

MEETING MINUTES
MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016
7:30 p.m.

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Monday, December 19, 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 begin this meeting with a moment of silent prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Kerner stated, I will now ask the Borough Manager, Bob Sooby for a roll call.

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
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

Junior Councilperson: Garlie St. Cyr

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations this evening.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

1. Mike Yager - *338 Melvin Court N.*

He stated, so I've spoken here and publicly to friends and neighbors about the budget and the increase in fees for the -- that's proposed for the trash removal and clearly I'm not for it, but I just kind of want to throw it out there and then I'm going to leave you guys to do what you were elected to do and vote on it. I want you to think of the least resourced people in our town and consider them as you're casting your vote. You guys know we have food banks in our town, if you think they are not servicing people in our town, you need to go visit them. If you think they aren't servicing our seniors, you need to go visit them. If you think they are not servicing struggling families in our town, you need to go visit them. So with that, I thank you for your time and I look forward to the vote.

2. Madeline Jones - *1 Hillcrest Avenue*

She stated, good evening, Michael thank you for the short time, because I'm probably going to take up the next half hour because I haven't been here for a few months. Anyway, it's April fools early. I want to wish everyone who celebrates Christmas, Merry Christmas and who celebrates Hanukkah, a joyful, peaceful Hanukkah. It's beautiful up here, very Christmasy, very festive, but it would be nice to see a Menorah. At some point somewhere, I don't know how folks feel about what's under your names, I don't see any titles up there so I know how to address Mr. Kerner, or Mr. Kilkenny or Mr. Sooby, or any of you under a title, so I'm still waiting for a titles. Even though I'm not here, it doesn't mean I'm not plugging for it. On tonight's meeting agenda there's a special presentation, for whatever reason it's there. If it's not happening for whatever reason, but I was here for one special presentation, I believe the initiation or the welcoming of a police officer many months ago, and I was kind of not impressed, or kind of maybe that's not the correct term, maybe taken back by the lack of support, not support perhaps as much as the applause of Council. The officer was sworn in or whatever happened that night, I apologize for not remembering correctly, but you gentleman, you ladies should have come down. You should have been around here with photos taken. You should have congratulated him individually, or welcomed him. Each of you should have shaken his hand. It's taken me a few months to remember, because I talk about a lot of things. So please, be present, be accessible get off those chairs. Maybe you are afraid because you are not dressed up. That should be addressed every single month to every single council member and those down here. By the way, welcome Garlie, I haven't seen you, if I remember correctly, we chatted a little bit the night of your interview. I tried to watch council when I haven't been here, but it's garbled over the speaker system and sometimes the presentation -- and right now, we'll see what happens another time, but it's not -- to me, sometimes it's horrible watching and listening to. I know our young man back here does the best he can I'm sure, but the night I was watching when you were

welcomed or that they were taking the vote about you being here all I heard was great, great, great, great, well what is she being what's being said about her that she's great, nobody said anything about her qualifications or why they voted on and then those that did not vote for her to be here – I mean those that did not interview her if I remember correctly, still voted for her to be here and I don't know how that happens. How can you vote for someone who you have not met or interviewed, does that make sense? I hope so. So that's something for council to think about and talk about and for the public to think about and talk about. How can you vote for someone you haven't even met. Like elections, when you send out an election card with a website on, well email me. Why should I email you, you're not going to shake my hand, you're not going to look me in the eye and say thank you for taking your time to be with me. That's what council should be doing. Be accessible, get out in the streets in groups. Walk the streets, walk the neighborhood, the community, not just that you live in, but the whole Borough. I don't care what the weather is, we have dangerous, dangerous sidewalk situations out there with the vehicles parked on the sidewalks and nobody is walking out there, nobody is checking anything out I'm sure, if you are, I apologize. On the sidewalk up by the canal on Delmorr and East Trenton Avenue, by the Calhoun Street Bridge, one of the meetings I missed, Nancy Sherlock commented two things that I had said the month before. One of them was the Morrisville Borough maintenance, I can't think of the proper term, road crew was out and did the sidewalk up on the canal. I understand, I agree, I know that, but how it got done faster than two years or a year was because of Chuck McIlhinney, Senator McIlhinney came down from Doylestown with his assistant and said this cannot wait that long it has to be done. That's how it gone done and that's why I was saying someone send him a thank you note. Next time you see him or talk with his office thank him for that. It's not the best because there's still a little bit of sidewalk where the traffic light pole is, that's kind of not flat, but it's better than it was and I tell you, folks use the far side where you have the step going up they come right across the bridge on the sidewalk, the bikes come up and they walk right across not heeding where they are supposed to or not supposed to be walking. But Chuck McIlhinney -- and the other thing Nancy Sherlock had mentioned – comment to me, feedback to was, about the signs when she had the Jazz Festival that night, that weekend, I was saying that there were signs that I saw posted where they should not have been posted. Now I know everyone seems to be good in the Borough and you have a specific amount of time to take the signs down, but the signs I saw should not have been where they were posted, that's what I was hoping it would come across. A few months ago, I think it was on the budget list, somewhere, there was something about white paint, road white paint, I can't remember what it fell under, and it was around school opening and my question was -- and I apologize because I don't remember what month it was, but when they go out and paint the crosswalks, I was wondering if the white paint was for the crosswalks in the Borough, if they give them one coat or two coats and if the paint that you buy for these crosswalks is guaranteed to

