

MEETING MINUTES
MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017
7:30 p.m.

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Monday, October 16, 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 are adding one more motion that you don't see, it is motion 4A, motion to appoint a Junior Councilperson for the 2017-2018 school year.

Ms. Smith stated, Mr. President, I would like to add another motion tonight under new business, motion to hire Code Inspection, Inc. as interim Code Enforcement Official.

Mr. Kerner stated, will begin with a moment of silent prayer, followed by a Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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
Dave Sander, Solicitor
John Later, Superintendent of Public Works

Not Present: Robert A. Seward, Assistant Borough Manager/Code Enforcement

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Motion 4A - Motion to appoint a Junior Councilperson for the 2017-2018 school year.

Mr. Kerner asked, do I have any nominations?

Motion to nominate Sade Ricketts made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Mr. Kerner asked, are there any other nominations, any other nominations, are there any other nominations? All those in favor of Sade Ricketts for our Junior Councilperson for the 2017-2018 school year say aye. Opposed?

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

(audience claps)

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

1. Nancy Sherlock - *424 West. Bridge Street*
She explained the donation money for the Robertson Art Tile Company and that there was no reimbursement necessary. She stated that the Jazz Festival was successful and she thanked all the sponsors and business that helped with the payment for the bands. She stated that it could be a destination if the town and council got behind it. She stated that the public works vehicles that were purchased over the past couple of years were budgeted items in Capitol Improvement line. She stated that she would venture to guess that if you asked anybody that had a Borough stump removed from their property with the stump grinder they would say it wasn't a irresponsible purchase. She stated that the Cornerstone Report was not a secret investigation, it was a painful reality and it did cost us a little over \$300,000.00, not between \$500,000.00 and \$800,000.00 as it continues to be reported. She talked about the comprehensive lighting project. She stated that it included lighting in the Borough, the Library, the Public Works Department, it included a new heating system here in the Borough as well as new windows and this project pays for itself because of the savings that we have every year, so I don't understand why it keeps coming back as a negative. She talked about the Robertson Art Tiles that were found at the storage unit across from the Actor's Net and thought it would be nice if a couple could be

donated for the cabinet downstairs. She stated that the event itself had been embraced by many but she wished it had been embraced by more. The historians were very pleased with the marker. Robertson Tile was a very significant part of Morrisville and their history. She asked if the last motion that was just added if there will be a figure attached to that or an estimated cost to hire that particular business.

2. John Pasture, Jr. -

He stated, he wanted to talk about motion 10C, a motion to hire a full time code enforcement officer. He wanted to know if that was going to be outsourced or if it was going to be a Borough employee.

Mr. Kerner replied, it's a Borough employee.

Mr. Pasture asked, so we are not going to outsource?

Mr. Kerner replied, we'll see whether he's authorized to advertise for it or not.

Mr. Pasture asked, as a Borough employee or outsourced?

Mr. Kerner replied, no as a Borough employee, 10C is —

Mr. Cicero replied, I don't think he understands, he's asking if we're going to outsource the job or are we going to hire —

Mr. Kerner replied, we're going to hire a Borough employee.

Mr. Cicero replied, anybody we hire will be a Borough employee.

Mr. Kerner replied, after they're hired.

Mr. Cicero replied, after they're hired.

Mr. Kerner replied, I'm not saying that the person that we're hiring is already a Borough employee, what we're authorizing is for someone to do the job under the direction of our Manager as an employee of the Borough.

Mr. Pasture replied, okay, I was here Tuesday and there were members of the Board that wanted to outsource that job and I am here to speak against it.

Mr. Kerner stated, and that may be what they vote for today, I'm not sure, it's on the agenda. The motion 10C is asking to hire an employee of the Borough to do that job.

Mr. Pasture asked, will there be more public comment after that?

Mr. Cicero replied, this is it.

Mr. Pasture replied, well I'm against outsourcing. The lady that just spoke before me talked about Robertson Tile, the vulcanized rubber company the exported all over the world that's all gone, now this town has turned into rental properties. Do we know how many houses are in the Borough?

Mr. Kerner replied, I don't know off the top of my head, no.

Ms. Larison replied, about 3,300 houses.

Mr. Pasture asked, do we know how many of them are rental properties?

Mr. Cicero replied, 45 percent.

Ms. Kronnagel replied, the Borough is at 45 percent rentals roughly.

Mr. Pasture asked, how many businesses are in the Borough?

Mr. Kerner replied, I'm not sure of that either.

Ms. Smith replied, yeah.

Mr. Sooby replied, we have 1,387 apartments, 421 homes that were converted into apartments.

Mr. Pasture replied, so there are 1,800 units that could be annually inspected by a Borough employee, leaving that money in the Borough, versus a third party that we would pay that doesn't have any interest in the Borough, multiple people, multiple companies, and in the long term, we would pay for their insurance policy, their employee, his health benefits, their profits, it's endless money that could stay in the Borough. I'm just totally outsourcing anything. We've outsourced a lot and we've lost a lot of business and now we're just stuck with cigarette stores, nail salons and fireworks, we've got to get away from that and get it back to family owned houses not all these rental properties.

3. *Jane Burger - 90 West Maple Avenue*

She stated, congratulations to our new Junior Councilperson this year, I'm sure it will be a rewarding experience for you. As you are here during the meetings, feel free to chime in and ask a question. I know our past Councilpersons have provided information about happenings up in the school district, but you can really do more than that, so I hope you will look into that and look into how our Government is run. She is hoping that Council votes favorable for the three ordinances listed under new business this evening, it's been a long time coming and better late than never. We are looking forward to working with those

ordinances dealing with property maintenance and rental properties. She talked about the invoice that she questioned last month for the Solicitor Rudolf Clarke for the Civil Service Commission. She stated that after the meeting someone suggested that it might have been due to the reorganization. She decided to file a right to know and got invoices for the Solicitor and it seems a lot of the works has to do with looking at the current rules and regulations and she was wondering if current council members have received any information from Ms. Kronnagel who chairs the Civil Service Commission. She was curious why the Civil Service was meeting and why information needed to be tweaked with the regulations, we're there recent changes that required amendment? She stated that the rules and regulations are public documents available for anyone's inspection at any time, so your work on these could be shared with the public, certainly could be shared with Council. She stated that she was disappointed, this gives the appearance of no transparency, it's like, what's wrong with the regs, Council should certainly know, the Police Chief would know, and of course he was invited to your meeting in June to discuss proposed rules and regs. She stated, I'm just looking at this and the total bills and when is Council going to be informed that the Civil Service Commission is meeting to look at these and what they are looking to do, because the Council does have a role in that. She also stated to Ms. Kronnagel that minutes are required for Civil Service and the minutes for the organization meeting in January 2016 should be available. I can understand again since you have not had a lot of meetings that the Civil Service Secretary might want to confer with the Solicitor to review the draft minutes and he did and there was a charge and then he revised the minutes, so hopefully going forward we will not have to pay the solicitor for the Civil Service Commission to do the minutes for the Civil Service Commission Secretary since that is supposed to be their job. I am just concerned that before this goes too much further that Council be enlightened what you are looking at to change because they have to go along with that and they have to make some sense, the regulations weren't out of the tops of our previous councilpersons heads, they came out of a model that came to us from the State and they are supposed to conform with the Borough State Code Law. There are certainly things that are required that can't really be eliminated, there really can't be written test, there has to be physical fitness or agility test, once you've narrowed it down the Commission has the selection, there has to be a background check, there has to be a psychological examination, there's a lot of things that have to be done that are there because they are required by law. I guess that's more procedural thing rather rather than a content thing. I just want to share that with you as you go forward, so take that under advisement.

