MEETING MINUTES MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL **SPECIAL MEETING**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017 7:30 p.m.

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Morrisville Municipal Borough, 35 Union Street, Morrisville, PA for a Special Council Meeting.

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: Robert C. Sooby, Borough Manager

Not Present:

Mayor David Rivella Dave Sander, Solicitor

Robert A. Seward, Assistant Borough Manager/Code Enforcement

Council broke for an executive session to discuss personnel. Council returned from executive session at 7:57 p.m.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations this evening.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

1. George McClay - He talked about the budget and hiring a full-time officer and the hours that his current officers work. He talked about the hours needed to cover the streets 24 hours a day. He would like to hire 1 full-time officer to get back to where the department was prior to the most recent retired police officer. He talked about the proposed budget and mentioned the possibility of opening up the budget after the new year.

There was discussion about the budget and whether or not to hire a full-time officer.

- 2. Christopher Croteau He spoke about public safety. He was asking that Council reconsider and allow what the Chief is considering for the budget.
- 3. Bill Farrell He talked about keeping the citizens and police officers safe and that it should be priority for the Borough, even if the taxes have to go up.

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

DISCUSSION

Ms. Smith stated that the Resolution for the Fee Schedule shouldn't have the 3rd Party name of the company listed.

Mr. Kerner stated that he would put on the agenda the resolution in support of redistricting. (gerrymandering)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Smith asked about the demolition for M. R. Reiter and if Mr. Sooby sent the paperwork over to the Engineer.

Mr. Sooby stated that the DCED grant is reimbursable and will have to be done in payments, we will have to put up money first because everything is reimbursable. The County, CDBG didn't mention in the contract about having to do reimbursements.

Ms. Smith stated that the Fire Department requested that they be able to use M. R. Reiter for exercise before it is demolished.

Mr. Cicero asked if they were going to change the Chief's budget?

There was discussion about the Chief's budget, and finding a way to hire a full-time officer.

Mr. Sooby asked, do you want me to find the money for the other full-time police officer?

- Mr. Kerner replied, I think we should.
- Ms. Smith asked, where are you pulling it from?
- Ms. Larison stated that she was trying to get Chief McClay another Police Officer.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Cicero. Seconded by Ted Parker. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.