last more than three months. I don't think these crosswalks have been painted this year, if you go out and take a look at them, I don't think -- everybody, all the municipalities seem to paint their crosswalks when school opens. If the paint fails or if there's potholes, then you have seniors and you have others folks and baby carriages and wheelchairs that want to get safely across the crosswalk and it's so faded sometimes you can't see it, not just in the Borough, but other places. I think that's all I have at this point in time. I just want to say thank you for listening, but please be accessible, come down here, shake hands with those that you're welcoming or they are getting awards. Don't be shy, get on the camera, get your pictures taken. Thank you for being here, a joyful season.

Mr. Kerner replied, thank you.

Ms. Smith replied, same to you.

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

She stated good evening everyone. First I wanted to thank Mr. Sooby for having the preliminary budget on the website. It's nice that we're not back but we're forward into the twenty first century so residents if they choose to, can view the preliminary budget on line and not have to physically come into the Borough office. Thank you for that, I'm also pleased to know -- last month I had spoken when I heard the auditor talk about the end of the 2015 audit that there was only \$300,000.00 in the TAN fund. That confirmed that that \$100,000.00 did get back and according to your -- last I saw was your October finance report it does confirm that your TAN fund does have its full \$400,000.00 in it which is good, because you're probably going to need that to run the Borough for the first quarter of 2017. Particularly as you make the adjustment in paying sanitation, but because the bulk of that revenue will come in with that taxes you won't have that first quarterly payment in February. When I did look at the budget and perhaps I missed it, I didn't see the page for the capital reserve fund for heavy equipment, so at some point I will just come down and ask for that. There's been a lot said about sanitation, I almost feel like we are kind of beating a dead horse with a significant increase. It was disappointing in the news article that the reporter mentioned the half a mil reduction but somehow, didn't get the information about the \$69.00 increase in tax which is about equal to about 3 ½ mils. It is a concern, I have tried to look, I understand that there is a deficit this year, thank you Mr. Bates of about between \$80,000.00 and \$100,000.00 and you had to factor that into the fee for 2017. I heard there was a deficit at the end of 2015, I'm not sure from what funds that money had to get paid. I'm not seeing it, so I'd feel more comfortable if we knew where that money was owed to that this increase in sanitation does get back to reimburse other Borough funds that had to cover that significant shortfall. 2016 budget was a mess there were only two people on council that were raising the issue in November, why don't we have the budget, when are we going to get the budget. No one else on this council seemed to care. The first draft you