4. Robert Butcher - S. Pennsylvania Avenue
He stated, it has been 20 years and 6 months that he has been waiting for the trucks to stop. It's getting worse. It seems as though since they took the count it's twice as more trucks. They are running two shifts now, midnight and dayshift. If you have to get up in the middle of the night to go to the bathroom, you are not going to fall asleep again. About every 30 or 40 seconds I'm counting trucks

instead of sheep, it seems like they are going right under your bed, they are very noisy. I don't think anybody cares anymore, I'm getting a little disgusted with the whole thing. I don't know what's going on because I haven't heard anything and I haven't been to a meeting lately so it's partially my fault so I just wanted to know, is there anything going on at all or is there anything going to go on about them or what's happening? That's all I have to say. They are very noisy, even if you take a nap in the afternoon, you're not going to get a good rest because they are driving all day long and all night long.

Mr. Kerner asked, do we know where the study is, it's been done. Is there an action plan from the State?

Mr. Sooby replied, well, we're waiting on an approval to implement signs coming off the highway to divert the trucks to Tyburn Road. That meeting has not yet been scheduled but believe me, a lot of work and a lot of time has gone into that traffic study and it will be sooner than later that that will be addressed.

5. Bill Farrell - 347 N. Pennsylvania Avenue
He stated, relative to the trucks, I know that Yardley was complaining about the trucks, because they are concerned about when they are going to do the Scudder Falls Bridge, the Representative got involved, finally he came down here to see what was going on, so that's where it's at I believe. He stated, down the park, I know it's a public place, recently I went to a picnic, it was on a Sunday, all the trashcans were filled and there was all stuff all over the ground. It was for the Holy Trinity Church, they had to clean it up and they were able to put plastic bags in the containers. Is there a receptacle down there where you can get rid of this trash or is this just the plastic drums?

Mr. Kerner replied, as far as I know, it's all plastic drums down there.

Mr. Farrell asked, but there's no place to dump them is there, like a receptacle where you could take them and dump them.

Mr. Kerner replied, I don't believe so, the only dumpster along the river I know of is Actor's Net's.

Mr. Farrell replied, yeah, well maybe you should put one down there because you get a lot of slobes going down there and they only pick up on Friday it's my understanding. Mr. Sooby, you don't have to answer tonight, how's the garbage update going, because I'll be asking you that every month you're here, or every month I'm here.

Mr. Sooby replied, it's doing really well. We Brough 94% of the regular sanitation into the Borough which last year we probably brought in like 65%.

Mr. Farrell stated, so you're up 25% from last year, 25 and 40.

Mr. Sooby replied, no we're up 50% from last year. Last year we brought in \$120,000.00.

Mr. Farrell asked, how much is left still outstanding do you know?

Mr. Sooby replied, there's a lot left. Again, well, it's — you know what, how many years did that just — I'm trying the best I can, I can't go out and strong arm people for the money.

Mr. Farrell replied, I'm not blaming you.

Mr. Sooby replied, okay, well, I'm just saying.

Mr. Farrell stated, I'm blaming this Council for not staying on top of it. The next thing. Mrs. Sherlock talked about the JC Controls for the lighting, you signed a 17 year contract I believe with JC, is that correct?

Ms. Smith replied, yup.

Mr. Farrell asked, isn't there a contract you signed for 17 years?

Ms. Smith replied, yes.

Mr. Sooby replied, I don't believe so, not 17 years.

Ms. Smith stated, yeah, it was.

Mr. Farrell stated, it was 17. Numbers I'm pretty good at, some other stuff I am not.

Ms. Smith stated, I got the amortization sheet, yup.

Mr. Sooby replied, that's how long the loan is.

Ms. Smith replied, right.

Mr. Cicero replied, that's how long the loan is.

Ms. Smith replied, okay.

Mr. Farrell stated, that was the contract you signed with JC. It was a loan?

Mr. Cicero replied, yes. It was a loan, the Borough took a loan.

Mr. Farrell stated, a loan, you borrowed from JC, you borrowed from the bank, not JC. What have you got to say Victor? It was a loan with the bank, TD Bank?

Mr. Cicero replied, that's right.

Mr. Farrell, thank you Victor. Wasn't there something where JC would be here to oversee it for 17 years? Yes or no?

Mr. Cicero replied, I don't remember.

Mr. Sooby replied, yes, it was part of our warranty.

Mr. Cicero replied, certain things, not everything. Not everything.

Mr. Farrell stated, okay. I just wanted to make sure that I'm right. I'm not right that often, but when I come here, I gotta be right. Relative to the savings, I know you've only been here a couple of years, have you seen any savings up to this point? What was the consumption back before they installed this?

Mr. Sooby replied, well, the warranty that we do have guarantees us the savings will pay for the loan payments.

Mr. Farrell stated, right, but they don't give you any money. You get no money from them, they pay for the loan, correct? That's where your money goes.

Mr. Sooby replied, well, again, the payment is from the savings that we are saving from what we had before to what we have now and the difference that the payment would be is what they would guarantee that it wouldn't go over a certain amount of money.

Mr. Farrell replied, right to cover the loan. Last but not least, we have Halloween coming, Trick or Treat, you got Thanksgiving, everybody's going to eat turkey, you got Christmas, all presents, then you got New Years Eve which is a party night for a lot of people. I like this time of the year, maybe not the weather, but there's election coming next month. I got my Morrisville Times in the mail yesterday, I sat down there and I scanned through it, all the political ads were in there. I just sat down there. I had a good time. I had quite a few good laughs, because I am looking at the people that are running and I'm saying, one thing I do, I know who the people are who are running. Unfortunately, people in this town don't, because they don't come here, they don't watch the meetings. So, with that said, of course there's signs all over where I live. Thank god everybody doesn't have a witch in their yard, there would be witches galore. Next month will be your election, people get out and vote. I've said it in the past, stop voting for names, you see where we're at. Now after the election, we'll find out the individuals that have won or lost which is normal, but Morrisville, depending on how the election comes out, people of Morrisville you're going to find out if this town has won or lost, and I'll be happy next month to tell you.

6. Holly Harman - *S. Pennsylvania Avenue*

She stated, Fred, thank you for your concern about the fire that was down in my neighborhood which was evidently wasn't anything. I noticed on the Borough

website, because I was just checking to see what channels were going to be playing this video, I kind of find it a little bit of rubbing our nose in it that they've got pictures of those pretty blue trash cans on the website, yet we have none. The mulch Bob Sooby, are we able to get any of that for us gardeners, will there be a time that you will be opening it that we will be able to access that?

Mr. Sooby replied, go down on the weekends, we have a gentleman that opens the gate, you can have as much as you want.

Ms. Harman asked, is it like on a Saturday, Sunday?

Mr. Sooby replied, Saturday and Sunday.

Ms. Harman asked, okay, early?

Mr. Sooby replied, I'm not sure what time it actually opens up, I think it would be somewhere around 9:00.

Ms. Harman stated, alright because I had someone ask me about it as well. About a week and a half ago I had an incident at my place that involved calling the Morrisville Police Department, I noticed in the Police log that it was not even mentioned, I am questioning the completeness of these reports, because I know for a fact I made a report, spoke to a police officer and yet nothing is on the log.

Mr. Kerner replied, I'm sure our Chief will address that.

Ms. Harman stated, yeah, I just wanted to get it out there while I was up here. Concerning the lighting too, I did a little research on my own, I did Right To Knows with Falls, Middletown, Tullytown and Bristol Township. They are part of a lighting consortium that gives them buying power for these fixtures. The three bigger municipalities, Bristol Township, Falls and Middletown have at least three times the fixtures that we have and yet they paid less then \$800,000 for their lights for three times the fixtures. I'm curious why we didn't take advantage of this consortium that the Government provides for us to give us the buying power for these fixtures. I know the ship has sailed but they obviously are doing it right and I had a very long talk with the gentleman in Middletown Township explain to me how it all works. One last thing, it's very disheartening that the former Councilwoman that's no longer on Council anymore claims to be Morrisville's Ambassador would hold the Morrisville Senior Center in such low regard. While Morrisville has rallied behind the center and has worked hard to support it, this Ambassador could not see beyond her black heart and choose to call the County because of her singular hatred for Town Watch and anything associated with it. Her actions may have sweeping repercussions that will severely curtail the centers ability to raise cash. I applaud the numerous volunteers that have worked so hard to preserve the center but I fear that one persons hatred has neutralized their efforts. I urge that this council and any future councils take this

loathsome deed into consideration when sanctioning future music events sponsored by this individual. Thank you.

