

MEETING MINUTES
MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017
7:30 p.m.

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 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 with a moment of silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, Danielle.

Ms. Larison stated, I would like to take this moment of silent prayer and give our thoughts to Tullytown Borough on the passing of their Council President, May Kucher this week.

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

Mr. Kerner stated, we will begin with a special presentation by Samantha Brinker of Gilmore & Associates, regarding MS4.

Ms. Brinker stated, I just want to take a minute to thank Council for letting me present tonight. My name is Samantha Brinker, I'm with Gilmore & Associates and today's presentation is on the 2018 MS4 General Permit Highlights.

Ms. Brinker gave a very detailed powerpoint presentation on the 2018 MS4 General Permit Highlights.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

1. Holly Harman - *S. Pennsylvania Avenue*

Good evening. A quick little thing and I know probably, I only just sent it to you last night or this morning Mr. Sooby, but that property that I've been talking about on East Philadelphia Avenue, it's turning into our local junkyard. Have you had a chance to look at it yet?

Mr. Sooby asked, the one on Pennsylvania Avenue?

Ms. Harman replied, yeah. I know I sent an email, I can't remember if I did it last night or this morning.

Mr. Sooby stated, I don't know if that was on Washington or — I got something this morning from you.

Ms. Harman stated, yeah, I know I just sent it, but I wanted to remind you about it. I provided everybody with a little quick survey of the trucks coming down Philadelphia and South Pennsylvania Avenue. I sat —

Mr. Sooby asked, excuse me Holly, where was that address?

Ms. Harman replied, 49.

Mr. Kerner asked, 49 Philadelphia?

Ms. Harman replied, yeah, East. A lot of its in the back. The front has gotten a little tidier, but the back is atrocious. There's two unregistered, un-inspected vehicles on the property right now. I sat out since I had President's Day off yesterday and it was nice out I sat on the corner of Philadelphia and

Pennsylvania, about a half hour around three, three-thirtyish. I wrote down as many names as I could of trucking companies. Obviously there are a lot of duplicates and I'm just scribbling names on a tablet, but that's just a representation of about a half hour. I guarantee you that several of those names had 5 or more trucks. I didn't see the point of listing them over and over again. A lot of them were speeding, some of them blew the lights. Just to give you an idea of what's going on down there and that was in a half hour time frame. And still I know we working on it and there's an official traffic study coming, but that was just to give you guys an idea of what's really going on. I know maybe hopefully this will be included in the Police Chiefs report later, but there's been a lot of discussion about some wild police chase going down South Philadelphia Avenue, or South Pennsylvania Avenue about a week and a half ago, it included Federal Marshall cars. I don't know, I didn't see anything in the news, there were a couple of local police as well as some Federal vehicles so I still don't know what's going on. Last week when I attended the Policy Committee Meeting, unfortunately I was the only one in the audience. All the other committee meetings I go to, the Beautification, I go to the MEAC if I happen to have the night off, other ones that we go to there's a free — the one that I listened to the other day about the Business Outreach, there's a free communication between the residents and the Council that are there. When I went to the Policy Committee it seemed to be a very autocratic meeting where I tried to enlighten someone about the policy or the keeping of records for milage logs for the Borough vehicles which don't exist until just recently because I filed a right to know and there's no such documents until recently, and I was immediately shut down and I just want to point out the difference that I notice between the certain meetings. The other thing that I kind of noticed too was that I took great insult to the fact that it was mentioned that (inaudible) but anyhow, short and simple, it was mentioned that probably the bulk of Morrisville residents were not qualified to hold an office job in this Borough office. I wasn't insulted for me, because I certainly am not looking for a job here. Don't worry about it, I'm done, I'm done, it's alright. Thank you.

Ms. Smith stated, that thing never works.

Mr. Kerner stated, thank you Holly. Next we have Eileen Dreisbach.

Ms. Harman stated, It doesn't work anyway, right.

Mr. Kerner replied, it's brand new, give it a chance.

2. *Eileen Dreisbach - 75 Harrison Avenue*

She stated, I see on the bills, that there's a bill for the community playground, I guess that's Williamson Park. A hundred and thirty-seven dollars. Why do we have a bill for electric on a Playground that's not there?

Mr. Sooby stated, on Williamson Park, that's for the concession stand.

Ms. Dreisbach replied, well it says community playground, there's one for the new clubhouse and there's none for the concession stand. There's just one for the playground that's not there.

Mr. Kerner replied, it's probably the lights right in front of the playground between the concession stand —

Ms. Dreisbach asked, one light?

Mr. Kerner replied, I don't know if it's one, or how many it is.

Mr. Seward replied, that could be for the street lights also in the parking lot.

Ms. Dreisbach replied, oh, all of them. Okay. That was one of my things, my major thing I was going to discuss tonight anyway, Williamson Park. I don't know if it's 75%, 80%, more or less, baseball. It's Williamson Community Park I believe. It's for the entire community, I know I don't play baseball, my husband doesn't play baseball. And a lot of people I know don't play baseball. I know you have tennis courts, a few people may play tennis, we have a basketball court which is fine and the hockey rink now there, that's great for the kids, but it's supposed to be a community park, there's no where to do anything. There's no playground, the playground was nice when it was there such as it was because you could take your kids there and they had somewhere to play. Before you came, we had equipment over by the baseball fields closer to the stage. That was taken out, there were swings, I don't think there was an issue with the swings, but they were taken out as well. There was a slide there and I can see taking the merry-go-round out and the springy things, but we need something at the park. We don't need more baseball, we need less baseball. I was on the Recreation Board when this whole issue of the new field along Delmorr Avenue, the multipurpose field is what it was called, they met with the Recreation Board of which I was the chairperson, because Council told them to meet with us first. Then they came to Council with our blessing on putting that there with the stipulation that it would still be used as CYO soccer and anything else that might come up. Nothing permanent was to be put in that field, either one of those fields, and the carnival was still going to be allowed to be set up there. Then it came spring, time for soccer, and they were told they weren't allowed there because they mess up the grass. It's not baseballs fields, they're multipurpose fields. And they also at that time gave us back the two fields that were in front of the stage saying they no longer would need them. They are still using them. It's not part of the park, it's baseball. We have nothing to do at all in that park, nothing. And I really think something needs to be done about it. And I also would still like to see something done about the traffic. I hope the state comes in soon to do something about it because it's ridiculous all the trucks that go through that red light and no one is inspecting them. Thank you.

Mr. Sooby replied, we are working with both issues.

