

MEETING MINUTES
MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
BUDGET SESSION

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2015
7:10 p.m.

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Monday, November 30, 2015 at 7:10 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Morrisville Municipal Borough, 35 Union Street, Morrisville, PA for a Special Council Meeting, Budget Session.

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
Corryn Kronnagel
Ted Parker
Todd Sanford
Debbie Smith

Borough Officials: Mayor Dave Rivella
Tom H. Bates Jr., Borough Manager

Not in Attendance: Jeffrey Johnson
Robert A. Seward, Assistant Borough Manager/Code Enforcement
Alyson Fritzges, Solicitor
Scott J. Stoddard, Borough Engineer
George McClay, Chief of Police
Anna C. Zuckerman, Junior Councilperson

Mrs. Sherlock stated, we have no special presentation, next we have the hearing of the public. If anyone would like to speak please come forward and state your name and address.

Mrs. Sherlock announced we had a motion for this evening, but it is too premature at this time.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

1. Georgia Cinq-Mars Tashjian- 227 W. Franklin Avenue
She asked if we were doing the wreaths downtown.

Mrs. Sherlock stated, they have been ordered.

There being no more public comment, the public comment portion was closed.

We started looking at the budget, line by line.

The following was discussed:

Page 2 - Special Traffic Enforcement - make it \$0
Tobacco Enforcement Revenue - make it \$0

Page 3 - Reimbursement Engineering - make it \$0

Page 8 Police Department - Overtime Pay - \$40,000
Gas & Oil - \$23,000
Radios - \$0
Officers Court - \$50,000
Police Technology - \$25,000
Traffic Lights - \$8,000

Page 9 - Radios - Parts & Maintenance - \$0

Page 11- Solid Waste - \$737,133
Fix the value wording on Sanitation line

Page 13 - Moving shade tree money to Recreation Fund

Page 14 - Water Department - Nancy feels we should have something on the final line for pension

Tom will purchase the police radios out of capital purchases instead of it coming out of the radio line in the police budget.

Questions asked were:

JCI Contract charge? Tom explained how you will need to take your utilities and put in 3% escalating amounts each year on each line, this way you know what your savings are then those savings are how you will pay the bills, without using tax dollars. He also explained about the contract fee that he had in the sinking fund because it was part of the contract and it needs to be removed.

Other questions:

Check the Presbyterian Towers agreement, can we ask for more?

Can we ask the Bridge Commission for some PILOT money?

Ask Bob about fire and safety inspections, who and how much do we charge?

Keep Bob's salary in the budget?

Where did Dottie's salary come from when we paid her?

Page 7 - #007 - why the \$15,000 difference? Why? Tom thinks it's Rick's salary, because he cleans the Library.

Discussion about ADP and payroll, our payroll seems antiquated, we should look into updating it. Tom put \$10,000 in the Borough Administration side for technology, we need computers, we could/ should replace our AMS system.

Shade tree can only have 1/10% of the entire budget in it. Debbie presented a copy of the wording from the Ordinance regarding this ruling. She also asked if the \$20,000 was for the tree stump remover. Tom told her no, not at all.

Tom read off the insurances when they were questioned.

Pirma - \$140,879

Property - \$25,191

Life - \$6,300

Dental - \$30,711

Health Insurance is at \$25,000 a month

We discussed the police budget at length. Are there any areas where we can trim?

Vic asked if the sanitation amount will cover the contract, that is the most important thing. Tom said yes. Nancy said it does not cover other expenses such as park trash pick up. Debbie asked about dumping fees. Nancy said our sanitation contract allows three a year.

Some discussion involving the \$1,800 for the Senior Center. Debbie feels we should give them the money, but most said they do not have anywhere to go at this time and the County offered to bus them to other centers. No one wants the building shuttered. Tom added \$60 to Mayor's Association dues. Fred asked about leaves, and the figure is a greater amount. Debbie asked if consultant services were used for Dottie? Tom said we have not paid Dottie anything in 2015. Landmark Towns, we discussed sending letters to MEDC and the Business Association to split the fee three ways. Debbie asked about payment to the pension fund, Tom told her we have no payment for the non-uniformed employees. Bob's salary is in the budget, not broken up into different line items. Tom explained the leaf figure, it did not include October pickup. Question - MMA Vouchers? What are they? Why?

NEW BUSINESS

Motion 5A - Motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the Borough Solicitor to petition the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas to allow a tax levy exceeding 30 mills, not to exceed 35 mills, in the General Fund.

Motion made by Mr. Cicero.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-2 (nay votes being Mr. Sanford and Ms. Smith).

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.