got for discussion wasn't until December 6th, which is unacceptable, at least to two of you up there. The budget meetings were a joke, went through it, some long time people on council, I guess if you looked closely line by line as you did this year and I appreciate the time that you took to go line by line this year, so hopefully missing an expenditure of \$140,000.00 for the police pension won't ever cap again. There are four people on the dais this year that voted for this budget for this disaster, two of those people are no longer with us. I really think those of you who voted for this budget should really take the responsibility of the 2016 budget and get us out of the mess. Individuals that weren't a part of that problem shouldn't have to be part of the ditch digging to get you out of the hole. I feel for the new members on council that came on, any first year for any council in any borough is a baptism by fire year when you learn and you try to find out, and this is a complicated budget, but I really don't know that you should be held responsible. The budget has to be passed, there are shortfalls that have to be somehow accounted for. One way you can secure sanitation in the future is during the next few months in the same way as you did for capital reserve fund for heavy equipment, create a reserve fund for sanitation. It's very easy to put the line item expenditures on that page and put the revenues over there, so you will know, you can monitor it to see as the revenues come in that they are only paid for sanitation and going forward you won't have any of this mess and any concerns sanitation money is somehow supplementing costs in the general fund. You're really over ambitious in what you going to collect in past delinquencies, I hope you do. If you consider all the shortfalls and you get close to that money, maybe you've got close to a mil that's over. I don't know how I can stress enough, thank you to Mr. Sanford and Mrs. Smith last year for trying to be a watchdog and diligent and point out difficulties that it's ridiculous to vote for a budget that nobody reviews, nobody looks at and here you are this year having to keep the tax structure basically the same. There was a slight increase I believe in the street lighting, that's really a concern given all the JCI lights we have, that was supposed to be a savings. And a slight increase in the recreation fund that totals a mil. The street fund actually went down a mill and a half, but it's in that reduction of half a mil. Mr. Sooby you are trying to be conservative, I'm sure you are going to be vigilant this year and once those that created the mess take responsibility for it and get us out of it. Going forward you will be watchdogs through the year and a good budget process next year. An item on the agenda, salary schedule. There used to be a salary resolution up through 2011. We know there were difficulties between the former Mayor and the whole budget process and as a resolution she vetoed the budget and didn't sign the resolution. Now I think you get probably something that's more than a wage data sheet which is ridiculous, it's actually meaningless. The reason for the salary resolution was to identify all the employees that are not covered by the collective bargaining. So, you don't need a sheet that has anyone in the police union or in the AFSME union on the sheet, that is not the purpose of this document. It is to identify all the non-union positions, memorialize what their salary is, confirm their years of service for various

vacation days, sick time earned and holidays, things that are really comparable that are in collective bargaining but don't cover these individuals because they're not part of the collective bargaining unit. I don't care what you call it, we know that with the 2012 revisions to the Borough Code, the Mayor no longer signs resolutions, that's just done by the president of council, so that little hissy fit has been taken care of. But really I understand that probably nobody on the council was really aware of the purpose or what it was because you all came on council from the Bates document. One other reason I don't want to forget that he did that was because people were upset when he got a 47% raise the second year he was here and he thought he could keep that information hidden from the public. Obviously if you saw it in the budget, but you didn't do it -- that's all public information. So what I have and I'd like to share for your perusal is a copy of Resolution #908, which was presented in December of 2011 for 2012. That may be the last year this was done in this format. Thank you very much, I look forward to you having a productive year in 2017 and that you will learn to kind of work together where ever you can, there are areas of commonality. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, a joyous healthy New Year to everyone.

Mr. Kerner replied, thank you Jane.

Mr. Sooby replied, I'd just like to comment, it is apparent that this year there is an increase in sanitation, however, we have to pay our bills just like everyone else, and last year we didn't pay our bills. In 2011, we paid \$357.00 a year, in 2012 we paid \$305.00 a year and 2013 and 2014, it was \$285.00, just from those numbers alone you can see where we're at. As I did with the budget I watched every penny from day one to make sure that there would be no increases any fund lines or including sanitation. We have the ability this year to resolve any past deficiencies and that was my goal from day one and as for the \$220.00 last year, we have to understand that that was actually a good thing for those people who could not afford it. However, that wasn't the true price. Unfortunately, this year we are moving forward, we are resolving all the problems that we have with sanitation and we hope that going further, this will never be an issue again.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve this evening.

Mr. Kerner stated, now we move to Manager's Report, that's next on the agenda.