3. *Marlene Burns - 118 Green Street*

She stated, first I want to say thank you for updating the website, the Borough website. But that's what I am here to talk about. I was wondering — Eileen had mentioned the recreation committee and I know it was disband a couple of years ago when certain people were still on Council. Because I had sent out a letter of interest to be on the recreation committee and I never heard. I was told to submit the letter in so, one question, not question, but my one concern is that for the website, could the Borough put on there the committees that we have, the openings, when the deadlines are, when the submission letters have to go in, what the committees entail, and what you need to do to be on a committee. Because right now, everything is always up in the air, it's kind of like hearsay, or if you don't come to a meeting, you really don't know, it really would be nice to be able to go to the website and see that information, that way if you apply — possibly even a form letter, a form that you fill out and you send it in with the bottom where you fill in what your interests are, what your experience is, but right now if you go to the website, there's really not enough information. It would be really nice if the Borough could take the time for each committee and bring back the recreation committee, because I think if you brought back the recreation committee, they could work on something for the playground. I know they had done that in the past. We could put new equipment down there, we could go for grants. It had been discussed with a prior committee person, council person and it kind of got waylaid and kind of thrown under the bus so to speak. In any case maybe if we want to look at some of the committees that we had and bring some of them back, maybe it wouldn't be all of the burden on the council to have to do all that and have to worry about the playground at this point, I mean, we need equipment down there, so let's get some of the residents to work on it. You know, look for grants and things that we need and work together on it, and I think that's where we really need to work, we need to work together to bring this community together. It is not together, there's constant fighting, and as long as that happens, this community is never going to be anything, and I mean I hate to say it, but we have good people in this community, we have a good council, we need to utilize everybody, not just if you're a republican or if you're a democrat, or if you're a liberal or an independent. We need everybody and that's the only way this community is going to survive. Thank you.

Mr. Kerner stated, thank you Marlene.

Ms. Smith stated, thank you.

Mr. Kerner stated, next we have Bill Farrell.

4. *Bill Farrell - 347 N. Pennsylvania Avenue*

He stated, I'm a little bit behind the time because I've been out of commission for a little bit, but I'm back, here I am. It's like being at home, I get to look at some of

my favorite people and I can talk to them and ask questions. Well some of my favorite people, a couple on the end a couple in the middle, you're not in that list. First things first, garbage update. How do you recommend getting your back money, is there anything going on?

Mr. Sooby replied, moving along very nicely.

Mr. Farrell replied, okay, because I see now, we pay our garbage with our taxes. One thing, I guess last week or two weeks ago, the Borough came around and took stumps out at my house on the corner of West Franklin. A couple of them had been cut down years ago, but they did clean them up, they did a good job. Let me get to the nitty gritty, elections are coming up. I talked about it prior to my hiatus. People in Morrisville, wake up, this town is going into an abyss. It's like the black hole in outer space, and all your lights from Johnson Control are not going to show you the bottom of it. It behooves everybody to work together because it's for the benefit of everybody. I watched, I was able to see the December 30th meeting and the January 17th, meeting. Some of you people should be embarrassed the way you acted. And I mean it, you reminded me when I was a kid when we used to go play ball and bat. One guy had the bat, one guy had the ball. The one with the ball would get ticked off and go home. That's what I thought was going on that night and I'm serious. I have a question for you Mr. Kilkenny, you went through the procedure for tabling, which you tabled, motion, second and you voted that night, and there's one particular appointment, the MMA and there are others and I wasn't too happy about it because of the fact that Mrs. Smith, you nominated yourself, later on you said you wanted to rescind your nomination, but before you said that, Ms. Kronnagel and you Victor said it's a nomination we gotta vote on. Mr. Kerner you were stated that you thought it was a good idea and if I recall, Mr. Cicero you said you're backing away from it Fred, and when it got — the vote was over which went where I thought it was going to go, wasn't a surprise, and my question is, somebody signs up for a particular appointment, whatever, they put a letter of intent, if at the end of their term, they're not going to run, or they're not interested, do they also have to submit a written request.

Mr. Kilkenny replied, no.

Mr. Farrell asked, who said that?

Mr. Kilkenny replied, me, Mr. Kilkenny. The answer is no.

Mr. Farrell replied, okay, that's all. I didn't know who said it, I was expecting it from somebody else, but that's besides the point.

Mr. Kilkenny replied, well, you asked me the question, so I answered it.

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Mr. Farrell stated, okay, now, Mrs. Smith rescinded her nomination, yet Ms. Kronnagel and Victor said it's a nomination we had to vote, is that correct?

Mr. Kilkenney replied, the Board, or Council can decide, it can be Joe Smith so long as they are eligible to serve on the MMA, there's no legal requirement that anything be submitted beforehand.

Mr. Farrell stated, okay, now, my question is, if somebody nominates me or I nominate myself and I decide to rescind my nomination, is that the legitimate way to do it? Can I rescind my nomination?

Mr. Kilkenney replied, sure.

Mr. Farrell stated, okay, but the problem was —

Mr. Kilkenney replied, but the matter of the fact is Mrs. Smith didn't have the votes, so someone else got on.

Mr. Farrell stated, well I'm not talking about the votes.

Mr. Kilkenney replied, no, that's what I'm talking about. Because that's ultimately what's important, everything else is merely — you can raise as many procedural questions you want Mr. Farrell, the majority of Council is what decides.

Mr. Farrell stated, I understand it. My question was, you were explaining a motion to table, if she rescinded her vote, her nomination, could a motion to table have been entered into?

Mr. Kilkenney replied, a motion to table can be entered into at any time.

Mr. Farrell stated, okay, I'm just checking it out, because I watched what happened, and I wasn't too happy, but you know, I'll get over it, maybe. In addition, Mr. Kerner, I don't have anything personally against you, there was a comment made by Mr. Cicero. It's on the tape Victor. He says, I hope you learned your lesson. Is that — thank God I'm not up there and you spoke to me like that Victor, because I would have been down looking in your eyes. That's what I said, acting like a kid, acting like two year olds. That's the problem with this Borough, the Council and the way you act. The other thing is, I hear people complaining from down here in Ward 1 about the traffic, trucks and all that. I have a question, I live on N. Pennsylvania Avenue, I go down, I see a lot of trucks heading out of town, I go down, I make a left at the blinking light, on the ramp coming up to Route 1, there's a yield sign there, who's that yield sign belong to, it's not me.

Mr. Sooby asked, off the ramp itself?

Mr. Farrell stated, coming off South — from South Pennsylvania going up on Route 1 North. There's a yield sign at the bottom.

Mr. Sooby replied, that would be the Bridge Commission.

Mr. Farrell asked, who's the yield sign belong to? I mean, which driver.

Mr. Kerner stated, it's for northbound traffic.

Mr. Farrell stated, the one going on.

Mr. Kerner replied, right.

Mr. Farrell stated, If I make a left turn at that blinking light, I have the right away.

Mr. Kerner replied, you also have a yield though being a blinking yellow light.

Mr. Farrell replied, I understand that, but I'm saying, there's a yield sign.

Mr. Kerner replied, I think once you get there, the southbound side —

Mr. Farrell replied, but once I start making that turn on that lane to go North.

Mr. Kerner replied, I believe so.

Mr. Farrell replied, somebody is going to get killed on there, because these guys come flying through those lights and they don't yield. I only have one more thing I think. It might be two. Ms. Kronnagel, I heard at the one meeting you said, on the 17th about how you're voting for the budget, I'm not even going to get into that, but you said call me, email me, twitter me or go on Facebook, you'll never, none of you will ever receive a phone call, an email, a twitter, or a Facebook from me. If I have something to say to you, I will be right here looking in your eyes, because I don't believe in Facebook, because Facebook, a lot of that stuff is a lot of lies. People that have nothing better to do in their lives, want to go on there and complain about, they've got a corn on their toe or something like that. So, if I have something to say to you, I will say it to you. Whether you respond, I don't really care. I don't. Last but not least, Mr. Sooby, I don't know if you remember, when you first got this job, like I said, you recognize it wasn't something you had done before and at that time I said, I don't have my opinion of you because it was too — you were too new, and I don't know all the ramifications of what goes on, but also at that time, I said to you, watch who you listen to on Borough Council, I don't know if you remember that, do you?

