

MEETING MINUTES
MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2015
7:30 p.m.

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Monday, July 30, 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, I will ask everyone to 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 A. Seward, Assistant Borough Manager/Code Enforcement
Alyson Fritzges, Solicitor
George McClay, Chief of Police

Not in Attendance: Jim Watson, Borough Engineer

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There was no special presentation this evening.

**Council went into executive session at 7:33 p.m. to discuss possible litigation.
Council returned from executive session at 7:58p.m.**

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

1. **Marlene Burns - 118 Green Street**
She asked Council to get Conrail to clean up the railroad areas on Green Street and Philadelphia Avenue. Can we replace the trees that were cut down? There is graffiti under the tracks and down by the river. She would like a four way stop sign at Green and Washington. There is no visibility. Regarding Union Firehouse, there is overgrown grass at the parking lot. Can they replace the fence? The spraying at Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Ave, what is it, it is dangerous. Trash should be taken out at 4:00 pm not 6:00 pm.

Ms. Kronnagel stated that Amtrak is following up.

2. **Ronald L. Stockham - 35 W. Franklin Avenue**
He wanted to address the trash ordinance. He thinks we should change the time to 4:00 pm. Neighbors should help each other with their trash. He spoke about the time. He said 6:00 pm is too late, he would get mugged. Also he spoke about the students he has working for him. They can't come back and take the leaves out during the fall.
3. **Kurt Holthenrichs - 300 Melvin Court**
He talked about National Night Out. Bird Town Aviators project will be at the event. He invited Council to the event to recognize the children's hard work.
4. **Jane Burger - 90 W. Maple Avenue**
She asked if someone could learn to turn on the mics at the agenda meeting. Regarding the trash ordinance, she thinks 6:00 pm is too late. She asked if we can make it sooner? Don't give the job of enforcing the ordinance to the police. She thinks we should revisit the recycling, she is concerned with pickers picking up the trash. Only debt can be paid out of sinking fund. She mentioned the fact that we don't salute the flag at the agenda meeting.
5. **Eileen Dreisbach - 75 Harrison Avenue**
She wanted to add to what Marlene said about the trash on the railroad property. The time on the trash ordinance is too late, we will be calling 911 for trash? Our police will be too busy to take these calls.
6. **Danielle Larison - 523 Barclay Avenue**
She wanted to say thank you to Debbie Smith for cleaning up Robert Morris Square. She talked about National Night Out. The wing eating competition is at Dacey's from 5-10 pm. A percentage of sales goes to NNO. Competition starts at 6:30 on July 23rd.

7. Bill Farrell - 347 N. Pennsylvania *Avenue*
He wants to enforce the changing of the license plates when you move to Pennsylvania, who does that? Why are we talking about the trash ordinance. He hopes that things change in the election. Do what's best for the people. Politicians are the bad guys who wear the suits. He is a pessimist. Can Mascaro have a regular route?

8. Dorothy Murphy - 41 Althea *Avenue*
She had moved away for about 10 years but is back home in Morrisville and is happy about it. We have volunteers, the Borough should use them. She would like to plant flowers by the borough sign near Squirrels Nest.

Discussion ensued about the legality of the sign and whose property it is on.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 6A - Motion to pass the minutes of the Regular Borough Council Meeting of May 18, 2015.

Mrs. Sherlock asked, may I have a motion?

Motion made by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Kerner seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock stated, are there questions or comments on these minutes? May I have a roll call please?

Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-1. (abstention being Ms. Kronnagel)

Motion 6B - Motion to pass the minutes of the Special Borough Council Meeting of June 8, 2015.

Mrs. Sherlock asked, may I have a motion?

Motion made by Mr. Kerner.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock stated, are there questions or comments on these minutes? May I have a roll call please?

Motion carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

Motion 6C - Motion to pass the minutes of the Special Borough Council Meeting of June 29, 2015.

Mrs. Sherlock asked, may I have a motion?

Motion made by Mr. Kerner.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock stated, are there questions or comments on these minutes? May I have a roll call please?

Motion carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

REPORTS - ADMINISTRATIVE/MANAGEMENT

Manager's Report - Tom Bates - There was no Manager's Report this evening.

Solicitor's Report - Alyson Fritzges - There was no Solicitor's Report this evening.

Engineer's Report - Jim Watson - An Engineer's Report was previously submitted to Council.

Mayor's Report - David Rivella - He stated that he would like to table the trash ordinance. He had a number of calls, people are concerned about the fines. He provided everyone with a copy of an ordinance from Upper Southampton regulating massage parlors.

Police Chief's Report - Chief George McClay - He talked about the Police summer program at the High School. He spoke about the massage parlor sting and the owners are still in jail. He spoke about the juvenile who robbed the dollar store is on custody. Body cameras are in, new computers on order because the older computers didn't work with the body cameras.

FINANCE

Mr. Bates read the bill list.

Motion 8A - Motion to pay the bills.

Motion made by Mr. Kerner.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock asked are there any questions or comments on the bill list?

Ms. Smith asked about the duct work bill from the Johnson Controls.

Mr. Bates explained that there was a sewer leak in the basement and the new duct work had to be removed in order to replace a new pipe.

Ms. Smith asked about the H. A. Thomson Company bill. She wanted to know what it was, she said it states rental property insurance. She also asked about the new truck we bought.

Mrs. Sherlock explained that H.A. Thompson is our Insurance Company and they cover all of our buildings, that's why they are listed in different locations on the bill list.

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

Motion carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion 9A - Motion to amend Chapter 360-36(A) of The Morrisville Borough Code to change the time for refuse containers to be placed at the curb for collection; repealing all inconsistent Ordinances; providing a severability clause; and containing an effective date.

Motion to table made by Mr. Parker.

Mr. Sanford seconded the motion.

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

Motion to table carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion 10A - Motion for the Borough solicitor to file a preliminary injunction petition and all related documents in the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas to cease and desist all business activity of the massage parlor located at 27 East Bridge Street, Morrisville.

Motion made by Mr. Johnson.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sherlock stated, are there questions or comments? May I have a roll call please.

Motion carries by roll call vote, 8-0.

Motion 10B - Motion for the Borough to submit a letter to the Department of Community and Economic Development stating that the Borough will provide a match in the amount of \$63,875 as part of the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant Application, M. R. Reiter Property.

Motion made by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Kerner seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Smith made an announcement about the clean up at the A-Field this coming Saturday at 9:00 am, to get the field ready. She announced National Night Out, it will be a real fun time. There will be information about the Bird Town at National Night Out.

Mrs. Sherlock stated, the Bridge Street project is going forward. The finance committee met recently and there will be a report submitted soon.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, at the end of last month, Emily Baus, a junior member of the Future Business Leaders of America went to Chicago and won an award. Anyone interested in the Junior Councilperson position for next year can contact her or the Borough office. She announced the winning teams in Morrisville Baseball League.

Mr. Johnson stated, public works meeting is cancelled for this month.

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

There were no Borough Officials comments this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Kerner.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

** Note: The H.A. Thompson bill was reviewed the following day and the bill is coded ren'l property which stands for renewal. This has been the code for a dozen years. We have no rental properties.*