REPORTS - ADMINISTRATIVE/MANAGEMENT

Borough Manager's Report - Robert C. Sooby - He stated, as for the Managers Report, I'd just like to let the public know where we're moving with the M. R. Reiter. On December 21st, the Bucks County Commissioners will be voting on our Open Space money of the \$202,000.00 which will go for the purchase of M. R. Reiter school. Following that will be the federal HUD money of \$102,000.00 and so we are forecasting hopefully and January this project will move forward.

Solicitor's Report - Sean Kilkenny - He stated, thank you very much Mr. Kerner, first of all, before I forget, I want to thank Council and wish everyone a happy holidays we have been working with the staff on the budget and with M. R. Reiter also answering some Right To Know requests. I also want to comment in relation to 8L which is under finance and this would be -- it's a motion to approve the 2017 budget contingent upon the court approving the solicitors petition to increase the general fund milage by 2.75 mils. If folks are aware, because we go above the statutory limit allowed by the Borough Code, we have to petition the Court of Common Pleas to allow us to go above that. We filed the petition at the end of November, unfortunately our court hearing was not scheduled until December 30th. Even though this motion reads that we can approve the budge subject to that, it's my recommendation that we not do so until the court acts on the special meeting on December 30th. Council is free to disagree with me, that's fine as well, understand that I don't want to be here December 30th at 7 pm, but an abundance of caution and based on my reviewing of the case law, I recommend that we do it that way.

Mayor's Report - David Rivella - He stated, thank you Fred. Since this is my last report of 2016, as in the past, I thought I'd look over the year. It's been my distinct pleasure to perform a few weddings in 2016 and if anyone you know or perhaps you are looking for a wedding, feel free to reach out to me for my services. The police department in 2016, we've seen improvements as we continue to strive for excellence. Chief McClay happened to be honored for a couple of awards, Citizen of the Year and Scout of the Year. Officer Dilanni was recognized for the Auto Job of the Year. We saw crime solved using DNA evidence as a tool on our Borough. The Traffic Trailer was purchased with a grant from the Elks Lodge and it has been a great success. All the part-time, I'm sorry, all the full-time officers are equipped with tasers. The department now has some animal enforcement equipment. The Borough has the benefit of having advanced coverage inside the department, within the community and the schools. Also the bike patrol is established and I'd like to thank everyone for their support of that. That's of course just a few things that were highlighted. Also there was some homeless people earlier this year living in tents in the Borough and I was able to work with our State Representatives office and a homeless advocacy group to address their needs and get them some help to transition to a better location. I mention this because I do know there were a few people who actually voiced that they should just be immediately kicked out. It didn't take long once I reached out for help to get these people the help they clearly needed. Regarding the budget, as far as the police department, this is the the first time ever that a budget submitted by Chief McClay was cut. Also during a budget meeting, I mentioned that the Chief was told in October by the Manager to stop spending money that was in the budget for the police department. The Chief also let the council know that he cancelled some training because he was told not to spend money, and surprisingly to me, no councilperson spoke up. The department can not continue to have it's own funding sacrificed to ensure the

Borough's side of things can make it to the end of the year. The police department has been transferred over three years and it continues to maintain and become one of the best departments in Bucks County and to continue to make improvements we have to have the support from the council and the administration. Regarding the Labor Day Picnic, I think that was a huge success, I think the bad weather forecast actually helped, they were calling for bad storms so I think a lot of people didn't go to the shore, so they filled their time by coming to the park and by the afternoon it was actually pretty packed. I want to thank all the people who volunteered, and of course I want to thank the Borough for continuing to put that event on. There was money raised from raffle tables that was used for the emergency services and just recently received a Christmas card from the Delaware Valley Road Runners Car Club letting me know that their car show portion of the picnic was successful enough that additional donations were made to the Wounded Warriors Project as well as the Emergency Services here in Morrisville, so I want to thank the Road Runners for their help also. Winterfest I think was very good. I want to thank everyone who helped organize it and who participated, of course it wouldn't be possible without Mr. and Mrs. Claus and that special elf that came. By the time Santa arrived, the parking lot was full of people. And thank the people who volunteered and decorated the Borough chambers here. Santa Paws has been a great amount of fun I would say actually and it's a nice little source of income that helps the Morrisville Ambulance Squad, so I want to thank all the volunteers who came out for that. Little League and the Borough seem to be very far apart in what the funding should be for the organization. In the past it's always been a nice respectful collaboration and I do have concerns when I hear council people suggesting to put chains across the park because they are unhappy, so I hope that can be resolved where both sides are happy with the outcome and I certainly understand the issue there. I want to make sure I remember to thank the people who decorated the Robert Morris Plaza, I think it's very festive and I think it catches people's eye as they come through the Borough and that was also well done. And lastly, on behalf of my family, I want to thank everyone and wish them a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and remember New Year's Eve is right around the corner, so please everyone be safe, be careful and best wishes for the holidays.