Mr. Sooby replied, yes, I do.

Mr. Farrell stated, okay, now, I understand you are in a very difficult position, I understand, but I think you're being influenced by one or two people up there on the Borough Council. That's my own opinion. By what I see and what you do is based on that. And by the way, nothing against you Mr. Kerner, but you run the Borough Council, you do. Not anybody else, that's why you're President. They elected you President, that gavel you have, it's yours. I would expect you in the future to use that gavel. Use the gavel when they get out of order. I don't care who it is, if I get out of order, use the gavel. But to get back to the elections.

Mr. Kerner stated, I'm going to write that one down.

Mr. Farrell stated, look at the tape, it will be there. But to get back to elections, I only hope, my desire is, some people up there, it's about time we change. A number of people were here when you voted, and I'm not anything against you Mr. Sooby, I don't have nothing against you, but I was very upset with the gentleman that you followed and until this day you're still paying for stuff that was done and a number of you people up there voted for him or hired him, I believe it's hired. So, like I said, I haven't been around for a while, but I'm back. I'm not a hundred percent, but I will say this, when I come up and speak, I speak the truth, because some of you people up there wouldn't know the truth if it walked up and hit you in the face.

Mr. Sooby replied, well Mr. Farrell, I'd like to state, when I came here I said that my goal was that I believe I could help this town, and since I got here, that's been my main mission, I've had an open door policy since I came here. Every council member knows that they can come and see me. Not just council people, if there's residents that have a complaint they will see me. I will not deny anyone any time with me, granted that if I have a meeting or something like that I can't comply, however every day I come to work, I come to make Morrisville a better place and I gave you my word when I took the job and you don't have the ability to know how much we have gotten done this year but you'll see the rewards at the end of this year hopefully.

Mr. Farrell replied, alright thank you, I won't — I said my two cents. Everybody have a good night and I'll be back next month.

Mr. Kerner stated, thank you Bill. Next we have Robert Butcher.

5. Robert Butcher - *810 S. Pennsylvania Avenue*
He stated, good evening Mayor Rivella, members of Council. I have some issues that I would like to bring up. Some are constructive and some you won't like. There's a very dangerous intersection and a very dangerous crosswalk in town. One is at Bridge Street, you could get killed over there very easily, because the cars do not yield at the crosswalk at all. I was thinking maybe some time some day they could put like some towns have a button above six feet high, you push the button then the yellow flashing light comes on and that means a person wants to cross the street and traffic stops and if they don't, they get a ticket.

Mr. Kerner asked, I'm sorry, which intersection is this?

Mr. Butcher replied, the one at Bridge Street by Ben's Deli. You never tried to cross that street?

Mr. Sooby asked, is that Union and Bridge?

Mr. Butcher stated, well I saw a girl almost get hit by a car and that's not good. Then again, there's no right on red at Bridge Street light, that's a very dangerous intersection, I see accidents there, I saw two already, they're not nice. That no right on red between eight and four, why don't you just lift that out of there and put no right on red on that whole intersection, because that's a very dangerous intersection. People don't yield long enough anyway for right on red they don't look at what time of day it is, it should be just no right on red period, end of story on that one. And then, the garbage bill, I'm not happy about that. Now my taxes are going to be higher, I liked when I could come and pay a little bit at a time, now I'm going to get slapped with a couple of hundred bucks or something extra, so what's going to happen with all the money you are going to save? What's going to happen to that, is anybody going to get that? I'll go on to something else, think about that. Okay, now I have to tell you about the nice parts of town, like Borough Hall. I've got to commend the people that work there, because every time I see something wrong, out of place, a sign down, something needs repair, I tell them and they get it done, they just know who to get to. So, the people in the Borough Hall are doing their job. That's all I have to say, so kudos for them. Now I have to tell you about the good stuff again, the traffic lights, I was guessing for a while and then until I drove through some other towns, we have the best overhead lights, I'm sorry, not traffic lights, but you know the arch lights, they're called arch lights, the LED lights, they are the best, whoever engineered them or designed them, they did their homework, they did their job right. I drove around in other towns where you have to put your visor down. They have these lights set up perfect, there's just enough light there to light up everything, so you're to be commended on that and that's all I have to say. Thank you very much for your time.

Mr. Sooby replied, thank you.

Mr. Kerner replied, thank you. And last on the list is Jane Burger.

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

She stated, just a couple of comments. I noticed when our engineer was struggling over here kind of in the dark to follow notes from that, is there some way that maybe there could be a portable or a battery kind of light that could be put here when there's presentations when you have to darken the room to see something?

Mr. Kerner stated, I think a screen would also be nice since we used a table and two pedestals.

Ms. Burger stated, I know, well I was going to be kind. It's been on a wish list for a very long time to put some kind of a —

Mr. Kerner replied, we don't have them that often so it's not something we think about until —

Ms. Burger stated, on the wish list Mr. Sooby when we have some extra money.

Mr. Sooby replied, got it.

Ms. Burger stated, but definitely a larger screen would be better there. I thank you for the presentation, but having been a member of the state government with all the jargon and the acronyms, I gotta tell you it was a little hard to follow some of the — I do know what PCB was. So I commend you for that. Listening to you it just made me think I had an oh my god moment again with EPA and DEP, they just don't understand what all of these owners requirements mean to a municipality. Maybe some time in the future they will be enlightened and I certainly hope that the Borough does get the waiver. Stormwater Management, it seems like that's going to be something expensive down the road for the Borough. I'm not advocating one way or the other. I'm not here as a member of the authority, but people know that I am on it and there is legislation that somehow permits authorities to be created or existing authorities to take on Stormwater Management, I'm just sharing that as information, I'm not advocating one way or the other. My other comments, there must have been ESP between myself and Marlene Burns, because I was thinking the same thing, it would be great on the website to have a space for all the boards, commissions, committees that are appointed by the Borough Council, you know who they are and when their terms are up and whatever so people would kind of be able to follow that. Also your comments about using more committees, the more community members you get involved, the stronger your community is. There's two theories, there's the politics of exclusion where you narrow it in to control and then there's the politics of inclusion and that's not Democrat or Republican, but the more you can bring your residents in to be a part of the team and work with you, the stronger the community gets to be. So, that's all I have for this evening, thank you.

Mr. Kerner stated, thank you Jane. Anyone else for public comment?

There being that no one else wished to speak, public comment portion was closed.

Mr. Kerner stated, we will move on with the meeting, starting with the Manager's Report. Oh, I'm sorry, I jumped right over that. I've got so much scrolled here from our public commenters. We'll go to the approval of minutes starting with 6A.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 6A - Motion to approve minutes for the Special Borough Council Meeting of December 30, 2016 (Draft #2).

Ms. Smith stated, first it has to be lifted from the table. That's the first motion, because they were tabled before.

Mr. Sooby replied, what.

Mr. Kilkenny replied, what.

Ms. Smith stated, those minutes were tabled.

Mr. Kilkenny replied, they were and they were brought back to this meeting.

