

MEETING MINUTES  
MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, August 20, 2018  
7:00 p.m.

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Monday, August 20, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Morrisville Municipal Building, 35 Union Street, Morrisville, PA for a Regular Council Meeting.

Ms. Smith stated, if you'll all please rise for a moment of silence and our Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Cyphers took roll call.

**Those in Attendance:**

Borough Council: Debbie Smith, President  
Danielle Larison, Vice President  
Justin Bowers  
Eileen Dreisbach  
Corryn Kronnagel  
David Nay  
Ted Parker  
Michael Yager

Borough Officials: Mayor Dave Rivella  
Scott Mitchell, Borough Manager  
Randy Flager, Solicitor  
Virginia Cyphers, Assistant Borough Secretary  
Micah Heitz, Finance Director

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

There were no special presentations this evening.

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

1. Kathy Panzitta - *401 Hillcrest Avenue*  
She wanted Council to elaborate on motion 9F on the agenda. She wanted to disclose that she is employed by Capital Health in the Finance Department and that anything she says in regard to their relationship with the Borough is her own private feelings as a resident of the Borough. She feels Capital Health is the best deal on the table for EMS. She talked about the agreement between the Borough and Morrisville Municipal Authority. She was disappointed that the analysis didn't include the pension funding.
  
2. Jane Burger - *90 West Maple Avenue*  
She stated that it's a good thing that the Borough's emergency operation plan is finally being reviewed and updated. She hopes that Council members have copies of the original plan and that they receive a summary of the proposed changes. She was on Council when the plan was adopted, she will be at the agenda meeting to answer any questions. She talked about what she feels the essentials are of an emergency service provider are and the selection process.
  
3. Bill Minder - *423 Crown Street*  
He wanted to know if it was correct that gasoline is going to be \$0.23 a gallon and diesel fuel \$0.26 a gallon. If it's not a misprint, he'd like to get his name on that list.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion 6A-6B** - Motion to approve the Regular Borough Council Meeting minutes of June 18, 2018 and Special Borough Council Meeting minutes of July 10, 2018.

**Motion** made by Mr. Yager.

Mr. Bowers seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, we have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye? Opposed?

**Motion** carries by voice vote, 8-0.

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**FINANCE**

**Motion 7B** - Motion to approve the bill list and pay the bills.

**Motion** made by Mr. Bowers.

Mr. Yager seconded the motion.

There were questions from Council about some items on the bill list.

Ms. Smith asked, any questions or comments? Could we have a roll call please on this?

**Motion** carried by roll call, 8-0.

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**REPORTS - ADMINISTRATIVE/MANAGEMENT**

**Mayor's Report - David Rivella** - He read the proclamation in recognition of September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and supporting "Turn The Towns Teal" Awareness Campaign. He stated that free teal bows, will be available again this year at Borough Hall and the Labor Day Picnic which is September 3rd. He thanked the Morrisville Senior Center and his wife who have made hundreds of teal bows for Morrisville.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Motion 9A** - Motion to approve declaring September 2018 as "Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month," along with support of hanging ribbons on trees around Morrisville Borough and the "Turn The Towns Teal" awareness program.

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Ms. Larison seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, we have a motion and a second, any questions or comments on this motion? All in favor? Opposed?

**Motion** carried by voice vote, 8-0.

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**Motion 9B** - Motion to appoint Jeff Darwak to the Vacant Property Review Committee to replace Bob White as Bucks County Redevelopment Authority Representative.

**Motion** made by Ms. Larison.

Mr. Yager seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, we have a motion and a second, any questions or comments on this motion? All in favor? Opposed?

**Motion** carried by voice vote, 8-0.

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**Motion 9C** - Motion to approve the 2018-2019 Gasoline & Diesel Annual Bid/Contract through the Bucks County Consortium. Unleaded regular gasoline: Papco, Inc., at \$0.23 per gallon (delivery charge) market fluctuation pricing; On-road Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel: Papco, Inc., at \$0.26 per gallon (delivery charge) market fluctuation pricing; Off-Road Diesel Fuel (#2 Dyed Diesel): Suburban Propane, Inc., at \$0.18 per gallon (delivery charge) market fluctuation pricing.

**Motion** made by Mr. Bowers.

Ms. Dreisbach seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, we have a motion and a second. A roll call on it.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

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**Motion 9D** - Motion to reject the bids for the Plaza Boulevard Paving Project per the recommendation of the Borough Engineer.

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Mr. Bowers seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, we have a motion and a second. Any questions or comments on the motion? All in favor? Opposed?