7. Kathy Panzitta - 401 Hillcrest Avenue

She stated, as the other people in this room might not know, I was a former Councilperson, so I do understand when you are getting into your budget season and how tough all budgets are. I also understand the position of a Borough Manager if everybody wants to look to that one person during budget season and say let's make it work. In watching the finance meeting that you just had recently, to go over — and it seemed like it was getting ready, because it seemed — the Chief and the Mayor showed up and they wanted to speak about their budgets. I totally understand that, you have to look at your expenses, but you also have to look at your revenue streams and what I didn't hear too much in that meeting was what you could foresee in the future and how you wanted to really put an idea of how you are going to fund it. The number I did hear from the Chief was to sustain his level at \$86,000.00. I'm not going to sit here and quote to you insurance rates, what the percentages are and all those statistics, but the real question is, it's not Mr. Sooby's problem and it's not that I'm going — I've gone after him a couple of times in the last couple years, I did step away from it — I'm not going to sit here and say I know all your Borough Code, because I found out that probably the Borough Code to raise revenue that I think is a stream you all should back and go to your organization and say times have changed.

Morrisville, yes it is a Borough, I think it is truly unique, it is not like your other neighboring Borough's, you do have Trenton right across the street. There are those little three bridges that come right over, probably most of the Borough's that go by your Borough Code are sitting in other areas and don't face what you face. I have said this before and I have said it when I had to sit at that table and I had to fight for part-time police officers to get a 25 cent raise, so I do know what I'm speaking about. When you go back on to this budget, I think that the words came out from the Chief very clearly, have you gone to all your department heads, and have you gone back and said where you were going to cut. We heard this when nobody wanted to vote for a budget, it's somebody else's budget, it's not my budget. A no vote can be a position, or you go there with a purpose, and your purpose I think is number one, I don't even think there should be a finance committee. I said it when I was up there for 10 years, how can you make a decision on any of those seats on anything that affects anything without having your hands on where you see that money to be. If it's quote, "your budget," or somebody else's budget because you voted no, you still have to live with it. That comes with part of the job. What I'd like to say is, I did talk to the Chief beforehand and he tells me that since I've left, and like I said, I'm not going to follow Borough Code, I'm not going to stay up to date with it, because I'm going to go home and work on 300 budgets tonight myself for something, so you guys have to deal with your issue. But you do have revenue streams that you need to go back to your organization and say, why should a hotel sit in a Borough and not be able to have a tax. Every hotel I've gone to everywhere, there's always a local tax. So my question is, alright, if your Borough Code

doesn't allow for that, then you all belong to the Borough Association, you send a representative out there, you start making the change. You're going to have a meeting, that Association of Boroughs is going to want to come up and ask for what you guys want to do. So tonight, I know you're going to have to deal with your issues and how your going to sustain where your money is and however you're going to fix your 30 mils and only 5 additional caps. That's another thing I think should get thrown out too, antiquated, out of the area. But what I'd like to see you do is stand up, go back to your association and go change that. Go change that law and sit there and say there are revenue streams that stop us because we are a Borough. Times have changed, I said it when I was up there, I had to live with it, the Borough Code, but guess what, you've got to move and you've got to change. So let's be proactive instead of reactive and at least start for the future. You might not be able to change your gap now, it's going to take you to get all your other members and start changing stuff, but start changing the law and why don't you start right here. Thank you.

8. Eileen Dreisbach - *75 Harrison Avenue*

She stated, I really didn't want to come up here tonight but something came up that necessitated it, but there's other things that I want to address first. First of all, Mr. Sooby, you had just said that the savings for the lights is to cover the payments for the loan. Do they cover the payments for the loan totally?

Mr. Sooby replied, yes.

Ms. Dreisbach stated, okay thank you, and this is each month, every payment.

Mr. Sooby replied, well they do an analysis, they come out some time in April and we give them all of our numbers for the year and they do an analysis for how much spending — there's a lot of categories that they use, it's actually not exact dollars, it's based on what kind of labor that we had before compared to the new lights, our heating system. Every that was in that JCI contract.

Ms. Dreisbach asked, so it's not just the lights?

Mr. Sooby replied, no, it's total savings.

Ms. Dreisbach replied, ok, thank you. I have an issue on Ohio Avenue, several years ago, the Borough was given a property down there and I'm not sure if they were given the pit or the property around it, now it's known as Morrisville Lake. Do we own the lake, or do we own the property surrounding the lake to Ohio Avenue?

Mr. Kerner replied, I believe we only own the lake. Once we sold off the paper streets down there, I thought we lost all access to the lake.

Ms. Dreisbach stated, so we have a lake with no way to get there.

Mr. Kerner replied, correct.

Ms. Dreisbach stated, oh, okay. Thank you.

Mr. Kerner stated, it's not a recent thing, it's been a while.

Ms. Dreisbach stated, yeah I know, but I have an issue with that, but I'll discuss that with the Borough Manager later. Corryn, I remember, I believe it was last year someone — you were talking with someone about the property behind the fence for Amtrak and you were addressing it with a representative from Amtrak and they were going to come out and clean up the area. Do you know if it's ever been addressed or done?

Ms. Kronnagel replied, no, I've never spoken to a representative from Amtrak.

Ms. Dreisbach asked, did you not talk to a resident on Greene Street last year and say that they were going to come out and clean it up?

Ms. Kronnagel replied, I have never spoken to a representative from Amtrak. I never told a resident that I spoke to somebody from Amtrak.

Ms. Dreisbach asked, but did you tell someone that it was going to be cleaned up?

Ms. Kronnagel replied, I told someone that Amtrak told the Borough that it was going to be cleaned up.

Ms. Dreisbach asked, okay, and have you heard any more from them?

Ms. Kronnagel replied, I never spoke to Amtrak.

Ms. Dreisbach asked, okay, so you haven't followed this up at all?

Ms. Kronnagel replied, I've never spoken to Amtrak.

Ms. Dreisbach stated, no, I mean with the Borough or anything.

Ms. Kronnagel replied, I have followed up with the Borough yes, and as far as I know, they were unable to get ahold of Amtrak to follow up.

Ms. Dreisbach stated, okay, so their solution to cleaning up the bottles with urine and everything else that lay down at the bottom by the fence is to just dump stone at the top of the hill and roll it down and the bottles all sit at the bottom of the fence and it's still there. This has been happening for years and I think someone needs to address it from the Borough, even if it's the Borough Manager

if he has to contact Amtrak. I know it's a very difficult thing to get Amtrak to do anything in our Borough. I tried for years, even when I was on Council it didn't happen. However, they did come down and build a wall down there, but now they have to come and address that because it's falling down. My other issue, my name was brought up, someone had asked on the Right To Know what I have done to preserve Imagination Island and what I had done to clean up that area behind the fence at the Amtrak property. I have not been on Council for 4 years, I chose not to run. I was on Council for 8 years and I did my best to get things done. I worked at Manor park quite a bit. Most recently, when one of the slides was taken out and a piece of metal was put up there, I went out bought paint and I painted it with chalk paint and I took chalk down there so the kids could draw on it which they enjoyed doing and I don't mind doing, every since it's been put in I've been trying to keep it cleaned up. They want to know what I was doing instead of taking care of these issues, and I'm one person, I'm not a whole Council, I'm not a whole Borough and I don't feel that it's my responsibility to take care of these two projects. I very rarely went to Imagination Island, we have a park in Manor Park and that's where I take my grandchildren. I may have been volunteering at the Williamson Park for the Rotary Easter Egg Hunt or National Night Out, I may have been relaxing at home, I may have been preparing for my Sunday School class, I may have been at my rheumatologist getting shots for my arthritis in my joints, then again, I may have been sitting at Route 1 or at Philadelphia and Pennsylvania Avenue writing down names of trucks, times and dates that they were going and which direction for two or three months to give this problem with the dump trucks resolved. So that's what I've been doing. What have you been doing Mr. Parker. The only thing I can remember you doing that stands out in my head is you tossing a lap top.

