

MEETING MINUTES
MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2016
7:30 p.m.

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Monday, August 15, 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 with a moment of silent prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Kerner stated, I will now ask the Borough Manager 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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations this evening.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

1. Madeline Jones - *1 Hillcrest Avenue*
She thanked everyone who helped with National Night Out. She thanked the Public Works Department for the weeding they did that she requested be done near Burns Pharmacy. She talked about the sidewalks in town not being safe, being blocked by cars and weeds. She appreciates the professional dress code and hopes it continues.

2. Eileen Dreisbach - *75 Harrison Avenue*
She talked about Motion 10A, the Jazz Festival. She said it's been cosponsored for many years, she wanted to know what it benefits.

Mr. Kerner replied, it benefits the residents.

Ms. Dreisbach asked if it benefits The Sherlock Scholarship Foundation.

Mr. Kerner replied, I don't believe so.

Ms. Dreisbach asked, isn't that what it was done before? Co-sponsored with who?

Mr. Kerner replied, the Sherlock Foundation.

Ms. Dreisbach stated, you said this was for the community?

Mr. Kerner replied, yeah.

Ms. Dreisbach replied, so was National Night Out.

Mr. Kerner replied, I offered to co-sponsor National Night Out for two years. They declined and that's their prerogative.

Ms. Dreisbach replied, I don't think the Borough should be paying for this, I'm sorry.

Mr. Kerner replied, I don't believe it's a monetary commitment.

Ms. Dreisbach asked, there's no line item for it this year?

Mr. Kerner replied, I don't believe so.

Ms. Dreisbach replied, there has been in the past. There usually is. I'd like to know if there is, because that's our tax dollars. I don't attend, I don't care for jazz and I'm sure a lot of other people don't, so why should they be funding a jazz festival for a foundation.

Mr. Kerner replied, I don't believe it's for the foundation.

Ms. Dreisbach stated, I see Mr. White is here, it's nice to see him again. I'm sure it's about the Manor Park landfill property and I hope we can do something positive with that. It would be nice to see something there that would be bringing in tax dollars to the Borough which we greatly need. She had questions on the bill list GL1608, page 1. EC Pierce, and asked if it was a street light.

Mr. Sooby replied, no it was LED lighting outside the police department and also one outside the fuel pumps.

Ms. Dreisbach asked about GL 1608 page 4 M&R Electrical Contractors repair street light power surge, is that one of your street lights?

Mr. Sooby replied, that's correct.

Ms. Dreisbach asked, so they don't withstand power surges?

Mr. Sooby replied, no they do not.

Ms. Dreisbach asked, so every time there is a power surge, we are going to put out \$900.00?

Mr. Sooby replied, we are looking into that to see if we can get reimbursed from PECO, due to the fact that it was a power surge.

Ms. Dreisbach replied, that would be a good idea, they are supposed to last 30 years according to what we were told. She talked about the dump trucks going down South Pennsylvania Avenue. She stated that Bob Seward told her at a previous meeting that they had clean fill and it was being used to fill in Biles Island. She stated the Falls Township said they weren't doing any projects at Biles Island, however, in the paper there is notice of submission of the PA Department of Environmental Protection major permit modification application by Clear Earth of South Pennsylvania LLC, they receive contaminated soil and that's what these dump trucks are hauling. There are hundreds of them a day and sometimes they don't have tarps. The Chief and Bobby Seward stood at the corner of Philadelphia Avenue and South Pennsylvania Avenue for an hour and a half and counted over 60 trucks going southbound and over 90 going northbound. Morrisville seems to be the shortcut to the steel mill property. She stated, we need to stop this and get the trucks off our street. There is a cluster of cancer cases below the railroad.

