

MEETING MINUTES
MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2016
7:30 p.m.

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Monday, March 21, 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 to the flag.

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
Danielle Larison
Bill Pepitone (by telephone)
Todd Sanford
Debbie Smith

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

Junior Councilperson: Anna C. Zuckerman

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations this evening.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

1. Josh Gradwohl - *419 Clymer Avenue*
 He and his wife are canal tenders and he wanted to thank the Mayor for helping with the canal cleanup. He is a Borough resident who has worked for the New Jersey DEP for 27 years. He stated that most of what was being said about ELCON is not true and he is willing to answer any questions as a neutral party, he understands environmental regulations. He thinks it's a good thing and if it was bad he would be fighting it with science, engineering and DEP regulations.

2. Kurt Holthenrichs - *300 Melvin Avenue*
 He stated that Corryn was correct about NJ stopping ELCON. He had a question on the bill list about street lighting repairs. He stated that ELCON was told to come to the meeting by Mayor Dave Rivella and he wanted to know where the Mayor stood on ELCON. He wants to know how ELCON could be good for us.

3. Mike Yager - *338 Melvin Avenue*
 He wanted to remind everyone of the Morrisville-Yardley Rotary Easter Egg hunt this Saturday at 11:00 am at Williamson Park. They will also be hosting a celebration of the 30th Anniversary of Hands Across America on May 21st. He spoke about ELCON wanting to declassify salt and sell it for road salt and that he was concerned how the salt and debris would end up in the Delaware River.

4. Clay B. Aberts - *512 Osborne Avenue*
 He sated that he was in support of the resolutions against ELCON. They are too close to the river and they are bringing in more toxins and waste from outside the area. We are concerned about the drinking water, the air quality, the quality of life of our children and future generations. We can't afford to take the chance of having ELCON in this area and bringing more pollution and potentially damaging our future.

5. Holly Harman - *South Pennsylvania Avenue*
 The truck traffic in the first ward is out of hand. Adding to that is rubbing "salt" into the wound. I am asking you to complete the resolution against ELCON plan for the KIPC.

6. Bill Setzer - *806 Crown Street (MEAC)*
 He stated that Morrisville isn't in a position to stop ELCON, even with a resolution. We can blend our voice with the other communities that are equally concerned. He feels that we should voice a municipal opinion that we oppose the citing of it in this area, it's not good for the region in so many ways. He read two comments from the MEAC.

7. Eileen Dreisbach - *75 Harrison Avenue*
 She has a difficult time too getting out of her street. She wanted to know if anyone knows where all the large dump trucks are going and coming from. The streetlight across from Williamson Park Parking lot is on constantly. The traffic light at S. Pennsylvania and Philadelphia only allows for 1 car to go through the light before it changes to yellow then red. It is her understanding that ELCON was turned down in New Jersey. She stated that if there is a problem with Tyburn Road or Rt 13 where else

would the trucks go but Route 1. They will be going down South Pennsylvania Avenue or Philadelphia Avenue, regardless of their designated route.

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 January 19, 2016.

Motion made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Ms. Smith 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.

Motion 6B - Motion to pass the minutes of the Regular Borough Council Meeting of February 16, 2016.

Motion made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Ms. Smith 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 - There was no report from the Manager.

Solicitor's Report - Sean Kilkenny - There was no report from the Solicitor.

Engineer's Report - Samantha Brinker - She stated that the Borough is required to provide a NPDES (National Pollution Discharge Elimination System) report to the DEP every year. She asked if

Council had any questions regarding the NPDES permit. She mentioned two CDBG applications, and that they are requesting funding for the two applications, one for the Williamson Park and one for M. R. Reiter Elementary School. She asked if anyone has any questions about those two applications.

Mayor's Report - David Rivella - He talked about the dumpster for clothing and toys to be placed in the police parking lot that will benefit the D.A.R.E. Program. He congratulated Liam Getty and Anthony Bajor for their recent Eagle Scout Awards. He congratulated Mr. & Mrs. Path, on their marriage that he recently officiated. He talked about the Morrisville Community Cam Program that he and Chief McClay are working on, there will be a meeting to explain it at Borough Hall on April 19th at 7:00.

Police Chief's Report - Chief George McClay - He stated February was a bad month, we had 26 thefts. In January, we had 9. A lot of nuisance crimes, except for the ones that had packages stolen off their porches. A lot of people are still leaving their car doors open. I have two suspects in the Holy Trinity job, they are in custody in Philadelphia, I hope to bring charges to them next week.

