stated, are there questions or comments on these minutes? All those in favor say aye. Opposed?

**Motion** carried by voice vote, 7-0 and 1 abstention by Mr. Johnson.

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**Motion 6E** - Motion to pass the minutes of the Special Borough Council Meeting of December 8, 2015.

**Motion** made by Mr. Kerner.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock stated, are there questions or comments on this motion? All those in favor say aye. Opposed? I'm sorry, roll call, please.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 6-1-1, nay vote by Ms. Smith and abstention by Mr. Johnson.

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**REPORTS - ADMINISTRATIVE/MANAGEMENT CONTINUED**

**Borough Manager's Report - Tom H. Bates, Jr.** - He stated, there was no report this evening.

**Solicitor's Report - Sean Kilkenny** - He stated, thank you very much President Sherlock. One thing I do want to say, it has been a pleasure to serve with you, and for you and Council for these many years. Unfortunately, I come to bear bad news and that's in relation to item 8D which is the passage of the budget. My recommendation is that Council go ahead and table that this evening, and the reason being is, we filed a petition in the beginning of December, December 2nd with the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas and we've been following up, following up, following up, following up to get something scheduled so we can increase beyond the mandated millage level. We are meeting with Judge Boylan of the Court of Common Pleas tomorrow morning and hopefully she schedules a hearing to sign this. But I would not recommend that Council goes ahead and approves a budget contingent on an action that a Judge has yet to take.

Mrs. Sherlock stated, okay, great. We'll just remove it. 8D is being removed. She stated that she did ask a question about one of their lawsuits, and that they may be discussing that at a future meeting this year.

**Engineer's Report - Scott Stoddard** - There is no Engineer's Report this evening.

**Mayor's Report - David Rivella** - He stated good evening. As I did last December, because this is the last regular Council meeting for the year, I would like to discuss 2015 rather than give a December report only, although it won't be as long winded as my 2014 report. Much has been accomplished this past year as we continue to make improvements. It is no secret that the Chief and I share a well-rounded working relationship. I believe this partnership benefits, not only the police department, but the entire Borough. I want to thank Council and our community for the ongoing support of the MPD, its officers and Chief McClay. The Department is ending the year at being roughly \$140,000 in the black. I cannot ever remember this happening in the past. This is due to a lack of wasteful spending, grants, and planning, not because the department has gone without. Recently, we received the COPS grant of \$125,000 and tonight, Council will be voting on a motion to hire a full time officer because of this grant. Council has been extremely supportive of the Department and it doesn't go unnoticed. Also, I appreciate that Council has understood the importance of following the chain of command regarding the Department. Proper protocol is maintained when the Mayor is contacted regarding issues of the Department rather than elected officials going directly to the Morrisville Police Department, its officers or its Chief for any reason as a Councilperson. The three new vehicles as well as the purchase of the used vehicle has helped make a difference in the efficiency of the department. The vehicles are equipped uniformly with new rifles, fire extinguishers, crime scene processing equipment, and various safety equipment. In addition to the equipment in the vehicles; officers also patrol the streets with First Aid Kits which contain Narcan along with AED's. Additionally, the officers have access to new lock out kits to help our residents. The Morrisville Police Department has decreased crime in the Borough of Morrisville by 35% as of 10-30-2015. This will mark two consecutive years of double digit decreases in crime. This is the one statistic that allows a department to measure its success even though many factors can contribute to this statistic. Moving on, this past year, it was my privilege to provide some community events such as: A Frozen themed photo shoot, a tour of Borough Hall and the Police Department. A Bird town contest, the Labor Day Picnic, the 2015 Santa Paws event. With the help of some really dedicated residents, we have already started planning a few events for 2016. Council has been working on improvements to our downtown and I am hopeful this will continue. Soon, we will have a few new businesses. I encourage everyone to use them, along with our existing businesses to ensure they continue to call Morrisville Borough their home. When I first brought to Council, the subject of the blighted pool location, I did so with a heavy heart. Knowing it could not continue and needed to be dealt with was personally emotional for me since, like so many, I have fond memories of being at the pool with my growing family. Although it was difficult to say goodbye to the Morrisville Pool, I am glad the pool demo and reclaiming of the property was finally completed this year. I encourage Council to continue to make improvements to Williamson Park that include working with the MEAC to ensure that environmentally friendly strategies are applied. This past year, I have worked with Council, our administration, the Morrisville School District, the MEAC, the Historic Morrisville society, our county organizations, and legislators on items needing to be done to transform the blighted M. R. Reiter property into usable parkland. I would like to see the work that has begun, continue in 2016. With that, on behalf of my family and myself, I want to wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe Christmas.