Police Chief's Report - Chief George McClay - He stated, good evening. Our Toy Drive so far has been very successful. This is the first year we hooked up with the Fire Department. Tuesday night we will be wrapping the presents, on Thursday night, we will be delivering with Santa Claus along with my department and the Fire Department together to a family who has no less than 10 kids. It has been very successful. I'd like to thank the community for coming together. This looks to be an annual thing after this. I lost an officer this week, he left for Philadelphia, he was notified Friday that he started today. Ken Berger left after three years of service to me. He was a very good officer, I am very proud of him and I wish him success. In the meantime, I will be having the pleasure of hiring an officer by the name of Mike Levinsky. Mike is a 30 year veteran coming from Cheltenham. He did 6 years of DEA, he's my age. He comes with an incredible amount of experience that will be good for our guys. I will be asking you to hire him hopefully at your December 30th meeting, he will be invaluable to us. Crime numbers so far for the year in December, remember back in May when I had my little dog and pony show, we were up 42% in crime. At this point, we are only 14% up in crime in part one crimes and we are down 19% in part two crimes. If you do the math, we are now down 5% for the year in crime, which is the third year in a row. Let's talk about budget time. I gave everybody a letter last week through the Mayor. 2017 to me now is in the books. I will live with the numbers that you gave me. I am not happy with them. I am not happy for three years in a row of coming in under budget and being told that I have to stop spending in October. I am now planning for 2018, if we do not have a funding stream for the police department, there will be severe cuts in training, equipment

and officers. I give everybody a year to start working on this. We have to do it, you now have a professional police department, departments that people now talk about throughout the County, that are written in the newspaper as being one of the most professional departments out there, well trained and equipped. I don't want to go back to the old days, I'm already ordering cars for 2018. I don't want to put my guys in danger out there and let them continue driving some of those 2010's that are out there. We have to look for a funding stream for the police department. Realize the last three years, my budget has remained stagnant, if we look back at the budget over the last three years, we've been basically 1.95 million dollars for the police department budget, it has not changed. Even though we've had three contractual raises of about 10% each along with probably about 30-40% raises in insurances. They've all been absorbed within that budget, so when you do that, now something else has to start to leave and that's when we start to get rid of equipment and manpower and training. We can't afford that. Your citizens have come to expect now a professional police department. That's what we have to maintain, so somewhere along the line, I understand, I'm not a politician, I'm a police officer, my job is to protect the people out there. Your job as I told you at Council -- that we sat here and talked about, your job is to go back and do the budget and continually looking at this budget. This is a living breathing document that has to be looked at all year long, not just in November and something that you just want to shoot it aside after we get it over with and say thank god that's over. This is your most important thing being on Council is the budget and the money. As we look forward to 2018, we really need and we have to have a plan. We've talked about a 5 year strategic plan, I've talked about that for years now. There's not one. We have to come up with it, and that has to be included in your tax dollars. I know you guys don't want to raise taxes, I understand that, but somewhere along the line, we can not continue the same contractual obligations that we have and continue to have the manpower and your professional police department that you have. I'm available at any time to talk about budgets, please call me, please e-mail me with any questions, I will explain every number there is in that budget. Let's start planning for 2018 now, okay. Thank you very much.

