

MEETING MINUTES
MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016
7:30 p.m.

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Morrisville Municipal Borough, 35 Union Street, Morrisville, PA for a Regular Council Meeting.

Mr. Kerner stated, we will start the meeting with a moment of silent prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Kerner asked, may we have a roll call please?

Mr. Sooby took roll call at this time.

Those in Attendance:

Borough Council: Fred Kerner, President
Ted Parker, Vice President
Victor Cicero
Corryn Kronnagel (arrived at 7:35)
Danielle Larison
Bill Pepitone
Todd Sanford
Debbie Smith

Borough Officials: Mayor David Rivella
Robert C. Sooby, Borough Manager
Robert A. Seward, Assistant Borough Manager/Code Enforcement
Sean Kilkenny, Solicitor
Chief George McClay

Junior Councilperson: Anna C. Zuckerman

Mr. Kerner stated, we will start with a special presentation from Tony Spagnoli, from Pennsylvania Environmental Council.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Spagnoli gave a presentation which included an update on the Bridge Street Obstruction. Morrisville received a \$120,000.00 grant, \$60,000.00 of that was from DCNR C2P2, Community Conservation Partnership Program Grant and another 50% from DVRPC's Regional Trail fund. The money will be used to design the two ramps that they did the master plan for back in 2013. It should have been approved back in October of 2015, but due to the state budget crisis they just finally released the name of the winning applicants. He mentioned the start date would be spring to early summer to start the design and should take 5 to 6 months.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

1. **Bill Setzer - 806 Crown Street - Morrisville EAC**
He stated that we are very blessed to have the PEC, Pennsylvania Environmental Council, which is Tony's Organization bring this to our Borough. This project is two years in the making. He announced upcoming Environmental Advisory Council Clean Up events in April.
2. **Jane Burger - 90 West Maple Avenue**
She had a question about the Retirement Pension bill and whether it was for 2015 or 2016. She requested that the approved budget replace the preliminary budget on the website. She talked about the committees being posted on the website. She questioned the wording of the motion for the audit on the agenda.
3. **Debby Colgan - 120 W. Hendrickson Avenue - Morrisville EAC**
She talked about the ad fee for the Riverfront Preserve Project and how they were surprised with the advertising fee. She stated that they did a Borough project on behalf of the Borough and the Council, and they were told there would be advertising but there was no discussion of any fee. She stated that the EAC is encouraging Council to oppose the ELCON facility.

Mr. Kerner stated we actually had a resolution that we had tabled a while ago on ELCON, but looking at it, it's slightly dated still, so we will likely look at that and see what we can do next month.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 6A - Motion to pass the minutes of the Biennial Organization Meeting of Borough Council of January 4, 2016.

Motion made by Ms. Smith.

Mr. Parker seconded the motion.

Mr. Kerner asked, is there any discussion on those minutes? All those in favor say aye. Opposed?

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

REPORTS - ADMINISTRATIVE/MANAGEMENT CONTINUED

Borough Manager's Report - Robert C. Sooby - He thanked Public Works and the Morrisville residents for helping with the snow storm. It was a team effort and I appreciate the residents participating. He stated that we received our 1st quarter payment from Comcast \$25,579.00 for our franchise fee.

Mr. Kerner stated, I believe Bob wants us to have an executive session after the meeting regarding personnel.

Solicitor's Report - Sean Kilkenny - He reminded Council to get in their ethics forms by May 1st. He stated that he has worked with Mr. Sooby this past month on some personnel issues.

Engineer's Report - Kurt Schroeder - There was no engineer's report this evening.

Mayor's Report - David Rivella - He thanked everyone for locking their cars in the mornings while they were heating up. He stated that the Borough used 32 tons of salt during the snow storm in January. He stated that the Canal Cleanup is scheduled for April 2nd at 9:00.

Police Chief's Report - Chief George McClay - He stated it was a quite month for January for crimes. There were no stolen cars this month. Everything is doing well.

Junior Councilperson's Report - Anna C. Zuckerman - She congratulated the Morrisville Girls Bowling Team, four of the girls are going to the BAL Championship. School Gym Night will be March 4th. Morrisville Science Symposium has set up their 2nd Annual Community Day, March 5th and 6th. Girls Basketball Varsity Team has a playoff Game coming up.

FINANCE

Mr. Sooby read the bill list.

Motion 8A - Motion to pay the bills.

Motion made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Ms. Larison seconded the motion.

Mr. Kerner asked, are there any questions?

Mr. Sanford had a question on GL-1602, date 02/12/16, vendor #2254 Sanford Motors Ltd. for repairs: 46-06 invoice #012093, check #25010 for the sum of \$621.85. I must abstain from this line item due to a relative relationship.

Mr. Kilkenny stated, when you recuse yourself, under the State Ethics Act, you are supposed to recuse yourself also in writing. I would hand a note to the Manager before the end of the meeting just explaining the reason for your recusal. You are supposed to recuse yourself as you did correctly and then also if there are any deliberations about the matter as well.

Mr. Kerner asked, any other discussion on the bills? All those in favor say aye.

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0. (Mr. Sanford abstained from invoice #012093)

Motion 8B - Motion to adopt the PNC Bank Resolution for a new bank account between the Borough of Morrisville and Thomas D. Herron, Retiree.

Motion made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Ms. Smith seconded the motion.

Mr. Kerner asked is there any discussion on that matter? All those in favor say aye. Opposed?

Motion carried by voice call vote, 8-0.

Motion 8C - Motion to authorize the Accounting Firm of Lopez, Teodosio & Larkin, LLC, for an Independent Audit of all Borough accounts and records for the year 2015 totaling \$13,000.00.

Motion made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Ms. Smith seconded the motion.

Mr. Kerner asked is there any discussion on that motion? All those in favor say aye. Opposed?

Motion carried by voice call vote, 8-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion 9A - Motion to refund the Morrisville Environmental Advisory Council \$522.45 for advertising costs.

Motion made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Ms. Smith seconded the motion.

Mr. Kerner asked, is there any discussion on that motion? All in favor say aye. Opposed?

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

Motion 9B - Appointment: Zoning Hearing Board: One 3-year appointment to expire on 1/06/19.

Mr. Kerner stated, the existing position expired on 1/6/2016. We have one applicant.

Motion to appoint Mr. Raffaele Persico made by Ms. Smith.

Mr. Kerner asked, are there any other nominations? Any other nominations? Any other nominations?

Mr. Kerner stated, we will do a roll call on that. In favor, say aye, opposed say nay?

Motion carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

Sean Kilkenny stated, excuse me Mr. Kerner, just to let Council know, at your next council meeting I'll suggest to Mr. Sooby that you put on the agenda just a resolution confirming this. Because the Pennsylvania's Municipality Planning Code says that appointments to Zoning Hearing Board must be done by resolution, so we'll just confirm that by resolution at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Smith talked about the canal expansion and the Tales of the Towpath Grant for the school district that she forwarded to Damon Miller, President of the School Board.

Ms. Larison stated that the beautification committee will be meeting on Wednesday the 24th at 7:00.

Mr. Kerner asked if there were any more announcements.

Ms. Larison stated that a resident asked her about the trash ordinance and if there was a time when people are supposed to bring up their trash cans.

Mr. Kerner stated, I don't believe we have one in place. If we do, it's older.

Mr. Cicero stated, I don't believe it addresses that in the ordinance.

Mr. Seward - (inaudible)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Ms. Kronnagel and seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.