**Police Chief's Report - Chief George McClay** - He stated good evening Council. Thank you Mayor for all the nice things you had to say about our Department. Our annual NPO training will be coming up, we will be going out to Haverford College in a couple of weeks. We will be going to Atlantic City for a street survival class. I will be sending guys to the Abington Police Department for investigation classes. Mike Dilanni finished the bike training , two weeks in Philadelphia. We deployed the bike tonight up at the shopping center and within 20 minutes, he locked up three people with drugs. It just shows you, it's another tool in the box. I will be giving that bike back to Lower Makefield and purchasing our own bike very soon. In Philadelphia, we got a very good price off of Bustleton Bike and I expect to have that ready for the Spring time. In closing, thank you Nancy, Jeffrey, for all of your support over the last year, I appreciate it. Thank you.

Mrs. Sherlock replied, thank you.

Mr. Johnson replied, thank you.

**Junior Councilperson's Report - Anna C. Zuckerman** - She stated she had three congratulations. The girls basketball team is doing very well this season. Senior Denise Sacco was Fox 29's athlete of the week, she was also crowned Homecoming Queen. Congratulations to the FBLA team, six of the students are going to the states. The winter concert went well. Both the choir and the bands have performed. We are wishing good luck to the Jazz Band who is beginning to start competitions. From all the Morrisville students Merry Christmas to everyone.

***Council recessed at 8:17 pm for an executive session.  
Council returned from executive session at 8:35 pm.***

## **FINANCE**

Mr. Bates read the bill list.

**Motion 8A** - Motion to pay the bills.

**Motion** made by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Kerner seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock asked are there any questions or comments on the bill list? May I have a roll call, please.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

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Mrs. Sherlock stated, before we go to 8B, I just want to make mention we did receive the sanitation delinquency report, just for the publics knowledge, it's \$575,526.19 in sanitation arrears. We would be okay if we could have some more people pay their sanitation bills.

**Motion 8B** - Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$12,000.00 to the Morrisville Fire Company, as final payment per the Fire Fund as of 12/31/15.

**Motion** made by Mr. Kerner.

Mr. Sanford seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock asked are there any questions or comments on this motion? May I have a roll call, please.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

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**Motion 8C** - Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$8,000.00 to the Morrisville Ambulance Squad, as final payment per the EMS fund as of 12/31/15.

**Motion** made by Mr. Parker.

Mr. Kerner seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock asked are there any questions or comments on the motion? May I have a roll call, please.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

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***Motion 8D was removed.***

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**Motion 8E** - Motion to approve the 2016 Salary Schedule.

**Motion** made by Mr. Kerner.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock asked are there any questions or comments on this motion? May I have a roll call, please.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 6-2. (nay votes being Mr. Sanford and Ms. Smith)

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**Motion 8F** - Motion to approve the 2016 Fee Schedule.

**Motion** made by Mr. Kerner.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock asked are there any questions or comments on the fee schedule? May I have a roll call, please.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 7-1. (nay vote being Mr. Sanford)

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**Motion 8G** - Motion to approve the 2016 Borough Holiday Schedule.

**Motion** made by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Parker seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock asked are there any questions or comments on this motion? All in favor say aye. Opposed?

**Motion** carried by voice vote, 8-0.

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**Motion 8H** - Motion to approve the 2016 Library Holiday Schedule.

**Motion** made by Mr. Kerner.

Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock asked, are there any questions or comments on this motion? All those in favor say aye. Opposed?

**Motion** carried by voice vote, 8-0.

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**Motion 8I** - Motion to approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 65 of the Morrisville Borough Code to eliminate the residency requirement for the Borough Manager and to eliminate the specific amount in which the Borough Manager must be bonded.

**Motion** made by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Parker seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock asked are there any questions or comments on this motion? May I have a roll call, please.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

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**Motion 8J** - Motion to approve \$1,400.00 contribution to the Morrisville Senior Servicer, per the 2015 budget.

**Motion** made by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Sanford seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock asked are there any questions or comments on this motion?

Ms. Smith stated, we are quoting the 2015 amount and why is that when we are going into 2016 schedule?

Mrs. Sherlock replied, because we still owe them the \$1,400.00 that we approved for the 2015 budget.

Mr. Bates replied, they never took the money.

Ms. Smith replied, oh, okay because this year it's I guess tentative if they're still going to be open because it's up to \$3,000.00 for them, correct?

Mr. Parker replied, till June.

Mr. Bates replied, if they get accredited.

Ms. Smith replied, well, that's what I'm asking though, correct?

Mr. Kerner stated, we haven't passed our budget yet.

Ms. Smith replied, right, okay.