Ms. Smith asked, okay, so we don't have to bring them — make them a separate motion for that?

Mr. Kilkenny replied, no.

Ms. Smith stated, okay.

Mr. Kilkenny stated, so there was a motion I believe — or a request for a motion to approve these minutes.

Mr. Kerner stated, I just asked for a motion, I haven't gotten one yet.

Motion made by Mr. Parker.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, I don't remember seeing them. I don't remember seeing the new ones, did we get those?

Mr. Kerner replied, I believe we did.

Mr. Sooby stated, yes we did. Everything was fixed.

Ms. Kronnagel replied, okay.

Ms. Smith stated, we've got three, right.

Ms. Larison stated, yeah, it was in our —

Mr. Cicero seconded the motion.

Mr. Kerner stated, thank you Vic. Now can we have some discussion. Corryn I believe asked if we got these and I believe we did.

Ms. Kronnagel replied, sorry. I apologize.

Mr. Kerner stated, I'm just going to double check on that. If there are no other questions or comments, should we do a roll call or voice vote? Voice vote, all those in favor say aye. Opposed?

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

Motion 6B - Motion to approve minutes for the Regular Borough Council Meeting of January 17, 2017.

Motion made by Mr. Parker.

Ms. Larison seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

Motion 6C - Motion to approve minutes for the Special Borough Council Meeting of January 10, 2017.

Motion made by Mr. Parker.

Ms. Smith seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Sooby stated, I would just like to note that it was the agenda minutes.

Mr. Kerner stated, yeah, they're just not chronological. Any opposed to that?

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

Mr. Kerner stated, now we'll move on to reports, starting with 7A Manager's Report.

REPORTS - ADMINISTRATIVE/MANAGEMENT

Borough Manager's Report - Robert C. Sooby - He stated, I first want to remind everyone that on March 22nd, the Bucks County Planning Commission is coming to do a town hall meeting here. On Thursday, I went up to the County and got a preview of what they are going to show. I think it's really important to get as many residents as possible at that meeting. When I came here I put out that I would like to see all parts of Government to pay attention to Morrisville because we deserve it. I went up for a 45 minute meeting, it turned out to be three hours. So they are listening, again, knowing what I do now I had the opportunity to learn that we are going to have to start looking for shovel ready projects that we can get together as Council members who put forth -- if it takes us a year to get the study done and then to move forward with actually applying for the grants. That's the one key thing I came out of that meeting with is we need shovel ready projects. But again, I'd like to say that it's very important that we get the residents out for that meeting, they put a lot of hard work into the designs of Morrisville and I have to say that a lot of the projects that they showed on this power point, you'll say, hey, that's Morrisville. They did a good job and it's areas in our town that they added a little something to it to give our town a little bit more appeal. I'd also like to mention to Council that I've put out for -- well, I didn't put it out for bid, I called three different payroll companies and I think moving forward for the amount of money that the payroll companies charge, it's a no brainer. I've been doing this for the last 8 months, reviewing different companies and due to our auditor, he put us in communication with a company that's in Bristol and their price was unbelievable, so as Mrs. Burger said about the demands that are put on our Borough, between the Federal, State and County filings that we have to do, for a small Borough, it's very time consuming and I believe - again as I said, I believe that we should move forward on that, however I probably will come to some agreement with a company called Streamline, they are in Bristol and I would just like to say we need to move forward and into the future. Every municipality is doing it and when I was doing the trash, we needed to get every resident in Morrisville through their parcel number because the Borough always had homes not with their parcel, but with their account numbers. So, we had to identify all the different residents, and I had to pull my staff from what they were doing regularly and it turned into they were getting behind so I believe that would open up availability for me to have staff learn how to do grant applications to help with the budget and to look into ways to save the residents of Morrisville money. We've done things in a way that was the old school, we've got to look towards the future and be the new school and I think we are headed in the right direction. I'm hoping that through the middle of the summer we will start seeing the rewards of our bounty. If Council has any comments, I will answer them now.

Mr. Kerner asked, is that something we need to vote on or is that something you can do?

Mr. Sooby stated, no, the money amount is so small.

Ms. Smith stated, Bob, can I mention something? When I was at the MMA meeting, they were -- the last thing they had discussed was they were thinking about looking into the possibility of paying like the bill online. Is that something maybe also in the future the Borough could look at as far as paying some of our bills online?

Mr. Sooby replied, certainly.

Ms. Smith stated, okay, because that -- with the hours at the Borough, it might work for people.

Mr. Sooby stated, a lot of these programs too, there is no cost to the Borough. The cost is implemented into our website. As we move further into this process, when the MMA gets it on their website and we see how that works, then most likely we'll move along with them.

Ms. Smith replied, okay. Thank you.

Audience Member: (inaudible)

Mr. Sooby replied, yeah, it's March 22nd at 7:00, up in this hall.

Mr. Kerner stated, next we have 7B, the Solicitor's Report.

Solicitor's Report - Sean Kilkenny - He stated, thank you very much President Kerner, our office has worked with staff on various right to know requests, requests with ordinances. Nothing in particular that's on the agenda this evening, but continue to work with staff on moving forward various legislation that Council is interested in. Thank you very much.

Mr. Kerner replied, thank you.

Ms. Smith asked, can I ask you Mr. Kilkenny if there's any update on the marijuana information we get for the ordinance?

Mr. Kilkenny replied, sure. I provided a draft to Morrisville Borough. When I spoke to Mr. Sooby, he thought it would be better that the item wait until June I believe, for discussion at Council, so I was prepared to come to your workshop meeting, but at staffs request, I chose not to come and look forward to working with the ordinance as it is further developed.

Mayor Rivella stated, not transparent.

Mr. Sooby stated, and we will review that again – again, it's the – we do not have taxes in yet, so we really don't have the funds to make it available for really any projects right now.

Ms. Smith stated, well, the reason I'm asking is because I saw on Mr. Seward's report that the P & B LLC, is in the process of submitting a marijuana dispensary license for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Health, so I believe that company was looking for a location here. So that's why I'm asking about it, because we haven't – right, am I right?

Mr. Sooby stated, as far as I know that individual did come and see me and was interested in a location. However, he has not come back so – that's the only individual that even approached Morrisville.

Mr. Kerner asked, any other questions for Mr. Kilkenny? Engineers report was MS4 I'm sure. Okay, Mayor's Report.

Mayor's Report - David Rivella - He stated, thank you Mr. Kerner. Two things before I hit my report, I'd like to echo with Ms. Smith said. I've, I guess every year for I don't know how many years I've said, I think we should be able to pay our bills online or with a credit card, and again I still would love to see maybe 2 staff people here, even if it's a couple of days a week. If Borough Hall locks the doors at 4:00, 4:30 and most people work until 5:00, it's very inconvenient. I'm still going to continue to ask for it every few months. As far as what I just learned that Mr. Sooby had our Solicitor not give us that information, that really bothers me. I mean, Council directed him to do something and now you've got the Administration stifling it, and I think that's wrong. My personal opinion. As far as my report, last week I had the opportunity to attend the Lower Bucks Overdose Prevention Committee Town Hall Meeting. It was a variety of speakers with very different perspectives and I was very pleased to see – it was very well attended, in fact, even parking for the event was difficult. I am working with the Friends of the Delaware Canal on preparations for the Annual Canal Cleanup, which will take place on April 8th and as always we meet right across from Burns Pharmacy at 9:00 in the morning. And currently, I'm working with the Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission to have NARCAN training program right here at the Borough, please look for more information on this over the next couple of weeks. That's something I am putting together with them and it will be coming up soon. Thank you.