Junior Councilperson's Report - Anna C. Zuckerman - She stated that Morrisville students will be going on Spring Break this week and will be back on Tuesday. Check out mv.org for the details of our baseball schedule and other news that's going on in the school district. The reading olympics Competition is next week. The FBLA State Competition is in mid April. They are looking for donations for Cinderella's Closet.

FINANCE

Mr. Sooby read the bill list.

Motion 8A - Motion to pay the bills.

Motion made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Ms. Smith seconded the motion.

Mr. Kerner asked, is there discussion on the bills?

Mr. Sanford had a question on GL-1603, date 03/18/16, vendor #4606 Sanford Motors Ltd. for repairs: invoice #012167, check #25121 for the sum of \$277.00. Sanford Motors Ltd. repairs: #4603 invoice #012168, check #25121 for the sum of \$102.00. Due to it being a relative of mine, I must abstain paying these two bills totaling \$379.00.

Ms. Smith had a question about a bill on the first page, it says Morrisville Borough Assessment, \$3,854.00, there is no actual invoice on it.

Mr. Sooby replied, it was from our 2015 our 941 accounts that we underestimated the cost.

Mr. Kerner asked, any other discussion on the bills? Noting Todd's exemption, may I have a roll call.

Motion carried by roll call vote, 8-0. (Mr. Sanford abstained from invoices #012167 and #012168)

Motion 8B - Motion to adopt a Resolution for Application to PA Department of Transportation for traffic signal approval to add a GPS time clock and re-time at West Trenton Avenue & Plaza Boulevard.

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.

Motion 8C - Motion to authorize having Gilmore & Associates proceed with preparing the NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Eliminations System) MS4 (Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems) General Permit (PAG-13) Progress Report for Years 2 & 3 for submission and mapping of the entire Storm Sewer System at the estimated cost provided that will not exceed \$8,000.

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 adopt the Resolution opposing the proposed ELCON Recycling Services hazardous waste treatment facility in Keystone Industrial Port Complex in Falls Township Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Kerner read the Resolution.

Motion made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Ms. Smith seconded the motion.

Mr. Kerner asked, is there any discussion on the resolution? May I have a roll call?

Motion carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

Motion 9B - Motion to adopt the Resolution to ratify the re-appointment of Raffaele Persico to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Motion made by Ms. Smith.

Mr. Parker 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion 10A - Motion to approve the Morrisville Yardley Area Rotary Easter Egg Hunt to be held Saturday, March 26, 2016 in Williamson Park at 11:00 am.

Motion made by Ms. Smith.

Mr. Sanford 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 10B - Motion to approve the Morrisville Yardley Area Rotary Spring Carnival to be held from Tuesday, May 17 through Sunday, May 22, 2016.

Motion made by Ms. Smith.

Mr. Parker 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 10C - Motion to approve the Girl Scouts of America ColorFun 5k Run/Walk & ColorFest Party in Williamson Park on May 22, 2016, pending final details and all approvals.

Motion made by Mr. Parker.

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 10D - Motion to approve the Morrisville Little League opening day Parade to be held on Saturday, April 2, 2016, using the previously approved route.

Motion made by Ms. Smith.

Mr. Sanford 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 10E - Motion to enable the Morrisville Police Department to designate a space in the Morrisville municipal building parking lot for an American Recycling Technologies dumpster, with all proceeds going to the Morrisville Police Department.

Motion made by Mr. Parker.

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 10F - Motion to approve the Mayor's Labor Day Picnic to be held in Williamson Park on Monday, 9/05/16 including a car show which in the case of rain will be held September 10th.

Motion made by Mr. Parker.

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 10G - Motion to adopt a Resolution in support of House Bill 1884 providing for the certification of recovery residences and recovery residence administrators and for the establishment of a state board of recovery residences, its powers and duties and imposing penalties.

Motion made by Mr. Parker.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

Mr. Kerner asked, is there any discussion on that motion?

Mr. Parker stated, this is still in infancy, it's still a house bill and it's still being drafted and finalized. This is a major issue in town I just want to address it now and show our support.

Mr. Parker read the resolution.

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

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

Motion 10H - Motion to adopt the Resolution to apply for 2016 CDBG funding for Williamson Park ADA Bathrooms.

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 10I - Motion to adopt the Resolution to apply for 2016 CDBG funding for M.R. Reiter Elementary School Property.

Motion made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Mr. Sanford 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements this evening.

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

There were no announcements this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Mr. Parker and seconded.

Meeting adjourned.