Mrs. Sherlock replied, I believe there's \$3,000 in for the 2016 budget. If they are accredited and they have a location. They are an accredited Senior Center until the end of the year.

Mrs. Sherlock asked, may I have a roll call, please.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

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**Motion 8K** - Motion to approve the First Choice Bank Resolution for the purpose of investing the remaining funds from Williamson Park Trust Account into a Certificate Of Deposit for a two year term.

**Motion** made by Mr. Kerner.

Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock asked are there any questions or comments on this motion? As everyone knows there were remaining funds from Williamson Park, our Treasurer has negotiated a percent with the First Choice Bank. The resolution that is being signed isn't being signed by us, it's being signed by our treasurer. May I have a roll call, please.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion 10A** - Motion to approve a Resolution to appoint Lopez, Teodosio & Larkin, LLC as Morrisville Borough Auditor.

**Motion** made by Mr. Kerner.

Mr. Cicero seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock asked are there any questions or comments on this motion? May I have a roll call, please.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

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**Motion 10B** - Motion to approve a Resolution which will support the legalization of Medical Cannabis for medical uses and forward the resolution to Senator Folmer who sponsored Senate Bill 3.

**Motion** made by Mr. Kerner.

Mr. Sanford seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock asked are there any questions or comments on this motion? May I have a roll call, please.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

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**Motion 10C-1 - Environmental Advisory Council: One 3-year Appointment to expire on 12/21/18.**  
(FYI: Bill Setzer's term expires on December 21, 2015.)

**Motion** made by Mr. Kerner to nominate Bill Setzer.

Ms. Smith seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock asked are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? May I have a roll call, please.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

Mrs. Sherlock stated, thank you Bill for past and future.

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**Motion 10C-2 - Environmental Advisory Council: One 3-year Appointment to expire on 12/21/18.**  
(FYI: Janet Rivella's term expires on December 21, 2015.)

**Motion** made by Mr. Johnson to nominate Janet Rivella.

Ms. Smith seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock asked are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? May I have a roll call, please.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

Mrs. Sherlock stated, thank you Janet for past and future.

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**Motion 10C-3 - Economic Development Corporation: One 3-year Appointment to expire on 12/21/18.** (FYI: This is to fill a vacant position.)

**Motion** made by Mr. Kerner to nominate Janet Rivella.

Mr. Parker seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock asked are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? May I have a roll call, please.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

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**Motion** 10C-4 - Library Board One 3-year Appointment to expire on 12/21/18. (FYI: This is to fill a vacant position.)

Mrs. Sherlock stated, we did receive a letter from Rachel Muckin.

**Motion** made by Mr. Kerner to nominate Rachel Muckin.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock asked are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? May I have a roll call, please.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

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**Motion** 10D - Motion to hire a Full Time Police Officer based on the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission adhering to all test requirements, rules and regulations.

**Motion** made by Mr. Johnson.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock stated, we did receive a letter, it's in your packet this evening from Chief McClay. Are there any questions or comments on this motion? May I have a roll call, please.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

Mrs. Sherlock stated, Officer Reardon has really become somewhat of a popular rock star up at the High School and he is doing a great job and I am really pleased to have him there.

Mr. Cicero asked, does anybody know what he looks like?

Mrs. Sherlock replied, well, I do.

Mr. Kerner replied, Anna probably does.

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**Motion** 10E - Motion to approve a Resolution honoring and commending Council persons years of service and dedication to the Borough of Morrisville.

**Motion** made by Mr. Kerner.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock asked are there any questions or comments on this motion? Would you be willing to read that Fred?

Mr. Kerner replied, I don't have a copy of that here.

Mrs. Sherlock asked, do you want to read it Debbie?

Ms. Smith read the resolution.

Mrs. Sherlock asked, are there any questions or comments on this motion? May I have a roll call, please.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

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### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business to discuss this evening.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Sherlock stated there was a new law some may be familiar with it, State Rep, Frank Ferry had introduced it and it was regarding our Fire and EMS community being able to have their boots out to collect at the corners. They could not do that before. It is Act 57 and it was supposed to take effect 60 days, but I think the 60 days started in the middle of November. I'm sure when the weather breaks they may be out there.

If I could indulge everyone for just three minutes of your time, please. I appreciated the two distinguished people that came here this evening to present me with an award. It was very special. I am sad that I am no longer serving on Borough as a councilperson, but I will continue to serve in many other activities. I'd like to thank my family, friends and colleagues who worked with me along the way, because nothing is done as an individual. There are always lessons to learn and guidance along the way. But I would like to say, I just want to mention a few things that happened during these 24 years of service, in no significant order.