Mr. Kerner stated, thank you Dave. Next we have 7E, the Police Chief's Report.

Police Chief's Report - Chief George McClay - He stated, good evening council. To address the first question that I addressed that was on your Town Watch page, I did send Jen an email that that was a joint operation that we were unaware of until Trenton and the U.S. Marshals decided to take this guy down, apparently he was hiding in a house on Philadelphia Avenue, he was wanted for a shooting and a robbery over in Trenton. They were coming over and low and behold, they were driving past him when he was sitting at Bridge and Pennsylvania and that's when they took him down. So that's when we found out about it when they took him down and that's when we responded over to them. Things happen. Two major trials this past month. Mr. Bird, who was a gentleman that burglarized four homes along the canal this past summer was found guilty of 3 out of the 4 burglaries. He most likely will be serving 10 to 20. The gentleman who robbed the Puff and Stuff down there at 200 block of Bridge plead guilty to a six year sentence. What else do we have going on? As you can see it's Springtime, the bike is out and rolling, I will be out, everybody will see me. I've also signed up for the Tour de Shore, which is a bike ride from 18th and Walnut all the way down to Atlantic City, it's a fundraiser for the children of fallen officers. I joined the Bucks team for that, so there will be something coming out hopefully on our pages this week if I can figure out how to do it, it's a tough transition, but I'm looking forward, I pledged \$1,000.00 to be raised for that, so if anyone would like to contribute, I look forward to that. Besides that, everything is going very well within our Police Department. Thank you.

Mr. Cicero stated, question.

Chief McClay replied, yes, sir.

Mr. Cicero stated, you have a \$16,000.00 reimbursement on your report.

Chief McClay replied, excuse me.

Mr. Cicero stated, on your police report you have a \$16,000.00 reimbursement, what is that for?

Chief McClay replied, you've got to give me a little more than that sir.

Mr. Sooby replied, well I think it's the school.

Mr. Cicero replied, It's some reimbursement, it's right here on page 2, it says reimbursement.

Mr. Kerner stated, we have a lot of page two's.

Mr. Cicero stated, is that for overtime, it's on the bill list. This one right here.

Mr. Kerner stated, cops grant.

Chief McClay replied, that is the money we get back from the school district, sir.

Mr. Cicero stated, thank you very much. I thought it was overtime.

Chief McClay replied, no, sir.

Mr. Cicero stated, from the DA's office.

Chief McClay replied, no.

Mr. Cicero asked, that's the school? Okay, thank you.

Ms. Larison stated, I have a question, the off ramp coming from Route 1 on to Bridge Street, how it was knocked down to 25, is there going to be any patrols there? Cause what's happening is, people are coming off of Route 1 and on to Bridge Street and they're not slowing down, even though it's posted for the 25, but there's still –

Chief McClay stated, if you would like, I will give you the amount of tickets we have written in the last two weeks and I think your jaw will drop.

Ms. Larison replied, just for that area?

Chief McClay replied, just for there. We have hit that so much – it's a tough – you've got to realize coming off that ramp people are going 50 miles per hour and all of a sudden they have to get down to 25, so it takes a little bit of their time. If you see, we have two sets of speed lines set up. One at Jules and the one up at the chiropractor. We usually hit the one at the chiropractor, because we try to give them a break coming off, but I tell you what, I'm kind of surprised you're even saying this, because I think the speed going through town right now is slow compared to what it used to be. I think the 25 mile an hour sign has worked and if you want me to, I will email you the amount of citations we've given out in the last week and a half, two weeks. We're talking probably I bet you about 100 citations.

Ms. Larison replied, that's good to hear, because usually when I'm coming off, I have someone that's –

Chief McClay replied, absolutely, so do I, and I have a real kick of that in the morning time --

Ms. Larison replied, yeah.

Chief McClay stated, when they pass me and I go hi, it's nice to see you and I pull them over and I give them a ticket. It is tough, and I'll tell you with the traffic coming through town right now in the morning time, it's brutal. Until they fix that Turnpike bridge, our traffic has increased 3 or 4 times what we used to have. But I do really feel that the speed enforcement has worked and it has slowed people down coming through our town. But if you want that information, I'll be glad to get it to you.

Ms. Larison replied, great. Thank you.

Chief McClay stated, okay. Any other questions?

Mr. Kerner replied, we're good.

Chief McClay stated, thanks guys.

Mr. Kerner stated, thank you Chief.

Chief McClay replied, thank you.

Mr. Kerner stated, finally we have – and it's on the agenda, our Junior Councilpersons report.

Junior Councilperson - Garlie St. Cyr - She stated, good evening Council, thank you for having me here. I'd like to start off with our upcoming — I'll let you guys pass that out. I just want to talk about our upcoming food drive that works with Operation Helping Hand. It's powered by my English teacher, my 11th grade English teacher Ms. Bramble and Mr. Teefy, so they are the Advisors for our Student Council. Last year we raised about 2,000 like 2 tons, almost 3 tons actually with non perishable goods so that was really good. We're hoping to have at least the same amount if not more this year, so I just passed that out so you guys can know a little bit more information about it, if you wanted to donate anything at the school. Last week we had our Career Day, that was last week, right? I know Ms. Kronnagel came and all the high schoolers, all the grades from the high school went, but it was mainly the Juniors and Seniors that stopped by and we talked to different stations and careers and we got to receive packets and different souvenirs from people that were talking about their jobs, so that was really cool and interesting. We learned about social work, human resources, public health, patient navigating, so that was really interesting. Some of the students that I was with are thinking about going to those careers so that was interesting for them to have information about that. Bucks County Community College came and visited a couple of days ago, so last week, that was in the afternoon and I wasn't there, but they talked about basically financial aid and it was like a career day and college career and for people who were interested in going to community college, so that was informational for them. I also gave you guys a teacher of the year paper. It reads by my teacher Drew King, he sent this to all the teachers so that was just a part of the e-mail. It reads, everyone, we have some great news, someone has nominated our Gloria Bramble for the Inspired Teacher's Union, Inspired Credit Union Teacher of the Year Award. She is the only Morrisville teacher on the list and on that paper has the link to the website if you want to vote for her because anyone can vote as long as you live in the U.S.

And the winner, the teacher who gets the prize has at least \$500 donated to the school so that would be interesting for us to win that money so that would be good for us. We have two trips coming up. One to a Holocaust Museum with our Government teacher Mr. Teefy. Also a trip to U Penn and that's going to be dealing with diversity especially when it comes to the South Asian countries, we don't really have anybody from those countries at our school, so it's going to be interesting to have conversations about their culture and environmental issues and stuff that's going on over there. We had our monthly student meeting last week. It's basically the four of us, but we go there and we break up in sub committees so our projects that we have, because it's all over Bucks County are wrapping up, so they are small public presentations that we give out to schools that has to do with problems dealing with youth in our society like gambling, drug addition, alcohol, disability, so our projects are wrapping up and we are going to be able to deliver those within the next couple of months, because it wraps up completely at the end of June. I have a question for Mayor Rivella about the canal cleanup in April. I have some people that might be interested in that that are a part of National Honor Society and some seniors that are looking for last minute volunteer hours, so I wanted to know if they could come over, would count as volunteer hours if you could sign off on that.