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

She said it's been a long haul trying to get the proper property development at the Cloverleaf and a couple of false starts. She questioned the last line of the motion and why it has to read, "as agreed to by the Borough Solicitor". She stated that she was at the agenda meeting when they broke for an executive session and she didn't see him or his colleague there that evening and she thinks he missed out on an opportunity of some fruitful discussions regarding the project that went on in the back room. She hopes that won't happen again. She hopes that they can explain the need to have that particular phrase, she thinks it's a given and doesn't need to be there. She wanted to

talk about the 14th Annual Jazz Fest. She said she is wearing a t-shirt, Arts in the Park. Fourteen years, we started with the Jazz Festival we had a grant. Arts in the Park resolution established a committee and she spoke a couple of months ago about that representation and asked that Council take a look at it, she thinks it needs to be tweaked. She does like the name Arts and Events Committee. You might want to add different members, you might want to take some off. You might want a broader committee that isn't just council. You have a better chance for success when you bring more people into it. We've had this, we've certainly had some grants, certainly grants don't last forever for the same project, you look for sponsorships after that. I know the Mayor's picnic we look for sponsorships, other events we do. Somebody mentioned about the Jazz Fest and after Michael Sherlock passed away, the Sherlock Foundation was formed, it was certainly referred to as the Michael Sherlock Jazz Festival. Because anybody who knew Mike Sherlock liked him, he was a self taught Jazz Musician and played with the Mummers organization. As far as the Foundation, I am not aware if they are able to hold fundraisers to fund this event, but they used to have a comedy review, If I didn't go I always sent the organization a check to support the foundation to help fund that. She feels that we can do more in this park and more for this town than just this one event. The EDC was a member of that committee, arts and events is an important part of economic development. I saw a post today about the Borough waiving the fees. One of the things that Borough government does to co-sponsor and encourage events is the mundane, unexciting things. Waiving the building fees, the pavilions are there, we have an umbrella insurance policy that saves them an additional cost. Everything is neat and orderly and there are trashcans and cleanup, they aren't charged for public works. We don't actually fund the event. I know it sounds like a history lesson, but there's a lot of good history here, there's a lot of good things. If there's some push back from some individuals, they think it's self-serving because of who the organizer is for this particular event. I'm not surprised that it happened, and now you can get it in place for next year. Some of you remember Andy Redman, he was a wonderful musician, he passed away. For several years, we had an Irish festival in the fall in the park as well. The Mayor is also a member of that particular committee as well, because the Labor Day Picnic is also an important event that happens in this park. Maybe at the next agenda meeting you can pull up that resolution and start tweaking it and making it up to date. I'm sure there are many talented and knowledgeable interested residents. Residents can be your partners. We are not the adversary, we really aren't the enemy. If we just looked at how Bristol works, they formed a non-profit Raising the Bar. One reason we can't get to that point here is that there are funds out there that governments can not apply for but is made available to private non-profit organizations.

Mr. Kerner stated, thank you Jane. Is the final wording of 10B necessary?

Mr. Kilkenny replied, no.

Mr. Kerner stated, then with Council's approval, I'm just going to cauterize it at the end with Borough Council.

4. *Mike Yager - 338 Melvin Court North*

He wanted to know when the results of the audit would be available. He said he knows that Bob has been asked this month in and month out, it's coming, it's coming, but my

RTK is waiting. He said that he pulled up the Borough website and he checked the registration and he found something strange, but the Borough website is actually registered to Tom Bates. He is not sure why that would be or what it would take to get it out of his name since he is no longer an employee. It doesn't seem right that he would be the owner of the Morrisville Borough website. We haven't heard any feedback as to when the new website would be available for people to view. Our Borough Code is three years outdated. It's way overdue, if the answer is we are waiting to update the website, we haven't known about updating the website in three years, so I'm not sure what we're waiting for to update the codes. A lot of people in the Borough go there to see what their rights and responsibilities are and if we aren't updated, we aren't doing anybody a service. He was hoping for an update on Act 90. He asked about the surety bond for the Borough Manager position. He stated that he did an RTK for it. It's in Borough Code that the Borough Manager has to have it. He was provided with an insurance rider for theft, which is not a surety bond. If it's been done since we spoke, fantastic. There were some issues with the line painting. There were employees on Pennsylvania Avenue, a state road with no protective gear, with no reflective vests, with few cones and their street clothing. We've got to do better at protecting our employees. You've got to lead this town better than that and not put our employees in jeopardy. We've had enough lawsuits in this town.