9. *Mike Yager - 338 Melvin Avenue North*

He stated, wow, a lot's been said tonight already. I'm going to try and keep my comments short and sweet. First, congratulations to the new Junior Councilperson, I hope you learn a lot here, ask a lot of questions, that's the best way to learn. Ask questions sometimes twice if you don't think that you really understand the answer you are given, so ask those questions. I do want to chime in about Motion 10C to advertise for a full time Code Enforcer, now Ms. Smith also put out a motion to hire a code enforcement company as an interim. Honestly, I'm not sure how any of you can vote on either one of these things and I'm just being honest. There's never been a cost analysis done officially, I know there's been some conversation about what the fees are for one company, but there hasn't been an official cost analysis done. You're talking about advertising something that you haven't even discussed a salary for. You haven't discussed requirements of that individual. You haven't even decided whether or not that individual needs to come pre-equipped with all the certifications they're supposed to have, especially considering all the things you're going to vote on today that's going to change the requirements, so I'm not sure how anybody could put a yes vote to either one of those things because there's so many empty open items that just aren't answered, so I just wanted to touch base on that. And then real

quick on the JCI savings, just because it came up, so I'm assuming that there is some documentation that shows that savings Mr. Sooby, is that correct?

Mr. Sooby replied, that's correct.

Mr. Yager replied, okay. So I will be requesting that, because if you can with certainty sit here and say tonight that it covers it there should be some easy documentation that you could provide that shows that each year, perfect. Thank you guys.

10. Justin Bowers - *219 W. Trenton Avenue*

He stated, just a few comments on what Bill had said, he some questions about the trash and the savings for JCI and some of your answers were generalizations and I think it would be helpful to everyone here if you provided numbers and figures. I don't mean this in a bad way, but the saying is, numbers don't lie. If you had the numbers, people would make their own conclusions and see what they are and I think it would avoid a lot of confusions about saying we brought in a lot of money, we brought in a little money, we brought in some or none. The numbers don't lie. My next question is kind of under the same topic as Mike. I've been at a lot of meetings lately, I know there's been some discussion on the Code Enforcement position, so I'm wondering, because when I was there I did not see it, but is there a job description, qualifications and salary that has been discussed and agreed upon by council? I think it's key that you have all those in place before you go out and even ask for people to apply. My next question is, a couple of weeks ago, there was a tree on the Boroughs property on West Maple Avenue in the little triangle that was cut down, it's been a couple of weeks now and the stump is still there. So I'm wondering why we either didn't have the company who was already there with the stump grinder grind it out or why we haven't taken our stump grinder there and ground it yet and is there a time frame on getting that done. I was looking through the bill list and I was just curious, there's \$314.00 for park activities, I was just wondering maybe you could clarify what park activities are. I also looked through there and saw some charges for street sweeping, the other night Bob was having a discussion in the parking lot that the sweeper was not being used currently, so I'm just curious why we're charging labor and salaries there if it's not being used or we're we out using it. Additionally, I see on the agenda there are some EDC appointments I am curious as to why they were not advertised as open vacancy spots to the public on the website. If you go to the website there's a section for that and right now, there's nothing listed there. So if anybody had any interest, even if the people wanted to continue serving on that I think they should have been notified that they could send in a letter of interest. Lastly, I just want to put up a reminder that the Friends of Morrisville Dog Park are hosting a Halloween Parade at the dog park on October 28th from 1-3 pm, we hope we get a lot of people turning out, we have some prizes for different costumes and registration begins at 12:30 p.m. Thank you.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 6A - Motion to approve the Special Borough Council Meeting minutes of Tuesday, August 8, 2017.

Motion made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Ms. Smith seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

Motion 6B - Motion to approve the Regular Borough Council Meeting minutes of Monday, August 21, 2017.

Motion made by Ms. Smith.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

REPORTS - ADMINISTRATIVE/MANAGEMENT

Borough Manager's Report - Robert C. Sooby - He stated, as we were all talking tonight about budget season, we will be posting for all the council members a schedule hopefully with the next Friday delivery, just to get your feedback on what works for all of council. We are

finishing up our projections, so we should be moving forward with the budget any day now that we can get solid numbers moving forward. Thank you.

Solicitor's Report - Dave Sander - He stated, no separate report this evening Mr. President.

Mayor's Report - David Rivella - He stated, last month during the Chief's report he said that crime had risen 16%, somehow there's a rumor going around that he said 60%. That's a big difference, he said 16%. I actually asked him, he not only assured me not only was it 16% and there's crime stats pretty much on the table if you are unaware, also in the past three years the Chief looked at all the numbers and said crime was down 30%. Body cameras as you recall, I hope you recall Morrisville is one of the first in Bucks County to use the cameras. Recently, so I want to make sure everyone is aware that the Chief and I are aware of that and new directives have been implemented for our department and certainly can use cameras and they are compliant with the new laws. Lastly, I want to thank Finn Thompson from Troop 99, I don't know if anyone noticed, but he was very kind, he helped build us a new sign for Highland Park. A resident contacted me and asked if the Borough was going to replace the sign and it really wasn't a Borough sign so I told him I didn't think so. I put some thought into it and I reached out to see if an Eagle Scout would be interested in the project and there was a Scout in deed that really thought this was a great idea, so he helped, it became his project, he not only build the sign, it actually went up over the weekend so I'm announcing it a little early, we do want to have a nice unveiling for it in the very near future in a couple of weeks, but in the meantime, if you happen to drive down if you see the sign, that's the scout that built it on Hamilton Boulevard — so thanks again to Finn Thompson from Troop 99. That is the extent of my report.

Police Chief's Report - Chief George McClay - He stated, Council and Mayor we have a new vehicle from the District Attorney's Office we use for our undercover work, it was a brand new vehicle given to us by Matt Weintraub. Justin Bickhardt is in S.W.A.T. school this week. This will be the first time we have a full-time officer on the S.W.A.T. team in Bucks County. Three officers this month finished the FTO School. As the Mayor was mentioning last month about the crime stats, it was 16%, it was no doubt about that. My stats are here every month, they are on our website every month, please look at them, they are there. We did have a tough summer, no doubt that crime was not good, I was not happy with it, but since then, there were two main arrests made. One was for a theft for an auto that turned into a fraud, that man was arrested and he is in Mercer County, he was interviewed and admitted that he was out every night going into unlocked cars. Since then we had none, so I would think he was responsible for a lot of them. We haven't had any more burglaries since that male was arrested for burglarizing Staley's. This month alone so far going into the 16th day of the month, we've had 3 part one crimes, 2 being stolen autos, one of those cars, the person lost their keys and lost their remote control and never took it to the dealer to get it changed, kind of tough to prevent that one. Second one, the male was partying with four other guys, gave somebody his keys and the next morning the car was gone, another tough crime to stop. The only other part one crime was a stolen bike that was left unlocked at the 7-11. Before, I've told you about — I can't prevent a lot of the crime but please judge us on what we do solve and how we do try to stop it by the arrests that are made. The guys made two arrests last month — what I really think stopped most of it. We hired a new part-time secretary, a lady by the