Mayor Rivella replied, I'll make sure, but I would think so.

Mr. Kerner stated, there are actually a couple of clean ups coming up in April — March, April. Plenty of opportunities.

Ms. St. Cyr stated, yeah, not seniors, juniors, because by that time they'll get all their stuff in already. One more thing, we have our gym night coming up, the kids have been working really hard on decorating, our theme is 90's, so we're really excited about that. But that's just a fun thing that we do every year. We are just excited and we are wrapping that up. That's all I have.

Mr. Kerner stated, thank you very much.

Ms. St. Cyr replied, no problem.

Mr. Kerner stated, following our reports we will move on to finance, starting with 8A, a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Sooby, may I have a reading of the bill list?

FINANCE

Mr. Sooby read the bill list.

Motion 8A - Motion to pay the bills.

Motion made by Ms. Smith.

Mr. Pepitone seconded the motion.

Mr. Kerner asked, any questions, comments or recusations?

Mr. Sanford stated, yes. On report date 020917 expenditure GL-I701 on page 6, I am abstaining from voting on invoice #012617 in the amount of \$206.00 for vendor #2254 Sanford Motors Ltd., due to family member conflict of interest. I have a question on the bill list, there's a repair that was done by M & R Electric Contractor on Hillcrest for the sum of \$225.00, could you tell me what that was for?

Mr. Sooby replied, that was the repair of a street light that was hit by lightening.

Mr. Sanford asked, that was another one hit by lightening?

Mr. Sooby replied, yes, well actually it was the last one that we didn't know that was hit and it was reported to us, so we had it fixed.

Mr. Sanford stated, alright, I just never thought there would be a lightening storm in the winter time, that was back from earlier in the year?

Mr. Sooby replied, that's correct. We did put in for a reimbursement.

Mr. Sanford replied, okay, thank you.

Mr. Kerner asked, do you want to pass that down?

Mr. Sanford replied, yes, here.

Mr. Kerner asked, any other questions or comments on the bill list?

Ms. Larison stated, I have a question. On page 1 of GL 1701, vendor 774 for Fields Printwear, where did these shirts go for \$314.75, what are these shirts for?

Mr. Sooby stated, I think that's — George, is that your —

Chief McClay replied, I'm sorry, I missed the question.

Ms. Larison stated, Fields Printwear.

Mr. Sooby stated, Fields Printwear.

Chief McClay replied, yes.

Ms. Larison asked, is that for the police department or is — that's my question.

Chief McClay replied, they were for training t-shirts for the police department.

Ms. Larison replied, okay. Thank you.

Mr. Kerner stated, any other questions or comments on the bill list?

Mr. Pepitone, just a quick question, maybe the Chief can answer this also. Chief, sorry, I wanted to get you before you sat down.

Chief McClay replied, yeah.

Mr. Pepitone stated, the DNA project with Bensalem Township, could you explain that?

Chief McClay asked, what would you like to know?

Mr. Pepitone replied, what is it?

Chief McClay stated, this is a Countywide project that all police departments contribute towards it. The RDA contributes the other half of it. So, it's like a \$500,000.00 project that's run by Fred Harran who is the Director of Public Safety in Bensalem. Each department has so many DNA submissions that we can put in and it's not the best system. It's a system that some of us have argued about doing something different but your two things that you have in Pennsylvania are the two things we have a choice of. We submit it to the Pennsylvania State Police, it takes about a year to come back. Or we submit it — we do both. We take enough samples that I can send them to both, or we send them down to Bensalem. Bensalem has a very big pool of mostly Bensalem residents. Fred has been doing this project for a very long time, for four or five years, put all his people into it. It doesn't help us very much because you have to build up your pool to be able to compare people against. So we're in it, we've got nothing out of it. That's why it's only about \$1,000.00. Falls Township pays about \$40,000.00. Lower Makefield pays about \$35,000.00 to it. The biggest problem — there's a couple of big problems Fred Harran is not connected to CODIS which is the National system, so he's only comparing his DNA samples to the samples that he has in his pool. So, obviously up here we've submitted maybe 20, 25 people in the last year. If one of those 25 people do a crime, then we can get a hit, but what I do is, I do both. Half go to the Pennsylvania State Police and half go to down there, that way I can cover both, but it's not the very best system we have, we've been trying to get the DA to negotiate with Philadelphia to have a regional DNA center but it hasn't come through yet. That's what we need to be able to hook into CODIS. CODIS is the main driving force behind with the FBI.

Mr. Pepitone replied, okay.

Mr. Kerner asked, Regional being the Northeast, or the Philadelphia Region?

Chief McClay replied, Philadelphia Region.

Mr. Kerner asked, so it wouldn't go into Jersey at all?

Mr. Cicero stated, eventually it would.

Mr. Kerner replied, okay.

Chief McClay stated, no, no. What they want to do — what our wish is is that it would be controlled down in Philadelphia. The last negotiation we had was at Drexel University was going to do something like that. And it would be Chester, Montgomery County, Delaware

County, Bucks County and Philadelphia would all contribute their money to there and that's where all the samples would go. That's what really should happen. It just hasn't happened yet. There's been negotiations with Pennsylvania State Police about us sending a — I forget what they're called, a scientist basically up to there and contracting with them. This is a project that is the DA and not all of us agree with it, but we have to support the program, because that's the only thing they have right now. Bucks County overall is not a — how do I say this nice?

Mr. Cicero stated, big contributor.

Chief McClay asked, excuse me.

Mr. Cicero stated, big contributor.

Chief McClay stated, Bucks County does not take Law Enforcement to the higher — to where it should be. Montgomery County puts so much more into Law Enforcement than Bucks County. Bucks County still thinks we are a farming community and we're not and we have to start putting Law Enforcement as a priority and it's something — I have meetings coming up with four or five Chiefs in the area and we're going to meet with the Commissioners in the next couple of weeks. We're trying to get more money. We're trying to get a Drug Task Force together. We're trying to do a lot of different things, and we have to, we have to put our money where our mouth is when it comes to this.

Mr. Cicero asked, George, I think one of the questions could be — everybody watches television and they see that by the end of the show, the DNA sample is back and the person is arrested, but eventually the samples if it's a serious enough crime, does go Nationwide, doesn't it?

Chief McClay stated, not if it goes to Bensalem.

Mr. Cicero asked, not if it goes to Bensalem, but if it goes to the state?

Chief McClay replied, if it goes to Pennsylvania State Police, they are connected to CODIS because they are a certified agency through the FBI.

Mr. Cicero stated, that may take a year or so, right. Thank you.

Mayor Rivella stated, and Morrisville has had hits and DNA has helped us and we have had arrests, but again, that's from CODIS not Bensalem.

Chief McClay stated, true.

Mr. Kerner asked, is the Chief released from these bill related questions?

Mr. Pepitone stated, thank you Chief.

Chief McClay replied, I like these questions.