5. Kurt Holthenrichs - *300 Melvin Court North*
(inaudible) He asked about the audit. He spoke about problems in the park and lighting issues in town.

Mr. Sooby stated, that he was notified about two weeks ago about the lights and we've tried to get them finished as quick as possible, however there is a process because of the warranties, we have to make sure that we aren't paying for something that we shouldn't. We are addressing it and I am under the impression that most of them are fixed.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Kerner stated, we were informed that those minutes were incomplete, so instead of voting on them, I move that we do not vote on them or should we table them. He asked for a motion.

Motion 6A - Motion to pass the minutes of the Regular Borough Council Meeting of July 18, 2016.

Motion made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Mr. Parker seconded the motion.

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

Ms. Smith asked, is that the motion to remove them?

Mr. Kerner replied, that's putting them on the table, if you would like to remove them from the table, now is when you would do that.

Ms. Smith replied, oh I didn't think we were tabling them, I thought we were just going to remove them.

Mr. Kerner replied, I don't feel comfortable voting on minutes that I only have half of.

Ms. Smith replied, usually we just remove them because the reason and put them back on the next month, we don't normally table it.

Mr. Kerner stated, it's on the agenda. You are the one that brought it to our attention, so if you'd like to table it.

Ms. Smith replied, sure.

Mr. Kerner stated, a motion is made to table by Debbie Smith, that needs a second as well.

Mr. Pepitone seconded the motion to table.

Mr. Kerner stated, all those in favor of tabling these minutes, say aye. Opposed?

Motion to table carried by voice vote, 8-0.

REPORTS - ADMINISTRATIVE/MANAGEMENT CONTINUED

Borough Manager's Report - Robert C. Sooby - He stated that last year we applied for a PECO grant for speakers in Williamson Park, we were denied that grant. It wasn't for any reasons that we did anything wrong, it was just the fact that they had to spread out the funding. Some residents have noticed that the demolition for Williamson Park is complete, we will be cleaning up the property to hopefully in the future have another playground there. Hopefully one that is maintenance free. It will take about a month to get it leveled out and seeded. At that time we will move forward with trying to get additional playground equipment. I would like to thank Premium Excavating for donating their time, for doing this demolition. It was at no cost to the Borough. We planned originally to have the Borough Maintenance Public Works do the demolition, it would have taken two weeks to a month to accomplish. I would also like to thank the people at Waste Management, they donated the containers for the debris that had to be removed. On that note, when we were doing the demolition, we found a time capsule. I was wondering if we could get a member of Borough Council to possibly have a night where residents could come out and officially open the time capsule.

Mr. Kerner replied, I think it's worthy of it's own night. I don't think it needs to be one council person.

Ms. Larison stated, I think it should be all of us.

Mr. Kerner stated, I'm sure I'm not the only one that worked on putting it together.

Ms. Larison replied, I wasn't here. I'd still love to be involved in it.

Mr. Kerner stated, my first thought was to save it until we have a new playground down there and celebrate the new memories with the old. I don't know how soon that is, so it might make more sense to have a night of remembrance of Imagination Island up here sometime up here next month. Open a special meeting and open the time capsule.

Mr. Sooby stated, so we will set a date, we will put it on t.v., we'll give everybody three weeks to a months notice, and then we'll move forward with the demonstration. Any input would be appreciated.