**Motion** carried by voice vote, 8-0.

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**Motion 9E** - Motion to revise and make adjustments to the scope of proposed improvements for the Plaza Boulevard Paving Project to include a section of Doloro Drive and to rebid the project.

**Motion** made by Mr. Yager.

Ms. Dreisbach seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, we have a motion and a second. Any questions or comments on this motion? All in favor? Opposed?

**Motion** carried by voice vote, 8-0.

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**Motion 9F** - Motion to execute the sub-recipient agreement between the County of Bucks and the Borough of Morrisville (Project #B-18-06).

**Motion** made by Ms. Larison.

Ms. Dreisbach seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, we have a motion and a second. Any questions or comments on the motion? Can I have a roll call please?

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

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**Motion 9G** - Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the application for the Multi-Modal Transportation Fund Grant for Patriots Park at Historic Summerseat Accessibility Improvements.

**Motion** made by Ms. Larison.

Mr. Yager seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, we have a motion and a second. Any questions or comments on this motion? Can we have a roll call please?

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

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**Motion 9H** - Motion to approve the estimate from Quality Services Plus, Inc., for the sign at Patriots Park in the amount of \$1,050.00 as per requirement of the grant.

**Motion** made by Ms. Driesbach.

Mr. Yager seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith asked, can we have a roll call on this please?

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

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**Motion 9I** - Motion to approve the Annual Winterfest Parade using the previously approved parade route. The Winterfest Parade is to be held on Saturday, December 1st, 2018 and to be sponsored by Hot Rides, LLC, in Morrisville.

**Motion** made by Ms. Larison.

Mr. Bowers seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, we have a motion and a second. Any questions or comments on this motion? All in favor? Opposed?

**Motion** carried by voice vote, 8-0.

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**Motion 9J** - Motion for approval of special event road closure of a portion of the 200 block of Stockham Avenue (205 through 227) for Holy Trinity School's 2nd Annual Food Truck Friendly to be held from 4:30 to 9:30 pm on Friday, September 7th. Subject to applicant providing certificate of insurance to Morrisville Borough.

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith asked, any questions or comments on this? All in favor of this? Opposed?

**Motion** carried by voice vote, 8-0.

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**Motion 9K** - Motion to approve rebid of Williamson Park Playground Improvements (Contract #18-06074).

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Mr. Bowers seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, we have a motion and a second. Any questions or comments on this? Can we have a roll call please?

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

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**Motion** 9L - Motion to select new EMS provider for Morrisville Borough and authorizing the administration to negotiate service agreement and lease terms with said provider, to be effective as soon as practicable.

**Motion** to nominate Capital Health made by Mr. Parker.

Ms. Smith asked, any other nominations? Any other nominations? We'll take a roll call.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

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Randy Flager stated, we'll have a recess, we'll come back to discuss a grievance that was filed. We'll also have an executive session at that time as well on labor negotiations with the Police Union.

***Council broke for an executive session at 7:36.***

***Council resumed the meeting at 7:55.***

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business to discuss this evening.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion** 11A - Motion is in order for Step 3 of the grievance procedure for Corporal Michael Pitcher to deny his grievance against the Borough dealing with overtime.

**Motion** made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Mr. Yager seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, roll call please.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

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### **BOROUGH OFFICIALS**

Ms. Dreisbach asked if Mayor Rivella knew why our new 2018 Ford #4607 was at the Grange Fair.

Chief McClay replied, the contractor that did our cars asked permission to use our car as a demo. All it did was sit there along with other vehicles as part of some of the deals that they give us.

Ms. Smith stated that the lighting at the Robert Morris Plaza is complete, it looks great. She wanted to thank the Borough Manager and the Superintendent John Later for getting it finally done. The electrical was done by EC Pierce Electrical and KJB Landscaping did a great job removing and resetting the pavers for that project.

Mr. Yager wanted to thank Ms. Smith and Ms. Larison for driving and pushing to make sure that got done, they've been great custodians of that location. It's our downtown and it's a very necessary part of our identity.

Ms. Larison asked if they had minutes for the Joint School Board Meeting yet.

Ms. Kronnagel shared that Restaurant Week raised \$888.60 for the ambulance squad. She wanted to thank everybody that took part in Restaurant Week including the 6 participating restaurants that participated and donated. The next Restaurant Week will be in October of 2019, please like and share the page on Facebook.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** to adjourn at 8:02.

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach and seconded by Mr. Yager.  
Meeting adjourned.