name of Cathy Breza who is not related to anybody in the Borough or on Council, or anybody else here. That was a very big subject of Facebook. She's not related to anybody and she's doing a fabulous job. Like the Mayor said, I put a new directive out this month — just because the change of the wire tap law we were forced to do that now we are allowed to record inside peoples homes while we're there. Halloween is coming up. I will have extra officers as I do every year on the street. On October 2nd I took a vacation day. Remember a couple of months ago the Bucks County Tour of Honor was here, I took the bus trip down with the World War II and Korean Veterans, let me tell you, if you guys get a chance, it's an inspirational day. Take a vacation day and go down with these men and women. It was a great day. Okay, monthly stats, we had last month a total of 1,171 incidents that we were involved in, I should list 1,171 incidents in our log, or just have the 447 radio calls that we had last month, do you want those all listed on the log. This wasn't a crime, I can not put everything on there, we put on crimes and arrest, every crime and every arrest, they are there, those records are complete and to the point. You have more transparency in this police department now then you've ever had. The stats are here every month, they are on the website. Every Tuesday the crime goes on our Facebook page. It's there, and if you have any questions as the month goes by and you don't see something, please email me. Have your constituents email me. Everybody knows I get back to them right away on emails. So if there's any question somethings missing — certain things happen in certain peoples homes that is not something that should be publicized and that was not a crime that is why that was not on there, but my reports are complete and to the point. Our digital sign that we talked about last month, that is being delivered on a grant from Ivyland on Wednesday, I hope to have it here by the end of the week. I will have that up and in use for the Trenton Marathon that's coming up in a couple of weeks on October 28th. Please be advised if you're talking to any of your people while you're out there helping our community, tell them that there will be road closures on October 28th from 8:00 to 11:00 and they will be on Park Avenue, Central Avenue, Delmorr, Maple, Crown and Trenton. I will post those on our Facebook page and I will be out there putting circulars in peoples mailboxes. So it will be 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM on October 28th all those roads will be closed.

Mr. Kerner asked, bridge as well?

Chief McClay replied, no. Park, Central, Delmorr, Maple, Crown and Trenton. Everything staying along the river, they run from bridge to bridge. Any questions please email me. I'll get back to anybody who has a question any time.

Mr. Cicero stated, I have a question George.

Chief McClay replied, yes sir.

Mr. Cicero stated, perhaps I'm getting addled in my old age, but I'm going to get your report. You have part one crimes up 25%, part two crimes up 16%.

Chief McClay asked, what's your question?

Mr. Cicero replied, the total crimes are up 20% according to your report, is that right. Look at the bottom line. Look at part one and part two crimes. Part one crimes you have them up 25% year to date.

Chief McClay replied, correct.

Mr. Cicero stated, part two crimes you have them up 16%.

Chief McClay replied, correct.

Mr. Cicero stated, total crimes, total offenses up 20%.

Chief McClay stated, correct, that is up till September 30th.

Mr. Cicero replied, thank you.

Chief McClay asked, that was the only question.

Mr. Cicero replied, yeah. You said crimes are up 16%, they are up 20%.

Chief McClay stated, no that was last month. That was last months meeting, I said it was up 16% because it was advertised that it was up 60%.

Mr. Cicero replied, oh, it wasn't up 60, I never remember reading that.

Chief McClay stated, it was up 16% someone confused it with 60. So at this point we are up 25% part one crimes for this year to date.

Mr. Cicero stated, yes I know that, that's what it says. Thank you.

Chief McClay stated, you're welcome Chief.

Ms. Larison stated, I have a question Chief. Any further word on the camera program that you had started earlier in the year?

Chief McClay replied, as a matter of fact that's probably a good thing to talk about. Yes, we have cameras at both bridges that are cameras that belong to the police department that go into the police department. We are in the midst of trying to secure \$7,000 to put 4 more cameras at Bridge and Pennsylvania that will give us a total of 8. We paid so far about \$15,000 or \$16,000 after those four go in for all those cameras. Plus we have cameras at the Canal House that we use, both businesses on both sides of Trenton Avenue at the bridge — I think that's — any other places —

Mr. Cicero stated, the schools.

Chief McClay stated, oh, the schools, all the schools are all under camera, they come into our headquarters as well as Holy Trinity. All those other cameras that I talked about like the businesses and things, they don't cost us any money, they come in on the internet.

Ms. Larison stated, so the ones that you want to put down on Bridge Street are those going to be attached to the businesses are these —

Chief McClay replied, no, they will be our cameras. What will happen is, we will put the four cameras up on the traffic light, one going each way on direction, there will be a wire going into

a silver box that will be along side the pole that will be powered from the PECO pole into an internet box that will come to us.

Ms. Larison asked, so those will be our cameras?

Chief McClay replied, they will be our cameras.

Mr. Kerner stated, just for the knowledge of those newly present, 7F would be our Junior Councilpersons report. I don't know that you are prepared to give one today. Next month you'll be sworn in to office so bring in any family or friends you may want to be there and we'll celebrate.

REPORTS - COMMITTEES

Ms. Kronnagel asked, can I give a brief committee report since that's also not on there?

Mr. Kerner replied, yeah sure.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, the Business Outreach Committee meeting was held this past Wednesday at Jag's, it was very successful, we had the County Representative was there to just discuss the surveys that were taken and downtown revitalization. I just want to let everybody know that the next meeting will be held at Hot Rides at 80 East Bridge Street on Thursday November 16th, at 7:00 pm and that County Representative will also be at that meeting, so hopefully everybody can make it. It was a really successful, positive and enthusiastic meeting.

Mr. Kerner asked, any other committees wishing to make a report?

Ms. Larison stated, I'd just like to say that I'd like to thank everyone that came out this past Saturday to help the Beautification Committee decorate the center of town for fall. We did all the weeding and we decorated it with scarecrows and makes it look really nice, so I just wanted to acknowledge everyone that came out this weekend and helped us out. Thank you.

Mr. Kerner stated, I'd like to thank those individuals as well.

Mr. Kerner asked, any other Committees reporting tonight? We'll move on to finance.

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, are there any questions or comments from Todd?

Mr. Sanford stated, yeah I do. On report date 10/10/17 expenditure review on page 2. I am abstaining on voting for any invoices for vendor Sanford Motors, Ltd. due to family member conflict of interest. The total amount of all the invoices combined comes to a sum of \$1,584.55. Here is a copy for you Fred.

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

Ms. Larison stated, I have a couple. On page 2 GL 1790 Advanced Media there's a meeting for Civil Service for \$35.44. Do we have any minutes from this meeting or what this meeting was about?

Ms. Kronnagel stated, there are Civil Service Meeting minutes.

Ms. Larison asked, do we get them?

Ms. Kronnagel replied, yes.

Ms. Larison stated, okay, I have another one. What is the United Site Services for park actives for \$314.67 on page 4 of GL 1709, what was that for?

Mr. Sooby replied, that was port a toilets for events down at the park.

Ms. Larison asked, what event down at the park, oh, was that for the Mayor's picnic?

Mr. Sooby replied, and the Jazz Festival and there was another event there.

Ms. Larison stated, oh, okay.

Mr. Sooby replied, that was shared by one of the other events too.

Ms. Larison stated, and then I noticed that the Chief had said that you had received a new car from the D.A., was this something that the D.A. just gave to you.

Mr. Cicero stated, they lend them to us.

Ms. Larison asked, was it given to the Borough or did we have to pay for it?

Mr. Cicero stated, no, the lend them to you.

Chief McClay stated, it's a leased vehicle that we pay \$100.00 a year to use.

Ms. Larison replied, okay, thank you.

Chief McClay replied, we have two from the D.A.'s office. One being this brand new car.

Ms. Larison replied, okay, thank you that's the only questions I had.

Mr. Kerner stated, any other questions on the bills? All those in favor of paying the bills say aye. Opposed?

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0 with 1 abstention.

Motion 8B - Motion to acknowledge receipt \$47,319.20 from the PA Department of the Auditor General, and to approve distribution of 100% to the Morrisville Fire Company.

Motion made by Ms. Smith.

Mr. Sanford seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

Motion 8C - Motion to award the 2017-2018 Consortium Salt Bid (as bid through the Bucks County Consortium) to: Morton salt, Inc, per their bid price of \$48.82 price per ton (delivered) and \$48.00 price per ton (undelivered); Contract to run to September 30, 2018.