Solicitor's Report - Sean Kilkenny - He stated, thank you very much Mr. President, before you tonight you have two things that our offices worked on. One is the agreement with the redevelopment authority and as Ms. Burger pointed out, I've been involved with motions for years and often it says to be approved by Borough Council and the Borough Solicitor and Manager, but really it's no issue, because if there was some issue with the agreement, I would bring it immediately to Mr. Sooby's attention and put a halt on it. I don't really think it really matters one way or another, so I told Mr. Kerner to go ahead and remove that language. I don't really understand what the issue is. Also, 10C, our office worked on the amendment to the agreement of sale relating to M. R. Reiter and we look forward to working with the school district and council and moving that project forward. Obviously, we've been working with Borough staff on responding to various, voluminous right to know requests and various other things as a matter of course, but that's essentially what the solicitors office has worked on in the last month.

Mayor's Report - David Rivella - He stated, good evening everyone. With the heat that we've been experiencing lately, I'd like to remind everyone to please check on elderly friends and family. Also, don't forget about your pets, they can't handle this heat either, so don't leave them outside or locked in your car. I was able to attend the Pennsylvania State Mayor's Association, the annual conference was held in July at Gettysburg. Many topics were discussed. One topic was the use of local law enforcement using radar for speed enforcement. The association feels that we are now closer than ever to getting it passed into law. You may recall that I previously brought a resolution to the council to the support this topic. There are currently two senate bills that support the use of local law enforcement using radar. One bill has added language of LIDAR to it at the request of the state police. The Mayor's Association feels with the State Police having that added they really believe that there is no one in opposition so they feel it's a very good chance that that's going to pass. I'm also happy to report that Morrisville has recently implemented many of the suggestions that were discussed on safeguarding our community at the conference such as the drug take back box, and being involved with programs like LEADS online. Even LED street lighting were mentioned there a few times. It's nice to see that Morrisville is progressive in many of the things that it does. That is the extent of my report.

Police Chief's Report - Chief George McClay - He stated good evening. Crime rate has gotten better. Burglaries in the Borough are up. He offered to visit homes and look at them, walk through them and tell homeowners how secure their homes. He asked residents to lock their windows and doors, it will make it harder for burglars. He will be attending a right to know class in Harrisburg on September 29th. The drug march that we had in town was the first time we used the new bikes and trailer, the barricades are working well, we will be using them for any other parades. We installed 40" monitors in my office to watch Holy Trinity and new cameras were also installed in the high school. A total of (4) 40" monitors. They were able to identify the children in the community that stole Donald Trump signs, they had a nice talk about morals and they did some community service clean up. He talked about the three clothing bins. He thought it was agreed that he could put two down in the park, they can be removed if council deems it. Right now, we get \$1,500 a piece from this company. He talked about the new speed signs coming off route one North. The signs were from PennDot, we will enforce it, slow down. I will come out to anybody's house and do a security check up.

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, is there any discussion on the bills?

Mr. Sanford, stated, yes. I am abstaining on voting for any invoices for vendor Sanford Motors Ltd. due to family member conflict of interest. (Invoice #012347 in the amount of \$25.00, Invoice #012361 in the amount of \$424.31, Invoice #012380 in the amount of \$244.00, Invoice #012383 in the amount of \$432.05, Invoice #012397 in the amount of \$106.00, Invoice #012407 in the amount of \$758.98 and Invoice #012418 in the amount of \$75.00 for a total of \$2,065.45.)

Mr. Kerner asked, any other discussion on the bill list? There being no further questions, may we have a vote on the bills? All those in favor say aye. Opposed?

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0. (Mr. Sanford abstained from invoice #012347, #012361, #012380, #012383, #012397, #012407 and #012418)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion 10A - Motion to approve the 14th Annual Jazz Fest to be Co-Sponsored by Morrisville Borough and held in Williamson Park on Saturday, 9/17/16.

Motion made by Mr. Parker.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

Mr. Kerner asked, any discussion on that?

Ms. Smith stated, as long as it is just the sanctioning as far as waiving the fees for the park and not monetary for the entertainment part of it.

Mr. Kerner asked, do you have any information on that?