- \* The Olympic Torch that came through the center of our town.
- \* The Hands Across America Event.
- \* We received over a million dollars of CBDG grants project money over the years for improvement in town.
- \* We had successful concerts in the park for many years including the one that headlined the Brubeck Brothers Quartet.
- \* The addition of the Comfort Inn into a once abandoned area.
- \* The Bridge Street Curb and Sidewalk Project thanks to Compact Grant money from the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission.
- \* The hiring of a new Police Chief.

- \* The addition of a Riverfront Preserve.
- \* The addition of the Morrisville Dog Park
- \* The partnership with Landmark Towns, and the connections we keep in order to maintain the canal as an asset to our community.
- \* The sale of the Justice Building to the County, which we could not afford any longer.
- \* The addition of the Farmers Market, but it was at the cost of our local Acme Grocery Store.
- \* The Johnson Controls Project which provided a much needed upgrade to the Boroughs facilities and new LED street lighting throughout the entire Borough, using no taxpayers dollars.
- \* A successful million dollar street paving project paid for by the generous taxpayers.
- \* The addition of the beautiful Cacace building, but at the cost of a long time family business, Howell's Hardware.
- \* The opening of a very successful community theater, Actor's Net, which has since grown into a County and multi-state destination.
- \* The merging of two dedicated Fire companies into one very vibrant company that has provided the Borough with a beautiful new Fire House.

But some of the events that have challenged us along the way are:

- \* The closing of Dunham's which is still vacant.
- \* The closing of Solkatronics, which is still vacant.
- \* The two serious floods that caused us to lose one of the pools in the park, and then later having the closing of the Morrisville Pools.
- \* The closing of the long time Foose's Family Market and also Eastern Appliances on West Bridge Street.
- \* The possible closing of the Senior Center.
- \* The closing of Manor Park and M. R. Reiter Schools.

All these events, both good and bad are part of living in a small town. Our financial means are hindered by the lack of significant business and industrial base, yet being a small town affords us the pleasure of holding more intimate events. The quality of life begins with respect for our neighbors and pride in our properties. And continued divisiveness will only manage to stymie any results. Negative postings have managed to separate and destroy the character of the Community. I am hoping that the future holds positive results for this Borough. Best of luck to the 2016 Council and peace. So, thank you again. It's been my pleasure and my honor to serve for many years and I wish all the new members the best.

I would like to say that there are some things that I guess our new Borough Manager will be following up on, these are things that we just haven't completed yet.

- \* We have to have another follow up letter to the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission about removing their fence and we can extend the fence along Delmorr Avenue.
- \* Act 90, I know that is something we are hoping to move forward with.
- \* We are supposed to redo the crosswalks downtown.
- \* We still have to install the historic marker sign, I have spoken to the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission and they seem to be extremely willing to put it on the grassy knoll area as you come off the ramp which would be much more appropriate then inside the fence of Toll Brothers.
- \* I know that website changes were supposed to happen about 6 months ago. I am hoping that that's going to be something that we move forward with.

- \* Continued improvements in the park which I know the Mayor had mentioned.
- \* A museum case for the lobby. This is something, when they were cleaning out the basement, they were a few items that were from a long time ago, 60's, 70's, 80's, and the thought was to put a small case in the lobby just to highlight some of our past history. I am certainly hoping that happens too.

Thank you for your time. Anyone else this evening?

Mr. Johnson stated, yes Ms. Chairman, I would like to thank everybody in Morrisville for putting your trust in me for the last four years. It's been an experience, I will take it with me and everyone involved in this town with it. Morrisville is a great town, we can improve on it. I'd just like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and peace. Thank you.

(audience applauded)

Mr. Kerner stated, thanks to both of you.

Mr. Parker replied, it was an honor to serve with both of you.

Mrs. Sherlock replied, thank you, thank you.

Mr. Kerner stated, it's been a real pleasure to work with you.

Mrs. Sherlock replied, I am very pleased that Jeff got an applause.

(audience applauded)

Mrs. Sherlock stated, thank you. Jeff, we may miss each other up on the dais, but we'll still be able to be around town. I forgot to mention, thank you to all of those who were involved in the Winterfest Parade, that included our emergency services as well as the school, Century 21, and all the participants and the great turn out we had here, probably one of the best turn outs we've had, I think the weather might have helped us with that. Does anyone else have anything else? May I have a motion to adjourn?

### **BOROUGH OFFICIALS**

There were no Borough Officials comments this evening.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** to adjourn.

**Motion** made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Parker.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Mrs. Sherlock stated, Council please stay for a picture with Anna. Also, for the public's knowledge, we probably will be having a special meeting next week.