Junior Councilperson - Garlie St. Cyr - She stated, good evening, I don't want to talk about any budget, I'm okay with that. I just want to start off with saying thank you to everyone who helped and donated to the Operation Warm Heart that our National Honor Society sponsored and created. We had a lot of coats and winter items donated. I would like to really sincerely -- from Ms. Bramble who is our Advisor and all the members there, we wanted to say thank you, it was very successful. Another successful thing that happened at our school was that our chorus had two performances during the past week and they said that it was really great. I'm not a part of it, I didn't go. They are really great and they are just happy to be a part of the community and sing any chance that they get. Last week we went to a convention, it's called FBLA, Future Business Leaders of America. We had 17 people compete at the regional level, and two people who were part of a team compete at the State level. Nine people placed, we got on stage, I was 5th place in Global Business, it was good. I am proud of myself. Four people who have qualified for the state convention in Hershey, we are proud of them and we wish them luck and we are waiting on the two people who competed at the state level, we're waiting to hear the results. A couple of weeks ago, we went on a trip, it was for diverse leadership within our school, it was 6 juniors, 3 boys, 3 girls and we went to Philadelphia to the UPenn Campus. It was really interesting, we took a tour, we saw different presentations on people who really inspired us. We were really thankful for whoever gave us the opportunity to do so. We went with Dr. Scott, so that was really fun. We also went to another college, Penn State Berks Campus. That was really interesting, we took a tour there as well. We learned about financial aide, it sort of woke people up, you could see it in their eyes, they were really thinking about it. It was really

interesting to see how some people really weren't thinking about college before -- we're juniors, so it's like now we're thinking about it a lot more, so that was really interesting. The art club has a Christmas party coming up, it's actually tomorrow, it's really soon. They invite everyone who is able to come, it's 2:45 to 4:00. The bowling season for Morrisville has started, it's under way, they just had an away game today and they are preparing, trying to win games and stuff like that. I'm not a part of it so I don't know if they won, so hopefully they did. Also, for middle school, we had four middle school students make a video and it's sponsored by The Philadelphia Work Force Alliance and it's called, What's So Good About Manufacturing. They basically went to a manufacturers unit and I forget, I think it was in Warrington. It was with Mr. Jones, he talked to me about that and they were in a contest so they are going to submit their video and hope for the best for that. Thank you and Happy Holidays.

Mr. Kerner stated, with that, we move on to finance.

FINANCE

Mr. Sooby read the bill list.

Motion 8A - Motion to pay the bills.

Motion made by Ms. Smith.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

Mr. Kerner asked, are there any questions or comments on those bills?

Mr. Sanford stated, yes, I have one. Report date 12/16/16 expenditures GL-1612, page 3. I am abstained on voting for any invoices for vendor Sanford Motors Ltd. due to family member conflict of interest. With all the invoices totaling in the amount of \$1,980.10. (Invoice no. 012354 in the amount of \$272.16, invoice no. 012561 in the amount of \$103.50, invoice no. 012562 in the amount of \$159.00, invoice no. 012563 in the amount of \$79.00, invoice no. 0564 in the amount of \$449.32, invoice no 012514 in the amount of \$648.25, invoice no. 012522 in the amount of \$268.87 for a total amount of \$1,980.10).

Mr. Kerner asked, any other discussion on the bills this month? You'll notice on the library portion, the library is now purchasing memberships to museums and other cultural interests in the region and you'll be able to check those out the same as you would books, so if you don't have a library card, it might do you well to get one. All those in favor say aye. Opposed?

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

Motion 8B - Motion to pass the Ordinance to Amend the Morrisville Borough Towing Ordinance to provide that the principal business office of a towing service approved to tow vehicles in Morrisville Borough must be located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, within a five-mile radius of the Borough Municipal Building rather than within a two-mile radius of the Borough Building.

Motion made by Mr. Parker.

Ms. Smith seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

Motion 8C - Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$7,000 to the Morrisville Fire Company, as final payment per the Fire Fund as of 12/31/16.

Motion made by Mr. Parker.

Mr. Sanford seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

Motion 8D - Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$11,000 to the Morrisville Ambulance Squad, as final payment per the EMS Fund as of 12/31/16.

Motion made by Mr. Parker.

Mr. Pepitone seconded the motion.

Mr. Kerner asked, any further comments on this motion? All those in favor say aye. Opposed?