Mr. Parker replied, the foundation is paying for the bulk of it at this point. They are shy about \$500.00. I don't want to leave any of the musicians who are going to perform be unpaid. We are looking for additional funds, there is an outstanding grant that has not come through yet from PA Council of the Arts, if that comes through in time, that would cover it. This has been financially covered in the past. Like I said, they are paying the bulk of it, so we are getting an event in the park for about \$500.00, plus whatever we are waiving, which we've done before for other entities.

Mr. Kerner replied, I don't know that any of us were under that understanding when the motion went on. I don't know if council agrees or disagrees with that addition to it.

Ms. Larison stated, I thought we --

Mr. Parker asked, is that in addition or was that just an explanation?

Mr. Kerner stated, we just said that there was no monetary commitment whatsoever with the Borough, we were just co-sponsoring it.

Ms. Smith stated, which pays for the fees.

Mr. Parker replied, that was the motion that I put on the agenda and I didn't realize it was changed.

Mr. Kerner replied, well there's no mention in here of a monetary commitment. And that's my only concern is that this council wasn't prepared to make any monetary commitment to it. I think we can approve it without a monetary commitment,

Ms. Smith stated, right, which is why she got her fee waived.

Mr. Kerner stated, we'll put \$500.00 towards this. I don't think anyone here will not approve of it without a monetary commitment, but if you add one, it makes it less like to pass.

Mr. Parker asked, how should it be reworded then?

Mr. Kilkenny replied, you can make a motion to approve the Jazz Fest at Williamson Park, Saturday, September 17th, with waiving the fees and a monetary contribution of the Borough not to exceed \$500.00.

(audience or member of council - inaudible)

Mr. Kilkenny replied, I was just asked to make a suggestion.

Mr. Kerner stated, that's how it would be amended, Ted and Corryn were the first and second on that motion.

Mr. Kilkenny stated, ask them if they want to amend it that way.

Mr. Parker replied, yes, I would amend it that way.

Mr. Kerner asked, Corryn, do you agree with the amendment?

Ms. Kronnagel replied, that's fine.

Mr. Kerner read the amended motion.

Motion 10A - Motion to approve the 14th Annual Jazz Fest to be Co-Sponsored by Morrisville Borough and held in Williamson Park on Saturday, 9/17/16, including waiver of fees and financial donation not to exceed \$500.00

Mr. Kerner asked, do we have any more discussion on this?

Ms. Larison replied, I would just like to say that the Borough fees are \$625.00, between the fee for the park and also the security deposit. That's \$625.00, plus a \$500.00 donation to cover the bands, so that's a little over \$1,100.00 that we the Borough, that taxpayers would be out, and I like Jazz and I know it's a great event and a lot of people enjoy going to it and I'm all for it, but I do not agree with using Borough money to pay for it. I know Ms. Sherlock had come to an Arts in the Park committee meeting and she had stated that they were looking into getting the grant and I was hopeful that the grant would come through in time for this event and it does not, it hasn't I guess.

Mr. Parker replied, we don't know

Ms. Larison asked, has it come through?

Mr. Parker stated, first of all, it's going to be a Morrisville Borough event in conjunction with the Michael Sherlock Foundation, that's how it is. We are not waiving the fees, we are in participation with them putting on a public event that people from throughout the area come to. So, the waiving of the fees is not an additional cost that we are giving the foundation. We are participating in it with them. I am personally donating the advertisement money so that we can have banners up to try to drive more people to the event. If the money is not needed, the money is not needed.

Mr. Kerner stated, it's in the motion now. But we don't have to give it if the grant comes through.

Mr. Parker replied, right. If everything balances out -- exactly, that's the motion on the floor, and I'm fine with it.

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

Ms. Larison asked, is that \$500.00?

Mr. Sooby replied, not to exceed.

Motion carried by roll call vote, 4-4 Mayor broke the tie in favor of the motion. (nay votes being Ms. Larison, Mr. Pepitone, Mr. Sanford and Ms. Smith).