Motion made by Ms. Larison.

Ms. Smith seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

Motion 8D - Motion to approve an Ordinance amending the Morrisville Borough Coe to provide for new Chapter 407, to be known as "Neighborhood Blight Reclamation and Revitalization Ordinance".

Motion made by Ms. Smith.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

Mr. Kerner asked, any questions or comments on that motion?

Ms. Larison stated, can I just make a suggestion, when we approve these ordinances, can Council then in the next packet once it's numbered get a copy of the numbered ordinances?

Mr. Kerner replied, I'm sure that's reasonable. Any other questions or comments? All those in favor say aye. Opposed?

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

Motion 8E - Motion to approve an Ordinance of the Borough of Morrisville, amending Chapter 129-23 of the Morrisville Borough code to adopt the 2015 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code.

Motion made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Ms. Smith seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

Motion 8F - Motion to approve an Ordinance amending the Morrisville Brough Code to provide for new Chapter 400, to be known as the "Rental Property Ordinance".

Motion made by Mr. Parker.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion 10A - Motion to adopt the 2017 Halloween Policy.

Mr. Kerner read the Halloween Policy.

Motion made by Ms. Larison.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

Motion 10B - Motion to adopt the M. R. Reiter Conservation Easement and to authorize the Borough Council President and Borough Manager to execute the Conservation easement for M. R. Reiter school.

Motion made by Ms. Smith.

Mr. Sanford seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote, 8-0.

Motion 10C - Motion to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise hiring a Full time Code Enforcement Officer.

Motion made by Ms. Kronnagel

Mr. Cicero seconded the motion.

Mr. Kerner asked, any questions or comments on this?

Ms. Smith stated, yeah, I have a couple of comments. We've gone back and forth about this, we know our codes have to be covered, we did not get the proper — what I feel is a cost analysis on the difference between outsourcing as compared to have it in-house and whether the in-house would be full-time or part-time. And without that our job is to make sure we are also spending the money as wisely as possible and being that we're putting in these new codes, we also will be setting up a program on being able to look into the rental properties and the maintenance on them and a lot of other issues that need to be taken care of under that International Code. So for me, and I think the Council should also realize that you really need to have that scope of work and how much money it was going to be, put the motion up there and not have that in place, how do you vote for something like that? So with that said, I'd like to table the motion.

Motion to table 10C made by Ms. Smith.

Ms. Larison seconded the motion.

Mr. Kerner stated, so we have a table from Debbie and a second from Danielle, now we'll do a roll call vote on tabling 10C.

Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-3. (nay votes being Mr. Cicero, Mr. Kerner and Ms. Kronnagel)

Motion 10D-1 - Appointments: Economic Development Corporation: Three 3-year appointments to expire on 3/01/202; (FYI: Karen Kane 8/31/17, FYI: Don Diretto 9/30/17 & FYI: VK Macwana 9/30/17.

Motion to nominate Karen Kane made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Mr. Kerner asked, are there any other nominations, any other nomination, any other nominations? Roll Call Vote.

Motion carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

Motion 10D-2 - Appointments: Economic Development Corporation: Three 3-year appointments to expire on 3/01/202; (FYI: Karen Kane 8/31/17, FYI: Don Diretto 9/30/17 & FYI: VK Macwana 9/30/17.

Motion to nominate Don Diretto made by Mr. Parker.

Mr. Kerner asked, are there any other nominations, any other nomination, any other nominations? Roll Call Vote.

Motion carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

Motion 10D-3 - Appointments: Economic Development Corporation: Three 3-year appointments to expire on 3/01/202; (FYI: Karen Kane 8/31/17, FYI: Don Diretto 9/30/17 & FYI: VK Macwana 9/30/17.

Ms. Smith stated, I want to clarify something first, Mr. Macwana, we didn't get any information like a letter like the other candidates it said that they wanted to be reappointed, did anything come in from him saying that he definitely didn't want to be reappointed since he's been on there? Do you know of that Mr. Sooby?

Mr. Sooby replied, yes, we reached out to him and he was not interested in being back on the committee.

Ms. Smith replied, okay, thank you.

Mr. Kerner stated, we did get a letter from an interested party, a Christina Morganti.

Motion to nominate Christina Morganti made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Mr. Kerner asked, are there any other nominations, any other nomination, any other nominations? Roll Call Vote.

Motion carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

Motion 10E - Motion to hire Code Inspections, Inc. as interim Code Enforcement Official.

Motion made by Ms. Smith

Ms. Larison seconded the motion.

Mr. Kerner asked, any questions or comments on that motion?

Motion to table 10E made by Mr. Parker.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

Mr. Kerner stated, we vote to table.

Mr. Cicero stated, yes.

Mr. Kerner stated, no.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, yes.

Ms. Larison stated, no.

Mr. Parker stated, yes.

Mr. Pepitone stated, no.

Mr. Sanford stated, no.

Ms. Smith stated, no.

Ms. Smith stated, If I could please explain why I did that, in our agenda meeting we were discussing about we have an important project coming up which is the Cloverleaf and there's come some issues that might have to go before zoning we're on a time frame with them and because we're in the middle of this transition with this Code Enforcement position, we already use Code Inspections now for our UCC's, they weren't doing our zoning because of the fact that we had an officer that was doing that. Saying that he is not going to be available in this period of time from what I'm understanding from the Borough Manager an Interim position for them to do that would seem reasonable since they're already on our staff now and could cover that position so we don't lose that project or anything else that would come up before the end of the year, so that's why I wanted that motion put in.

Mr. Cicero asked, has anybody here ever had experience with a vendor of this kind? Personally I mean.

Ms. Smith stated, I'm sorry.

Mr. Cicero asked, anybody? Well, I have construction going on at my house and we have to have a vendor do the inspection because of the codes involved and the local code enforcement officer didn't have the qualifications. My contractor has been held up several times and it's not the inspector himself, I'm not blaming the guy, I don't even know the guy, but they come when they are available. My contractor was held up a whole day, the guy comes at the end of the day, he takes his measuring stick, puts it into the hole and says yeah that's 36", you can pour the concrete into that. That's the extent of this paid service that we have. Now you want to extend that to grass to snow and all that kind of stuff that the local Code Enforcement officer would do, well be my guest. I am prepared when people complain about the service they get when they have these minor code issues when the questions come into

this Borough daily. Where is this hired Code Enforcement person going to be? Is he going to be there to answer those questions? This is a service we've been doing for our people for many many years, since I've been here anyhow. They're going to come in and ask questions about certain code issues that are not the kind that the U & O Officer has to have. I think you're making a big mistake.

Mr. Parker asked, do we have a contract that we are voting on or are we just hiring them at will or — what are we doing, do we have any documentation that we are actually approving that we are hiring them or did we just throw a motion on the agenda?

Ms. Smith stated, we already use them, you understand we use them.

Mr. Parker replied, not for this particular service. We don't actually have a contract we're voting on, is that correct or not?

Ms. Smith stated, could I speak?

Mr. Parker stated, is that correct or not?

Ms. Smith stated, if you — if this company is already doing this stuff and one of the things they can also do is also your zoning which is something that you need, then what is the harm in having them to do that.

Mr. Parker asked, do we have a contract to extend those services? Are we voting on a contract at this time to ask them to perform those services?

Mr. Cicero stated, not only zoning, there are other issues here.

Mr. Parker asked, do we have a contract with that stating in it. Do you have a copy of the contract.

Ms. Smith replied, no I don't, no.

Mr. Parker stated, okay, so then we're voting on hiring them without a contract.

Mr. Kerner asked, do we have anyone —

Mr. Parker stated, without a cost associated with anything, without a cost analysis associated with it, we're just going to hire them out of the blue.