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

Motion 8E - Motion to approve the 2017 Salary Schedule.

Motion made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Ms. Larison stated, wait, I have a question, was the Manager's Assistant fixed that I showed you the mistake that was made?

Mr. Sooby stated, we took the \$10,000.00 out, yes.

Ms. Larison stated, okay, cause I don't have a new salary sheet, that's why I'm asking.

Mr. Sooby stated, it's in the budget.

Ms. Larison replied, okay.

Mr. Kerner asked, do you want to second that Danielle?

Ms. Larison seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

Motion 8F - Motion to approve the 2017 Fee Schedule.

Motion made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Ms. Pepitone seconded the motion.

Mr. Kerner asked, is there any discussion on the Fee Schedule?

Ms. Smith stated, I don't agree with the amounts that's in there for sanitation, so I'll be voting against it.

Mr. Kerner stated, I guess we'll do a roll call vote.

Mr. Sanford stated, yeah, I feel the same way too.

Mr. Kerner stated, we need to do a roll call vote on 8F.

Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-3. (nay votes being Ms. Larison, Mr. Sanford and Ms. Smith)

Motion 8G - Motion to approve the 2017 Borough Holiday Schedule.

Motion made by Ms. Larison.

Mr. Parker seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

Motion 8H - Motion to approve the 2017 Library Holiday Schedule.

Motion made by Ms. Larison.

Ms. Smith seconded the motion.

Mr. Kerner stated, as their days off don't follow the Borough days off, they need a separate calendar. All those in favor say aye. Opposed?

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

Motion 8I - Motion to pass the Ordinance to impose a Fee and include the Fee for the Removal of Garbage and Refuse within Morrisville Borough for the year 2017 on the Annual Real Estate Tax Bill.

Motion made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Mr. Parker seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

Motion 8J - Motion to approve \$5,443 match to the PECO Green Region Grant for the Outdoor Speaker System for the Stage at Williamson Park.

Motion made by Ms. Smith.

Ms. Larison seconded the motion.

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

Ms. Smith stated, hopefully maybe we get it this time.

Ms. Kronnagel asked, do you have an ideas as to when we'll find out, it was a while last time.

Mr. Sooby stated, yeah last year we found out in June, July.

Mr. Kerner asked, any further questions on that? All those in favor say aye. Opposed?

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

Motion 8K - Motion to approve a Resolution authorizing application for the 2016 PECO Green Region Open Space Program for the Outdoor Speaker System for the State at Williamson Park.

Ms. Larison stated, isn't that the same thing?

Motion made by Ms. Smith.

Mr. Parker seconded the motion.

Mr. Kerner asked, any questions or comments on that? All those in favor say aye. Opposed?

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

Mr. Kerner stated Motion 8L is a motion to approve the 2017 Borough Budget, but I think I agree with the solicitor and we should push that off to the 30th and remove it from the agenda tonight and move on to 9, unfinished business, where there's nothing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

We'll move on to 10, where there are two appointments for the Environmental Advisory Council. We got a letter from Debbie Colgan and Karen Kane called to say she would like to stay appointed there. So I guess we will read it as we have an appointment to Environmental Advisory Council, one 3-year appointment. Do we have any nominations?

Motion 10A1 - Appointments: 1. Environmental Advisory Council: One 3-year appointment to expire on 12/19/19. (FYI: Deborah Colgan's term expires on December 19, 2016.)

Motion to nominate Deborah Colgan made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Mr. Kerner stated, we have a nomination for Debby Colgan, do we have any other nominations?

Ms. Kronnagel asked, is this just for the first one or do you need Karen's name now too?

Mr. Kerner stated, one name at a time, okay. So any other nominations for the first vacancy set to expire on 12/19/19. We just look for nomination of this I believe and then we vote on that nomination. Any other nominations? Any other nominations? That was the third time. Do a roll call on this, or just all those in favor say aye.

Mr. Cicero stated, all those in favor say aye.

Mr. Kerner stated, everyone in favor of Debbie Colgan say aye. Opposed? Debbie Colgan is re-appointed to a 3-year term.