Motion 10B - Motion to approve Borough Council Authorizing the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks to pursue an agreement of sale for the property formerly owned by the Borough of Morrisville, commonly known as Manor Landfill, in conjunction with the sale of the properties commonly known as Cloverleaf Estates, in Accordance with the Cooperation Agreement executed by the Borough of Morrisville and the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks on May 13, 2003, and in a final form to be approved by Borough Council.

Mr. Kerner stated, we have two interested in the property. One being Premium Excavating, and looks to build a small variety of business outlets and a few homes. And Passanante family who looks to relocate their meat packing to Morrisville. If I can have Council give me the name of their preferred parties, we will then vote on it.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, I'd like to put forth for Passanante, I'm sorry, I don't know their full name.

Mr. Kerner replied, John Passanante and Ann Passanante.

Motion made by Ms. Kronnagel for John Passanante and Ann Passanante.

Mr. Cicero asked, and this would be included in the motion, because I didn't hear the motion yet.

Mr. Kerner stated, I read the motion.

Mr. Cicero asked, okay, is somebody making the motion?

Ms. Kronnagel stated, so moved.

Mr. Kerner stated, motion made for Passanante. Corryn has made the motion for John and Ann Passanante.

Seconded by Mr. Pepitone.

Mr. Kerner asked, do we have any discussion on that? We'll do a roll call.

Motion carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

Motion 10C - Motion to approve the "Amendment to Agreement of Sale" between The Morrisville School District (hereinafter the "Seller"), and Morrisville Borough, (hereinafter the "Purchaser") for the purpose of purchasing certain property, specifically identified as Tax Map Parcels 24-009-107-1 and 24-009-107-3, as more particularly described in Exhibit A of the Agreement, M. R. Reiter Elementary School.

Motion made by Ms. Smith.

Mr. Sanford seconded the motion.

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

Ms. Smith replied, I just want to thank the School Board for their decision with that. It's very important and I know it's as much of a big deal for a project for them also, so thank you very much.

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

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Kronnagel, stated, yes. I had the ducks up here, I apologize, I don't have enough up here for everybody, I think they sold out downstairs. I just want to let everyone know, our Canal Fest is scheduled for Saturday, September 10th from 12-4 pm. It is located at the Canal next to the Actor's Net Theater on Delmorr avenue near the Calhoun Street Bridge. We have ducks for sale here at the

Borough Hall, at the Morrisville Library, Anthony's Pizza, Endsive Tattoos and Squirrels Nest. We have one duck for \$3.00 and 4 ducks for 10.00. There will be prize categories, Best of Show, Ugly Duckling, Most Beautiful, and different categories, most humorous and most imaginative. We are getting close to back to school time, we are looking for a Junior Council Person for 2016-2017 school year, so if anybody knows a junior or senior student in the Borough, please let them know. Finally, I did attend the Scudders Falls Bridge toll hearing last month, this is not a bridge in the Borough, but it will probably increase traffic into the Borough. If you have a transponder it will be \$1.25, if you do not have a transponder, it will be \$2.60. If you are a frequent flyer on a DRJTBC bridge at least 16 times a month, you will only have to pay \$.75, and again that toll is only coming in to Pennsylvania. That is all I have for today, thank you.

Mr. Cicero asked, I have a question on the Canal Fest, if there is a donation, who would one make a check out to?

Ms. Kronnagel, that's a good question, I would assume it would be Delaware Canal Festival, but I can let you know.

Mr. Kerner asked, any other announcements? Borough Officials?

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Mr. Kerner stated, I just like to ask that all our Borough Officials be civil to each other at the meetings. We had a bit of an argument at our last one. I'd just like to see us be a little more civil to one another, we're all elected to serve the same electorate and I'd like to see us do that with civility.

Mr. Cicero replied, I'm always civil.

Mr. Kerner replied, thank you Vic.

Ms. Smith stated, if I could just say, I appreciate the Borough Council President using the gavel when it's necessary, thank you.

Mr. Kerner replied, I'm about to use it very shortly, if I can have a motion to adjourn this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Mr. Cicero and seconded by Ms. Kronnagel.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.