Ms. Smith stated, wait. Alright, let me explain something first. If you want to amend this motion to make it say for the zoning, okay. Because zoning, the fees are paid by the applicant, that wouldn't be us, but it would cover that zoning problem that we're having. Because the Code Enforcer is in until December 31st, that wasn't my choice, that's been going on since May, it should have been done a long time ago. Now you're under a wire here that you are not going to have somebody in there, and you're also now going to throw out a motion to bring a Code Enforcer in and the same thing, there's no cost analysis, you don't have fees settled on how much they're going to get paid for a salary, what that scope of works going to do, you're

doing the same thing with the other motion. All I'm saying is, this particular company we use and I think we need to use them as an interim for that zoning and those fees are set, are paid by the applicant. The only project I know that's on the table that's in the middle of this mess right now is Cloverleaf. Do you want to lose that, I wouldn't want to over something simple, so if you want me to amend the motion to say for the zoning issue I will do that. I just figured because this particular motion would cover building code officer.

Mr. Parker asked, so then they're not going to perform any other code enforcement except construction and zoning?

Ms. Smith replied, the zoning part you need, yeah.

Mr. Parker replied, so we're not going to have any code enforcement officer for any other Borough ordinance except construction and zoning, is that what you're saying?

Ms. Smith replied, you're right, right.

Mr. Cicero asked, we're not going to have any for grass, complaints about grass, about snow.

Mr. Parker replied, absolutely, for nothing.

Ms. Smith replied, right.

Mr. Kerner replied, do we have anyone on staff that we could hire as an interim code enforcement?

Mr. Cicero asked, by whom?

Mr. Sooby replied, yeah we do, but —

Mr. Cicero stated, who does it part time?

Mr. Parker replied, I'm still not comfortable approving a motion employing somebody to perform a task that we don't have an actual document in front of us that's been approved by the solicitor that meets our needs, meets any legal requirements and also has a fee attached to it. We have no fee attached to anything nor do we have any drawn out explanation of their duties and expectations of what they are going to do for us. How do you vote on something like that?

Ms. Smith replied, well you were just going to do that in the motion before that.

Mr. Parker replied, no we weren't we were going to ask the Borough —

Ms. Smith asked, do you know what you were going to put out there for a salary?

Mr. Parker replied, which is exactly why I tabled it.

Ms. Smith replied, that's what I'm saying, there's no salary set out there.

Mr. Parker replied, let's have a revote on the table.

Ms. Smith replied, no, what are you talking about.

Mr. Parker stated, why are you so strongly wanting to hire this particular company?

Ms. Smith replied, I'm not, if you've got another company, it could be another company. This company we already use.

Mr. Parker stated, I ask the Chair that we have another vote on tabling this because —

Mr. Cicero stated, you can't do that.

Mr. Parker stated, because we have nothing, we have nothing on this company, no fee, no nothing.

Mr. Cicero stated, just vote no.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, the last it was up for discussion it was \$65.00 an hour and there's no idea, nobody has any idea as to how long, how many hours that's going to take. What that entails —

Ms. Smith stated, how did we get the —

Ms. Kronnagel stated, I'm not done. If the person comes here for anything, they have to drive, this is just similar to how an attorney bills, so when they come down here, it's going to be \$65.00, when they have to drive anywhere it's going to be \$65.00, so we're going to pay that and we're going to have nothing to show for it.

Ms. Smith stated, well, if you read their proposal, what they gave.

Ms. Kronnagel replied, yes I did.

Ms. Smith stated, okay. In there it states that they can work on those fees whether your doing it on that fee schedule or whether you doing it an hour.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, can and will are two different things.

Ms. Smith asked, have you gotten anything that said the analysis on what the difference would be? I haven't, unless you got something.

Mr. Parker replied, which is exactly —

Ms. Kronnagel stated, so I guess we can't vote on it. I don't know how you can vote on this.

Ms. Smith asked, how can you vote on either one then if that's the case?

Ms. Kronnagel stated, it's a completely different thing.

Ms. Smith replied, oh my God.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, completely different situation. That was a set price. This is a big question mark, we have nothing to go by. We don't know if they'll have people available.

Ms. Smith stated, our code enforcing has been getting done on a part time basis since May. The Borough Manager said he's been coming in 4 hours a day here and there, so how is our codes being done in a part-time basis since May and when I brought up and also Ms. Larison brought up why can't we look into that part-time and have the outsource on the company and show us the difference in the finances.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, that company said that was a bad idea. That company said don't do that. That company said we need a full-time Code Enforcement Officer.

Ms. Smith stated, I didn't get that.

Mr. Cicero asked, can I say something about the part-time? Mr. Seward comes in in the morning and he leaves about 1:00, but the person who he has trained so far for that job fills out the rest of the day, so Code Enforcement is covered for the entire day, not just for half of day. Secondly, I also heard, you know we hear a lot of things, that I'm in favor of hiring a code enforcement officer because I have a horse in this race. I don't have anybody in this race, I don't care who we hire. Whoever said that, you can swallow it, because it's not true. I don't care who we hire. But we should have an in-house guy, girl, whatever that takes care of the people in this town for those minor code issues which they are accustomed to having settled. There has to be somebody here to answer questions daily. Just sit in the office one day and see how many people come in and have these simple questions. How do I know, because I'm there quite often I have nothing else to do quite frankly.

Ms. Smith stated, let me just ask one question since you brought that up about being trained. When was there ever a vote from this Council to authorize the Code Enforcer to train anybody? I don't remember ever being part of a vote for that.

Mr. Cicero stated, we don't have to vote on that.

Ms. Smith asked, oh we don't?

Mr. Cicero replied, that's what we have a Borough Manager for.

Ms. Smith replied, oh my God.

Mr. Cicero stated, we don't micromanage here. The Borough Manager decided that this man was going to be the person that the Code Enforcement Officer trained. That's his prerogative. I don't want to micromanage the Borough Manager.

Ms. Smith stated, well, should we go there.

Mr. Cicero replied, yeah, let's go there.

Ms. Smith replied, yeah, absolutely.

Mr. Cicero stated, absolutely, let's go there.

Ms. Smith replied, absolutely.

Mr. Cicero stated, yeah.

Ms. Smith replied, absolutely. What are you sitting in the seat for? It's your job to approve that kind of stuff. That's an appointed position of the Council, it always has been, you appointed the other people in there. So why wasn't the Council informed that that's the way it was going to be, it just happened? As far as who was going to be trained for it.

Mr. Cicero stated, why does he have to tell Council, he appoints people. Why does he have to tell Council?

Ms. Smith stated, because maybe we could have put out an advertisement back then for someone —

Mr. Cicero stated, the Borough Manager hires and fires staff.

Ms. Smith stated, staff. This is an appointed position.

Mr. Cicero stated, that's what it says in Borough Ordinance, the Borough Manager hires and fires staff.

Ms. Smith replied, I don't agree.

Mr. Kerner stated, Bob would you like to weigh in?

Mr. Sooby stated, well, over and above everything that everybody is fighting about here, the main goal is to have some way to be able to control costs. We know what we have, it will be the individual we will be bringing in, I'm not going to mention there's a salary because actually we're going to base the advertisement off of qualifications. There's individuals out there that can actually do UCC inspections, we don't know that until we at least interview for the position. We could end up bringing somebody in that we don't even need a third party but we don't know that because we're not moving forward with that. And again, Council could have interviews with the new Code Enforcement Officer and ask the questions, however, again, we're going to table something and again I have no stake in this game, I want it to be most cost efficient possible way to do this and again when you give somebody the right to move forward at \$65.00 an hour and you saw and I gave Council all the duties that the previous Code Enforcement Officer did, there is no way, they are in that business for a reason to make money, not to help Morrisville. So I was only doing it to protect us. Whatever Council decides, it's up to them, but we have to own it.

Mr. Kerner stated, absent a full-time Code Enforcement Officer in order to move projects in the Borough do we need someone to do zoning at least?

Mr. Sooby replied, again we do not have a fee schedule in place that works with Code Inspections Inc.

Mr. Parker stated, we should have tabled this and brought it back up in November.

Mr. Kerner stated, I don't want to leave us open to —

Mr. Parker stated, we have until November. There's no reason why the table can not be brought back.