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

Mr. Kerner stated, next we have a second seat on the Environmental Advisory Council. One 3-year appointment to expire on 12/19/19. Position held currently by Karen Kane.

Motion 10A2 - Appointments: 2. Environmental Advisory Council: One 3-year appointment to expire on 12/19/19. (FYI: Karen Kane's term expires on December 19, 2016.)

Motion to nominate Karen Kane made by Mr. Parker.

Mr. Kerner asked, are there any other nominations? Any other nominations? Any other nominations? All those in favor of Karen Kane for the second seat say aye. Opposed? She is re-appointed 8-0.

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

Mr. Kerner stated, congratulations to both ladies and thank you for the years of support you've already given.

Motion 10B - Motion to approve State Representative Elect Perry Warren request to send a Representative of his office to hold office hours at Morrisville Borough hall on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 12:00 to 4:00, in order to be available for the residents of Morrisville.

Motion made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Mr. Parker seconded the motion.

Mr. Kerner stated, it looks like we have some questions on that. Danielle just looked at me.

Ms. Smith stated, I just wanted to know does Mr. Perry hold an office in town anywhere -- in town location anywhere on site?

Mr. Sooby replied, I believe he's going to use our ex-Representative, we'll he's still our Representative -- office in Yardley.

Ms. Smith asked, oh, that's where he's out of?

Mr. Kerner replied, that's his home base, but I think he's looking to do community outreach in each of his constituent districts.

Mr. Kerner stated, this would be the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from noon to 4:00.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, noon to 5:00.

Mr. Kerner stated, I read 5:00, but I believe it's 4:00, because that's when the Borough offices close.

Mr. Sanford asked, I have a question, is he doing the same thing in Lower Makefield Township and Newtown Township and Newtown Borough.

Mr. Kerner replied, I'm not really sure, you'd have to ask him. If he's only doing two days a month, I'd imagine he's doing two days a month in a great many places.

Mr. Sanford stated, it's just a question.

Mr. Kerner stated, yeah, I'm not entirely sure, he sent his email over this morning. There wasn't much time to figure out the specifics.

Ms. Larison asked, have we ever done this before?

Mr. Kerner replied, I believe so.

Mr. Sooby replied, with me.

Mr. Kerner replied, John Galloway had office hours here when he was our Representative.

Audience Member stated, point of order Mr. Kerner. If you would just confirm, in the motion you said 5:00 and it's 4:00, can you just make sure the wording in the motion --

Mr. Kerner asked, Corryn and Ted, are you fine with 4:00?

Mr. Parker replied, I'm fine with 4:00, whenever the Borough closes.

Ms. Kronnagel replied, yeah, that's fine.

Mr. Sooby stated, when Mr. Warren sent that over -- being that the Borough closes at 4:00, we thought it would be better for the constituents, due to the fact that we close the doors at 4:00.

Mr. Kerner asked, should we do a roll call here?

Mr. Sanford asked, this is at 4:00 now, right?

Mr. Kerner stated, yeah, it's 12:00 to 4:00. Can I have a roll call?

Motion carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Kronnagel stated, I just have a couple. The Morrisville Business Association has lowered their prices I believe for the year 2017. If there are any businesses in town that we're looking to become a member, I believe for a business it has been lowered from \$85 to \$50 and for elected officials it has been lowered from \$50 to \$35, I'm not 100% sure on those numbers, but I know the prices have been lowered for the year coming up. Also, if anyone was interested in Christmas and Hanukkah gifts, the Library still has community cook books available, I believe they are \$10.00. And Summerseat also has really pretty ornaments and mugs available, I believe they are somewhere in the \$10 to \$20 range.

Mr. Kerner stated, \$10.00 for an ornament, that's what I paid.

Ms. Kronnagel asked, \$10.00?

Mr. Kerner stated, I don't think it's a discount.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, well, maybe Fred got the Kerner discount, I don't know. I think they have mugs too. That's it.

Mr. Kerner asked, any other announcements tonight?

Ms. Larison stated, I'd just like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and I'm sure I will see some of you on December 30th.

Mr. Kerner stated, I will ask for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Mr. Sanford and seconded by Ms. Smith.

Meeting adjourned.