Mr. Sooby stated, almost got me for the shirts.

Mr. Kerner stated, all those in favor of paying the bills say aye. Opposed?

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

Motion 8B - Motion to authorize the Submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application for the Construction of Playground Improvements at Williamson Park.

Motion made by Mr. Parker.

Ms. Smith seconded the motion.

Mr. Kerner asked, any discussions on this motion?

Ms. Smith stated, um, yeah, I mean I think it's great we're doing something but this wasn't at our agenda meeting, so we have no idea what it's about.

Mr. Sooby stated, well, Thursday as I stated I went up to the County and I went up there with a wish list. I think Sam knows I was wishing for a lot more. I've stated in the past that I dream big and if I could get half of what I dream, we've done something. Being that we — as I stated earlier, we don't have shovel ready projects, we thought about the kids and they miss that playground. I requested that if we do get this grant, that we not only can purchase the — replace the Imagination Island, we can put a tot lot over by the picnic benches as well. I think that applying for this grant would — we have a lot of support behind it, so I think that this is a great opportunity for us.

Mr. Kerner asked, we have no dollar amounts in this grant, or in this resolution I should say?

Ms. Smith stated, and there isn't any.

Mr. Kerner stated, it's kind of a big overarching resolution.

Mr. Sooby stated, we are requesting \$250,000.00.

Ms. Smith asked, and is this, is this for this years CDBG?

Mr. Sooby replied, that is correct.

Ms. Smith asked, for 2017?

Mr. Sooby replied, that is correct.

Ms. Smith stated, okay. So the one that we're still waiting on, M. R. Reiter is separate?

Mr. Sooby replied, that's correct.

Ms. Smith stated, and that one we're still not hearing about what the hold up is.

Mr. Sooby replied, well, again, everybody at the meeting knew I was going to mention that. They feel as bad as we do, however it's on the feds and it's a CDBG HUD Grant, they get the money from the Federal, so again, we had a little bit of an issue with the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and they felt that there was some areas inside the school that had historical value from the 50's and 60's era. I had a report given to them from Summerseat, Historical Society and the MEAC and we put an attachment with a description of what we think, why we think the town needs this and we sent it off to them. We are waiting, that's all I can say, we can't —

Mr. Cicero asked, are we under a deadline here? Do we have to pass this tonight?

Mr. Sooby replied, I'd rather have it sooner than later, because we've got — after May, we have a little bit of trouble, so —

Mr. Cicero replied, okay.

Mr. Sooby stated, but, like I said, the only thing to do at this point is just sit and wait.

Ms. Smith stated, okay. So we're not putting a dollar amount in this, correct? It wasn't a set amount that you asked for?

Mr. Sooby replied, well, I was almost positive we talked about \$250,000.00, right?

Samantha Brinker - (inaudible) The grants only been out for just about a week, they give you about 10 days to bring it around.

Mr. Sooby replied, we only found out about it on Thursday.

Ms. Larison asked, is this a matching grant?

Mr. Sooby replied, no.

Ms. Larison stated, okay.

Mr. Sanford asked, do we have to come up with the design before we can get the grant?

Ms. Smith stated, I believe that's what the engineer —

Samantha Brinker - (inaudible) the vendors will come up with the product and we come up with the layout.

Mr. Sanford stated, alright.

Ms. Smith stated, so your company will be doing that part, correct?

Samantha Brinker replied, yes.

Mr. Sooby stated, they also mentioned at that meeting that they wanted something that would be protected in case of a flood since we had a flood in Williamson Park. So, we're looking for a surface that would resist flooding, which I believe on the whole playground plot that they are designing it's — I mean, just to say in the past we've always used mulch and you have to have a certain amount of mulch each year applied to it. What we're requesting is a material that will hold up year after year after year.

Ms. Smith replied, okay.

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

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business this evening.

Mr. Kerner stated, having no Unfinished Business, we move on to New Business, that would be 10A.

Mr. Cicero stated, I was going to say, you added something.

Mr. Kerner replied, as brought to us by the Beautification Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion 10A - Motion to authorize the placement of an ornamental bench on the Library Grounds at a location that conforms with the Insurance Company's recommendation.

Motion made by Ms. Smith.

Mr. Sanford seconded the motion.

Mr. Kerner asked, questions or comments on this?

Ms. Kronnagel stated, yeah, I'm just, I'm a little confused, I don't know what happened here. We did get a print out here, it looks like a resident started a Go Fund Me page for this, but this never came before Council. So I'm not sure —

Ms. Smith stated, I —

Ms. Kronnagel stated, no just let me finish, because I'm not sure that this would even cover — because we would have to get the engineer out there because it's is on Borough property. We would also have to get the insurance company's okay on that. So I don't know who — if this can be — I'm just, I'm not sure what's happened here. And I'm on the Beautification Committee but I didn't know anything about this and neither did anybody else on Council. I'm just a little —

Mr. Cicero asked, in the motion you did stipulate in conformity with the insurance companies requirements, correct?

Ms. Smith replied, correct. And, well, let me give you a history on it. About a year and a half ago, Annie Milionis came to one of our agenda meetings when she was working for — I think to do a dedication during the National Night Out. Anyway, during that meeting she had brought up when she was working on the plantings at the Library about applying for a grant to get a bench at the Library. At that meeting, the Council did unanimously say yeah, we're okay with you going after that and didn't seem to have any kind of a problem with it. As time went by, the former Manager was a little indignant with her and assumed she wasn't going to be able to do that but never said anything to the rest of the Council. But anyway, since the Beautification Committee had started and of course Annie did a lot of work and got the Borough an award last year for the plantings at the Library which was very nice on our behalf. And the last thing in that phase was to put a bench in which has been mentioned several times. A lot of people go down and they sit on the steps at the Library, so we are one of the only ones in Bucks County that doesn't have an actual nice ornamental bench some place. So, Annie was going to go — she mentioned last year before we stopped our beautification meetings to apply for the grant again and then this year the grant wasn't available then. So it was said she would try to find — we would try and find some other way to get the money is how this ended up coming up. And then a resident decided to do a go fund me and see if any of the residents would be interested and actually paying for it and donating it to the Borough for the beautification to complete that, so I didn't think that was — and I printed this tonight just so that I could give a picture of it for everyone to see it if they haven't seen it so that's why I brought it along. The insurance company last year came and did an analysis of our liabilities in the Borough and they listed what those things were and of course that was also our playground which is why that got shot down and the other one was to check the Library which we had asked Mr. Sooby if the insurance company would take a look at that because there was a debate about putting a bench at the Library. And in the recommendations was that it just couldn't be on the side hill. Mr. Sooby had said that if it was on more level ground which down by the sidewalk that that wouldn't be an issue, so it was stated to Ms. Larison and myself and Annie about that and of course it was just coming up with the money and the season came to an end. So that's how this came about this years — we started our new meetings. So since this was — the money was being raised for this we thought maybe it would be time to actually bring it up for a motion

to say according to insurance recommendations, can we place that bench there so that's why that's here tonight.

Mr. Kerner stated, we don't have a current insurance company recommendation.

Ms. Smith replied, no, just what they said not to put it on the hill on the side.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, well I would just be concerned to that — again, I think our engineer would have to take a look at this because it's on Borough property, I just — I don't know how much that would be, I don't know how much they — I can't remember off the top of my head how much they charge per hour. But, again this wasn't something that was even brought to Council and a resident has taken money from other residents, so I don't know

Mr. Kerner used the gavel.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, how this happened without it coming before Council first. I don't know how —

Ms. Smith replied, well, a resident did it and decided to donate it, that's a bad thing.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, I didn't say it was a bad thing, again this didn't come before Council, so we haven't approved this or —

Ms. Smith replied, well that's what it's here for now for a vote.

Ms. Kronnagel replied, well, I understand that —

Ms. Smith stated, to approve — to accept that bench.

Ms. Kronnagel replied, a resident has already taken \$800 plus dollars from other residents.

Mr. Parker stated, first of all there is no bench as of yet, so there's really nothing for us to accept at this point. If they want to go ahead with the go fund me and then acquire a bench and then have the engineer review it and make sure it meets code, then we can vote on it then, so I don't see the need to vote on a gift that hasn't been donated to the Borough yet.

Ms. Smith stated, code on a bench?

Mr. Parker replied, yeah, you're accepting a donation you just can't —

Ms. Smith stated, don't get hostile, I'm just saying.

Mr. Parker replied, I'm not getting hostile. You interrupted me.

Mr. Sooby asked, the request also asks for some pavers or something?

Ms. Larison stated, yeah, part of the funds from the go fund me. That \$1,500 includes the bench and everything that would belong to go under then bench,

Mr. Parker asked, wait, who's installing the bench?

Ms. Larison stated, around the bench and secure the bench.

Ms. Smith stated, less maintenance.

Mr. Parker stated, those are questions we don't have answered yet.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, that can further open up our liability because again, our Borough Engineer would have to look at that. Because it can't just be something that's — a resident donates their time unfortunately, because of liability these are questions that need —

Ms. Larison stated, I have a question actually. The — at the Library we have a bike rack, did the engineer approve where that bike rack was put?

Mr. Kerner replied, it's been there as long as I've been alive, I don't —

Ms. Larison stated, cause that bike rack is on top of a hill. So you have to walk up the hill to put your bike and down the hill to put your bike.

Mr. Kerner stated, I know it's been a long time it's been there, I've always thought it was silly behind the fence up a hill.

Ms. Larison stated, yeah, it's behind the fence up a hill. So, this bench is not going where it initially was requested to go which was in the back under a shaded tree. It's going closer to the walkway and be secured. Now, I'm sure that we have — if we have approval for this, there would be plenty of residents out there that are equipped to install and secure the bench to make sure no one rolls down the hill.

Ms. Kronnagel replied, you can't do that.

Ms. Larison stated, coming off the bench, if that was approved, or —

Mr. Kerner replied, I think the only way to stop that is putting a fence up.

Mr. Parker asked, is there a bench yet, that's all I need to know?

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

Mr. Parker asked, has it been purchased? So then there's no reason to —

Ms. Larison stated, as far as I know, the bench has not been purchased yet.

Mr. Parker stated, okay, so then there's no donation to accept at this point.

Ms. Smith replied, we're not asking for a donation, we're asking for —

Mr. Parker stated, you are asking to accept a donation of a bench that doesn't exist as of yet.

Ms. Smith replied, that isn't what the motion reads.

Mr. Kerner stated, the motion is to place the bench that doesn't exist.

Mr. Parker stated, it doesn't exist. Acquire the bench and then bring it back to us. I move to table this.

Motion to table made by Mr. Parker.

Mr. Kilkenney stated, a motion to table and second then trumps the motion, there has to be a vote on the motion to table.

Mr. Kerner asked, we don't need a second on the motion to table?

Mr. Kilkenney replied, you do need a second on the motion to table.

Motion seconded by Ms. Kronnagel.

Ms. Larison replied, oh my god.

Mr. Kerner stated, so then we'll have a voice vote on the motion to table. Or a roll call vote, I'm sorry.

Ms. Larison replied, for a bench. Let's table a bench.

Motion to table failed by roll call vote, 5-3. (nay votes being Mr. Cicero, Ms. Larison, Mr. Pepitone, Mr. Sanford and Ms. Smith)

Mr. Kerner stated, so now we'll have a vote on the motion unless there is any further discussion.

Ms. Larison stated, god.

Mr. Cicero stated, I voted not to table it, not because I'm voting against the bench or for the bench, it's just that I don't want to have another — the same issue brought up two weeks from now and we'll get into a 20 minutes discussion over a bench.

Mr. Kerner replied, fair enough.

Mr. Cicero stated, so let's vote on it.

Mr. Kerner stated, this is a motion to authorize the placement of an ornamental bench on the Library Grounds at a location that conforms with the Insurance Company's recommendation. We have a motion and a second, we need a roll call vote.

Motion passes by roll call vote, 6-2. (nay votes being Ms. Kronnagel and Mr. Parker)

Mr. Kerner stated, I believe the motion passes 5-3.

Audience member stated 6-2.

Ms. Smith stated, 6-2.

Ms. Larison stated, 6-2.

Mr. Kerner stated, I believe it was a no from Ted —

Ms. Larison stated, Ted and Corryn.

Mr. Kerner stated, Corryn and Bill.

Ms. Smith stated, no, Bill said yes.

Ms. Larison stated, no, Bill said yes.

Mr. Pepitone stated, I said yes.

Ms. Larison stated, 6-2.

Mr. Kerner stated, 6-2, okay, we're down to our final —

Ms. Larison replied, oh my god.

Mr. Kerner stated, Announcements and Borough Officials all rolled together if anybody has anything they'd like to add to this meeting.

DISCUSSION

There was no discussion this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Kronnagel stated, yes, just briefly, Summerseat is having a spirit night to fundraise, I think they are trying to get themselves a new heater. That will be on March 20th, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Chick-fil-A, you do not need to show any sort of flyer or card, just let them know that you are there for the Chick-fil-A fundraiser.

Mr. Kerner stated, I believe that's our next regular Council meeting, so eat beforehand.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, yeah, go beforehand. Also, I was able to attend a meeting at the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce where they discussed the Turnpike Bridge. Apparently, that looks like it's going to take about four months to fix. Apparently, a girder snapped and they have to jack it up and, so some good news for the idea that they will finish it in time, not necessarily good news for them, it is something that they are losing 5 million dollars plus a week, so the outlier of six months probably won't happen. So, we all have to hope that they will get that done again in the four months time. That's all I had.

Mr. Kerner stated, thank you Corryn. Anyone else have anything?

Ms. Larison stated, I do. I went to the MEAC meeting last week, and they did bring up a couple of clean ups that the MEAC will be doing. The Greystone cleanup which is on Crown Street is going to be April 29th from 10-12. And then they're also doing a Riverfront cleanup down by the dog park which is Philadelphia and Delmorr. They are doing that Saturday, March 25th, from 10-12 and then they have a rain date for March 26th from 1-3.

Mr. Kerner, (inaudible)

Ms. Larison replied, yes, I can send you that.

Mr. Kerner stated, anyone else?

Mr. Sooby stated, again, I'd like to mention the March 22nd Bucks County Planning Commission Town Hall meeting at 7:00.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Mr. Cicero and seconded by Ms. Smith
Meeting adjourned.