Mr. Kerner stated, you can vote on it.

Ms. Kronnagel asked, what is it exactly what we are voting on, is it a Code Enforcement Officer for everything or is it just for Cloverleaf?

Mr. Kerner stated, I have an amendment, it's a motion to hire Code Inspections Inc as interim Code Enforcement officials. That's what the motion is.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, so that's \$65.00 that we're going to pay an hour for the rental property ordinance that we just passed that is going to be hours of work that we will see zero dollars from so when they give a citation and they have to go to the hearing if it's upheld, we'll see 40% of that. If it's dismissed, we'll see zero % of that, we'll have to pay \$65.00 an hour for each hour that they sit in a court room doing nothing, \$65.00 to get there. I don't know how, again, I don't know how anybody can vote for this with the question mark.

Mr. Sooby stated, motion today to move forward with a yearly annual inspection registration form, we have to enter all that data into our system, and to pay them \$65.00 an hour to do that and that's the meat of everything that we voted on tonight is to make sure that we know who's in each apartment, who the owner is and most of all, when the last time that apartment was inspected.

Ms. Smith stated, well let me ask you Mr. Sooby, do you have a program up and running that's going to be able to do that in house? Because otherwise, these code companies do that already for you and they give you the information.

Mr. Parker stated, \$65.00 an hour.

Mr. Sooby replied, I don't know how they would get the information.

Ms. Kronnagel replied, they need to gather the information from us.

Ms. Smith replied, correct.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, that's hours of administrative work at \$65.00 an hour that we will see nothing from, that we will have to pay for.

Mr. Kerner asked, shall we vote?

Ms. Kronnagel stated, that is going to be astronomical. There is no way to even budget for that.

Mr. Cicero stated, clarify the motion again, Fred.

Mr. Kerner stated, the motion is, a motion to hire Code Inspections Incorporated as interim Code Enforcement Officials.

Mr. Cicero stated, call the vote.

Mr. Kerner asked, can we have a roll call please?

Mayor Rivella stated, I'll vote but I need clarification from the Manager first. Did you say there's no fee schedule set in place that will work with this outfit coming in doing this? Does that mean the Borough isn't —

Mr. Sooby replied, well, we have a fee schedule in place, it just doesn't reflect this companies fee schedule, so there really is no way for us to — unless they'd be willing to take what our fee schedule says.

Mayor Rivella stated, that's just too big of a chance. I'm going to have to vote no.

Motion failed by roll call vote, 4-4 with the Mayor breaking the tie, not to hire. (nay votes being Mr. Cicero, Mr. Kerner, Ms. Kronnagel and Mr. Parker)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements this evening.

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Ms. Larison stated, everyone got in their packet something that the Beautification Committee wanted to do which was the house Christmas decorating contest. Anybody have any questions about it, because it's something that I'd like to get out there to the residents and put up on the Borough website if possible. I'd like to do a house decorating.

Mr. Kerner stated, and you're looking for Borough support on that?

Ms. Larison stated, I would like to have Borough support for that, yes. I reached out to one of the businesses.

Mr. Kerner asked, when do you plan on getting judging, I guess?

Ms. Larison stated, judging I reached out to one of the businesses and the owners of that business had said that they would be the judge.

Mr. Kerner stated, I just wanted to know what time, like would it be too late to do it at our November meeting?

Ms. Larison replied, yes, well, when is our November meeting?

Mr. Kerner stated, we passed all of our business for this meeting, you should have —

Ms. Larison stated, well, if everyone could just look it over if anyone has have any questions please let me know, it's something that I'd like to get out there.

Mr. Kerner stated, I don't have a problem officializing it at our next meeting, I just wonder if that's too late for you.

Mr. Cicero stated, I have something Fred. I think I said this at the agenda meeting. On Sunday, October 22nd, between 7 and 9, there will be Oldies Night at the high school. This is free of charge, if when you go in you announce you are a guest of the Bucks County Chiefs of Police Association invited by me there will be no charge. It's free of charge. These are live bands and they play oldies music. Now, I don't know what oldies music means, if it's as old as I am, you're going back to the 30's but it's a nice night, I've been to some of them, it's a good night of music and there are nice people there. You are all welcome. Again, it's Sunday night between 7 and 9 at the high school in the auditorium.

Ms. Smith stated, I just have a couple of comments on some of the things that were made during public comment. Ms. Sherlock when she brought up the Robertson Tile, I'm glad that she did, I was the one that brought that up last month when it appeared on the bill list. If we had had some kind of information that it was going to be run through the Borough then nobody would have noticed it and said okay that's what we were doing. That money was returned, Ms. Larison saw the receipts for that so congratulations to everybody that had that put together to be finally installed. Like I said, information would have been helpful at the time. Also, Ms. Sherlock brought up about the Cornerstone sore spot with everybody in town after all these years still, I lived through that when that was going on and she's dead wrong, it was way over \$500,000.00 and I've got a lot of receipts to prove it so I really don't appreciate her coming here and saying that's what it was. And unfortunately that really hurt our budget for quite a few years we've been paying to make that up. JCI, that's a sore spot too. I could go on and on about that but I'm not. It took a long time to get that finally pushed through. It was the way it was being done there were other options that could have been done. Geesa law was not followed properly and I was concerned and I looked at it at the time. It is what it is and we're dealing with it, but yeah, there should have been other options dealing with that. Mr. Butcher, I'm disappointed too. We've been working all of us to try to do something with those trucks. PennDOT's been out 3 times now for meetings. Representatives have been here. State Representative, Senator has been here, PennDOT doesn't move real quick. The last meeting we had was in August. It was August 15th, and they had brought back that analysis this thick, all the problems, they didn't see a problem to stop the truck traffic altogether. What they want to do is to put signage that will reroute those trucks so they are not coming down on some of

those side streets, they won't be able to make turns on certain streets, like these tractor trailers coming down on Bridge Street trying to make that turn around the Plaza is real hazardous. They are in the process of doing that, the signs and getting them installed. The other thing was mentioned was a meeting between the Bridge Commission, I believe Management if I'm not saying it wrong and the Senator were supposed to get together maybe even with the Rep too to see if there was some way the Bridge Commission could stop the trucks before they get off on that merge. I don't know that that meeting has happened, I haven't got any information about that, but that would probably help a lot if that could stop it before it ever got down here and make it reroute. I think that would cut down a lot. It is in the process, it just takes very long, but PennDOT is working to change those signages and see if that helps and hopefully we can get those meetings together to see if there's some way to stop some of that traffic before it gets into town to begin with. So just to let you know the update at this point, okay. It is troubling.

Mr. Kerner asked, is that the extent of your comments?

Ms. Smith stated, oh wait, one other thing. I forgot, Ms. Kronnagel, why didn't you tell the Council that you were pulling Civil Service together for testing procedures to be amended I guess in our regs because last time I remember doing an amendment on the regulations for Civil Service it was back right around the time I think Chief McClay was being hired and it had one of the things that was being amended was the distance you would have to live to work in the Borough and trivial kind of things. We actually had a meeting about it and the Council decided what those amendments were going to be and then we engaged the Civil Service to hold that meeting and then bring the regulations that were being changed so that we could amend that and adopt it. We got nothing until the bill showed up that says we're paying \$1,000 out to the Civil Service. Why weren't we informed about you were pulling a meeting to do that.

Ms. Kronnagel replied, there's nothing to tell at this point.

Ms. Smith asked, why would you, obviously there's some kind of — it says here on the bills, testing procedures, outstanding issues, appoint administrator for testing, so there's something being done, so someone engaged you to do that. Why wasn't the Council informed, it's not a big secret if we have to change the regs and what it would be for.

Ms. Kronnagel replied, no we're not changing anything. There was a question, and Civil Service met, and that's it. If there was a change, Council would have been told.

Ms. Smith replied, okay, well I look forward to seeing those minutes when you get them.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned.