

MEETING MINUTES  
MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018  
7:30 p.m.

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Morrisville Municipal Building, 35 Union Street, Morrisville, PA for a Special Council Meeting.

Ms. Smith stated, good evening everyone. If you could all please rise just for the pledge. If we could have a roll call, please.

Virginia Cyphers took roll call.

**Those in Attendance:**

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

Borough Officials: Scott Mitchell, Interim Borough Manager  
Randall Flager, Solicitor  
Virginia Cyphers, Assistant Borough Secretary

Not Present: Bill Pepitone  
Sade Ricketts, Junior Councilperson

Ms. Smith stated, first, as we being the meeting, I would just like to make an announcement. I would like to inform the public and as well as state for the record that an executive meeting of the council was held on February 12, 2018, at the Borough Hall for the purpose of reviewing the resumes for the full time Borough Manager position. The meeting began at 7:00 pm and adjourned at 7:25 pm. All council members were in attendance. I'm sorry, except Bill Pepitone, I'm sorry, with exception to Bill Pepitone, I'll write that down. Thank you for correcting that.

Mr. Mitchell stated, before we get into the substance of the agenda, we have a guest visitor. Would you mind if we started with him?

Ms. Smith stated, no, that's fine.

Mr. Mitchell stated, Jason. I assume everybody knows Jason from Portnoff. He's been here numerous times, he's our main person on the account and he's here to talk about one, I guess you've recently seen the 2017 year end report from Portnoff. Two is, Jason has another idea for us to consider and there was another matter the Solicitor was going to address too. So Jason, go ahead, lead the charge.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Jason Leininger, from Portnoff gave a presentation which included an update of the solid waste fees which includes collections through the end of 2017.

Mr. Yager asked, just for the purpose of the public so they get to hear. The \$242,000.00 that was collected, how much did the Borough pay for Portnoff's services throughout that period as well?

Jason Leininger replied, so the Borough only pays to Portnoff \$40.00 plus certified postage for that initial notice of delinquency. That's the only thing that you pay us, and that gets added to the delinquent bill so that you get reimbursed that amount. So if you look on the back of that, you paid us \$11,994.00 for that certified mailing and we've collected \$6,557.00 of that so you're out about \$5,000.00 currently.

Mr. Mitchell asked, and that's still recoverable?

Jason Leininger replied, and we're recovering it yes. Everything else is passed through to the delinquent property owner and they're responsible for paying those costs.

Ms. Smith asked, anyone else have anything they'd — questions they'd like to ask?

Mr. Mitchell stated, so Council is aware, we have turned over 2017's accounts and we're also working or endeavoring at least to turn over the remaining portion of the original portfolio to Portnoff, but while he's here, Jason has another idea for us to consider and I'm not sure if it was taken into consideration as part of the original engagement of Portnoff which is why I asked him to bring it up tonight.

Jason Leininger from Portnoff gave a presentation with regard to Portnoff's ability to collect the delinquent real estate taxes in the Borough.

Mr. Mitchell stated, this is an option, and we aren't pressing Council for a decision tonight, but it's an option for the Borough to consider at some point if you choose.

Jason Leininger stated, it would be for next year. I believe you've already turned over this year, 2017 to the County, so it would be for 2018.

Ms. Smith stated, very nice, thank you. Thank you very much.

Mr. Bowers asked, I have a quick question, with that 100% that the school gets back, does that mean your fees get added on top of that, so they pay 105% I think you said, or something.

Jason Leininger stated, right. It's the same process. So our fees are based on the action taken to collect, so that initial notice, if they pay as a result of that initial notice, which you'll notice on your collection report, on the footnote at the bottom, you can see number of files paid without any attorney's fees, 67, about 25%, they've paid as a result of that initial notice, they've paid \$45.00 additional, they've had no additional attorney fees. As long as they contact us in response to that initial notice, it's \$45.00, but yes, if they ignore and we proceed through the process, our fees are added as it goes through the process, each step of the process.

Ms. Smith stated, I think it's been very successful with the school too, because I think you were already maybe at the school for a year or maybe a little bit more when we had seen actually a representative from your company when we were at the conference and that's when we brought that information into the Borough, but I do believe it was working very well for the school also.

Jason Leininger stated, and another advantage to point out, as it reflects to the school district, if you look at their report you can see in 2016, they turned over 132 delinquent accounts, in 2017 they turned over 125 and this year they only turned over 116, so there's that incentive to pay a current and most of our clients see a decrease in their delinquent collection, which your school district has seen.

Ms. Smith stated, right, well thank you. Anyone else have anything?

Mr. Bowers stated, I just have a quick question for Scott, do you have a rough figure of what goes out for taxes a year that we don't get, goes to the County?

Mr. Mitchell stated, no I don't, but I can get that for you.

Ms. Smith stated, okay, well thank you very much. Thank you for your time. Okay, at this time, I'll take public comment. Virginia is there a sheet there?

Mr. Mitchell asked, no one is on it?

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Smith stated, we will be moving on to our minutes. This is just to set our agenda for next week to add or take off. We can review the things that will be coming up. Out of the minutes, did anyone have any questions about the minutes that are being proposed here?

Mr. Yager stated, I don't recall getting 6A to review, we got it, we kicked it back and I don't remember seeing the updated version.

Ms. Smith stated, it was supposed to go back and be revised and we didn't get a revised version of that. Do you remember that?

Ms. Larison stated, no that wasn't the January's — that was not the reorganization meeting. On the last one, it was the December meeting. We did not have the January one at the last agenda because I have, I never brought up the mistake that I found on the reorganization meeting.

Ms. Smith stated, that's the one we're saying was being revised, we didn't get the revision on that.

Mr. Yager stated, it never made it here. I emailed a response when we got them saying that this was inaccurate and they were pulled I believe.

Ms. Smith stated, right.

Mr. Yager stated, because there was some verbiage that was —

Ms. Smith stated, so we have to have it looked at.

Mr. Yager stated, questions whether or not it was left out.

Ms. Smith asked, and then Danielle, you also had something from that same meeting is what you are saying?

Ms. Larison stated, right.

Ms. Smith stated, to be corrected.

Ms. Larison stated, on page 4, underneath 6D, it says that I nominated Nancy Dirretto-Weik, but I didn't say Nancy Dirretto-Weik, I just said Nancy Dirretto.

Ms. Smith asked, okay did you submit that in to a change for it?

Ms. Larison stated, so I just wanted that fixed, because I didn't say Joan —

Mr. Mitchell asked, how about we put them in your Friday packet for review prior to Tuesday's meeting?

Mr. Yager replied, that's fine.

Ms. Smith stated, okay. Also, I wrote a note here. I noticed that, and you can double check this, the December 12, 2017 meeting minutes were not voted on. I usually keep a record and go back on the former agenda. Yeah, so check those, I don't think they were voted on. I do have a copy of them, but we'd have to check them because they would have to be added into this — yeah, because I didn't see them. We voted a block of them last month, but I did notice that one was missing so I looked it up and I didn't see anything on the agenda. Thank you. The next would be under our finance, do you want to go right to that, we don't have a Treasurer's report yet, right? Scott, do you want to talk about the authorization for the budgetary transfers?

### **REPORTS - ADMINISTRATIVE/MANAGEMENT**

**Interim Borough Manager's Report - Scott Mitchell** - He stated, yes, the Treasurer is going to provide, in fact, I think it was in your meeting packet, budgetary transfer to be done in order to pay Keystone Municipal Services, because in the budget, Keystone was not contemplated, so of course, we're going to have to pull that from salary.

Ms. Smith stated, right, okay. So this is authorizing that movement of the money to pay the bill?

Mr. Mitchell replied, correct. Within the general fund, yeah.

Ms. Smith stated, right, okay. Does anybody have any questions on that?

Mr. Yager stated, Madame President, I do have a comment to make, because I want to — as we go through things, and this is specific to Keystone, I just want to make sure that the public is aware of where we are with some things. So, just to give the public a heads up on costs for Keystone, because there was question prior to hiring them, just want to give some preliminary information that I requested for January. So the invoices that we got in our packet show for January, the cost was \$11,057.50, the fees we billed against that were \$6,339.00, so the cost for Keystone for the month of January was \$4,718.50, now I say that because I want people to understand that there's still some things that we're working on and Keystone's actually working on to defray some more of that. Now, to me, that's not a horrible outcome to be honest with you, because there's always going to be a cost to Code Enforcement and responding to complaints. There's no offsetting fees for those activities. However, at \$4,718.50, knowing

that we are working on adjusting our fees to better cover those services that this is a bottom line I believe of where we're going to be, not only that, in the event that it stayed flat, we would still be paying about \$56,000.00 a year, without benefits, without pension and long term debt that's associated with an actual employee and I will say that, and again, I got a text today from one of my neighbors that dealt with Code Enforcement, the professionalism is at a very high level. I can tell you there's an individual in town that reached out to me today that is so grateful for the professional way they're being dealt with on the issues that they're working on. So I just want to put that out there and let people know where we stood with them.

Ms. Smith stated, thank you. Anyone else have any questions on that? Next thing we would be looking at, which we'll get this week we don't have today would be your bill list, and to pay the bills, after that is our reports, administration management, so it would be the Manager's Report. Do you have anything you want to talk about?

Mr. Mitchell stated, I think the only item left over from the Manager's Report that Council still wanted to have more discussion on was the issue of the line of credit and whether you wish to do that tonight or another time is fine by me.

Ms. Smith stated, okay.

Mr. Yager stated, I'd actually, I guess we should talk to the chair of this committee. I think we do need to put some parameters around it, maybe that's a discussion for the upcoming policy committee?

Mr. Mitchell stated, well I think to clarify the entirety of the issue this is for emergency use, this would be my recommendation at the resolution approving obtaining it, would required Council authorization to access it and I would hope that this Council and future Council's would have the fiscal discipline to avoid using it.

Mr. Yager replied, understood.

Ms. Smith stated, okay.

Ms. Larison asked, is this something that would be separate from the TAN fund?

Mr. Mitchell replied, yes, correct.

Ms. Smith asked, anyone want to discuss about whether we should work on that, to do that, to get the approval for that, or you want some more time to think about it? I personally think it's a good idea. Like I said, as long as you have in the resolution it states that it wouldn't be used unless it's for that emergency reason, they'd have to come before the Council whoever that is to make sure that you know, that's being spent, so if the guidelines are put in there, I'd be okay with that.

Mr. Mitchell stated, it's something that cost you nothing unless you are in a position where you have to use it and then it only costs you for however much you used for however long you used it. Once you replenish it, it goes back to costing you nothing again.

Ms. Smith asked, did you give us an amount of — I think you did the last time, right? About how much it was.

Mr. Mitchell replied, yes, believe I recommend a \$250,000.00 amount.

Mr. Yager asked, and is the rate variable on that, or is it a fixed rate?

Mr. Mitchell stated, its variable.

Mr. Yager replied, okay.

Ms. Smith stated, okay. Then I'll ask the Council, is it something you would like to entertain as a vote at the next meeting? Yes, no, a consensus on that?

Ms. Larison stated, I would.

Mr. Yager replied, yes.

Ms. Dreisbach replied, yes.

Ms. Smith stated, yes, that's two. Mr. Parker?

Mr. Parker replied, I'd like to see a resolution —

Ms. Smith stated, oh yeah, definitely.

Mr. Yager stated, yes, absolutely, absolutely.

Mr. Mitchell stated, I didn't want to waste the Solicitors time on a Resolution unless there was a consensus among Council to proceed.

Ms. Smith stated, okay so if, like I said, if everyone approves it and you want to have it added that night we can do it contingent, or we can take it into the next meeting if that's okay as long as everyone is okay with doing that. Get a resolution drawn up first, we can all look at it. Okay, so we're approving for the Manager to do that, correct everyone? Everyone say yes.

Mr. Yager stated, yes.

Ms. Larison stated, yes.

Mr. Yager stated, while we're on the Manager's Report, I'm gonna kind of put you on the spot a little bit Scott.

Mr. Mitchell replied okay, I wouldn't know what that felt like.

Mr. Yager stated, and the reason why I'm doing this, is because if you don't know the answer, we still have time to get it for the next meeting for the Manager's Report if need be. So, you've been here about six weeks at this point, and my understanding is, there's been a couple of findings from an accounting perspective, specifically I'll ask about the cellphone bills that were

being paid. Is there anything that we can talk about at this point that we can put out to the public so they're understanding what some of the findings are?

Mr. Mitchell stated, well, the annual independent audit that was presented to Council last year, that's no secret, it's public knowledge and public record included approximately two pages worth of findings, I don't think anyone has been tasked yet with addressing those items. It is on my to do list to get to those issues. With regard to the cell phone issue you raised, I consider it to be a Mickey Mouse accounting item, but yes, there are, there were some former Borough Officials with cell phones.

Mr. Yager replied, okay.

Mr. Mitchell stated, there aren't any more.

Ms. Smith stated, okay.

Mr. Yager stated, okay, thank you for that. So, another project that we were in the process of and I know this is something that is near and dear to both Eileen and Corryn's hearts is the signage for trucks in the first ward. Can you give us a quick update on where that was left off, where you took over and was it moving forward when you took it over?

Mr. Mitchell replied, it is moving forward and our Borough Engineer is here this evening and I'd like for him to address that as part of his report. He's got a couple of items to discuss with you tonight, so if we could pause on that for just a minute, and we'll get to him.

Mr. Yager stated, and I promise, there's only a couple more. The memo in our packets for \$115,000.00 worth of vehicle purchases, in the budget meetings there was clearly an amount that was put in the budget, \$40,000.00 for vehicles.

Mr. Mitchell replied, correct.

Mr. Yager stated, the information I got is literally asking to — or I'm going to say, it's stating that we should take on long term debt, three years without Council approval, is that appropriate?

Mr. Mitchell replied, in my opinion, no, but the way this issue came about I haven't had a chance to speak with Council about this matter. We did at the last minute put it in your packet when it was sent over from the Police Department. The Chief insists, and I have no reason to doubt him, that this issue was discussed at length during budget hearings at the end of last year and that he was approved to proceed with this plan. I believe this was done in the past. I believe when this was done in the past it was done, I don't want to say as an emergency measure, but out of urgent necessity, because the police vehicle fleet needed to be addressed immediately. This was raised to my attention, because staff internally was not in agreement with the Chief's assessment of his approval for this last year. So, it was my decision for that reason and others, also the dollar amount involved and the multi-year budget commitment to escalate it to Council to find out from you folks directly, how, if at all, you wish for us to proceed with this. So that's why I have it in your packet for discussion this evening.



Mr. Yager replied, okay, thank you.

Ms. Smith stated, okay, since we're on that subject, I will say that during the budget meetings, the conversation that I had with the Chief of Police, when he was sitting next to me, and this issue was brought up, he — I think he's just under the misunderstanding that when we did the three purchase, lease purchase is what they were for the police cars, it was correct, as Mr. Mitchell had said, the fleet had been depleted, they were getting a lot of repairs, a lot of us on the Council had — the only thing we had question about was we didn't really want all of the coverages to be expired at the same time. It was originally set up for that money to be put in the line of the police budget to make sure that they're availability of funds to replace a vehicle and it — from what I'm understanding back then when I was on it, was one vehicle of the oldest amount of mileage and repairs, that would be considered for doing that. But we did all that I remember, vote for the one time only, three purchase lease vehicles at one time, but the Chief I think believes that that's something that he's going to do every three years is what he told me and I said no, it wasn't that agreement, it was just one time. So, when that paperwork came, it looks like they were already ordered and I said to Mr. Mitchell, I said, I really think that we should be the brakes on that, because I spoke with Mr. Mitchell about it and I kind of feel the same way with us transitioning and going through the budget and straightening some of these things out, it really — we're not purchasing any big vehicles and big equipment and I believe Mr. Mitchell had a conversation with the Chief in the very beginning of the year and explained to him it wasn't that we're not buying a vehicle, it's just that, he wouldn't buy any of those things for our side or their side like that in the beginning of the year. It's something that could come up for reconsideration in the fall time after you've got your — we haven't gotten our revenues in yet, so were trying to get everything organized. So, it's best for those type of purchases like they used to be — like where you stand with your funds coming in, your revenues going out and then make that decision, so it's not like you wouldn't reconsider that at that time, so that was our only question was, we hopefully didn't order the cars, because I did explain that to him. I don't remember — I didn't see in the minutes any way that there was any open conversation with the whole Council about a decision to do that and that's probably where the administration was like, we never knew that was happening again. So, I'm glad that Mr. Mitchell put that in our packet so it could be brought out for the Council for anyone else that wants to have a discussion about that. So, I'll open the floor if anyone else wants to make a remark.

Mr. Mitchell stated, if I could just add on to your comments, it's not uncommon for any municipality in Pennsylvania to put off capital expenditures for vehicles or heavy equipment during the first half of the year, because as you said, tax revenues aren't coming in yet, we don't know if our revenue projections for the year will hold true, we don't know if our expense projections for the year are going to hold true. These are typically third, fourth quarter of the year purchases, but in my conversations with the Chief in the short time I've been here, he shares I think all of our concerns that some areas of the budget, particularly on the expense side have been possibly underestimated. So I think he gets that — but, a decision ultimately has to be made, and we have to give him direction on how we would like to proceed with these purchases, if at all.

Ms. Smith stated, okay, so I'll ask the rest of the Council your thoughts on this.

Ms. Larison stated, I just don't feel like right now with not knowing how much of the money we have coming in, if we should be making any big purchases at this point. I agree with Mr. Mitchell here, I really don't feel that at this time, we need to purchase three vehicles.

Mr. Yager stated, I agree.

Ms. Smith asked, anyone else?

Ms. Dreisbach stated, I don't think that we should purchase —

Ms. Larison stated, I'm sorry. I do think that later on, it should come back up.

Ms. Smith asked, reconsider it?

Ms. Larison stated, and figure out what's the oldest vehicle that has to come out of rotation and have that vehicle replaced.

Ms. Smith stated, yeah, that's how —

Ms. Larison stated, because they do need —

Mr. Yager stated, assessment.

Ms. Larison stated, yes.

Ms. Smith stated, right, and that's how the process was actually set up. Like I said, I was one that actually voted for that lease purchase with the three back then. Like I said, there was that debate back and forth, I remember very clearly about the coverages and doing it all — but it was when a lot of money was being spent for Cornerstone and there weren't any vehicles being bought instead and the department needed that, so we did it. But it was at that time, a one time purchase. So, like I said, personally for me, I have to agree, I think any kind of purchase like that, whether it's big equipment for us or any of that, we need to get all our finances all in order and know where we stand since we're making these transitions and then revisit this in the fall time and personally for me, I think we should just do the one and stagger them so we do have the coverage on those cars. They are not all expiring at the same time, but that's just my personal opinion on that. I think we need to give the Chief a direction, so that he knows where he is with that.

Ms. Dreisbach stated, that's my feeling as well, I was going to say about the warranties running out all at the same time and then in three years or five years, whatever the warranty is, you'll have to go back and buy three more again, and it's just — you know, and the Borough did — the same thing was done when they bought all their equipment at the same time and now it's going to all expire at the same time and we're going to have the same issue.

Ms. Smith stated, yeah, Eileen was on the Council at the time, so I remember the debate about it, and even the Council President at the time was like I'm not crazy about having all three of those coverages up at the same time, but we all thought it was the best for the department, so

we did it. But it was a one time purchase, so maybe it's just a misunderstanding with the Chief of Police.

Mr. Mitchell asked, is it safe to say that I can go back to the Chief and say we're not saying no, were just saying not right now, let's look at it later in the year?

Ms. Smith replied, yes. And also, I guess Council needs to say — I, personally for me I would not want to go back to the three lease purchase and could we go back on the cycle one at a time instead of tying them in to next Council's budgets for three years. It's not that money can't be set aside if an emergency you need one, that's absolutely — make sure the cars are covered, but I would really rather have them staggered, so I would just do the purchases the way we did do them. Opinion, anyone?

Mr. Yager stated, I agree.

Mr. Parker asked, is there anyway we could ask the Chief, make sure we get a list of the vehicles, the years, the mileage?

Ms. Smith replied, yes.

Mr. Parker stated, I understand, some of them are Crown Victoria's which hasn't been in projection since 2011 — obsolete and at the point where parts from the dealer are going to become scarce.

Ms. Smith replied, yeah, he did mention in his letter I believe two of them and the one Crown Victoria I think had been pulled off for transmission or something a while back.

Mr. Parker stated, for some reason, I thought there was another —

Ms. Smith stated, yeah, there's one I think Mr. Mitchell said 170,000, so I'd say that's about time. But yes, absolutely, I knew that on his report from the Chief, we get like the — I think we do anyway, I remember seeing that the mileage is listed on that report each month, it just gives a number of vehicles, so I don't know what that is, but I'm sure that he could give us a list of all that, and the mileage and all, but I think it should be reconsidered half way through the year not in the beginning where we're trying to get everything in order, and like I said, on the Borough's side the Manager isn't even buying on this side too, so it's not just the police side, it's our side too.

Mr. Parker stated, I understand, but I mean, if we have vehicles that are over five years old, they do need to be replaced, they can't be really used as front line vehicles anymore.

Ms. Smith stated, right.

Mr. Parker stated, I'd just like to get a better idea before we —

Ms. Smith stated, make a decision.

Mr. Parker stated, we can't put this off too long and not get to it.

Ms. Smith stated, right.

Mr. Parker stated, and leave the Police Force with —

Ms. Smith stated, right.

Mr. Parker stated, you know, vehicles that are aging —

Ms. Smith stated, right.

Mr. Parker stated, and basically putting us back in the same situation we were —

Ms. Smith stated, right.

Mr. Parker stated, a few years ago.

Ms. Smith stated, yeah, that's why personally I thought it was a great idea to make sure there was something in the budget that could do the cars on a constant cycle, because they did go for too long and it was costing more for repairs and they were unreliable and just can't do that with the Police Department, so I just think it needs to be reconsidered in the fall time, get the information about those cars. So, if everybody's in agreement with that, we could have Mr. Mitchell let the Chief know that.

Mr. Yager replied, yes.

Ms. Smith asked, is that okay with everyone?

Mr. Parker stated, as long as we're also directing the Chief —

Ms. Smith stated, okay.

Mr. Parker stated, to give us a proper vehicle list with the make, the model, the year —

Ms. Smith stated, okay.

Mr. Parker stated, and the miles of it.

Ms. Smith stated, Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. Mitchell stated, yeah, he has that data, so I can, I'll speak with him about that when he comes back.

Mr. Parker stated, and pass it along.

Ms. Smith stated, okay, thank you. Thank you everyone for that. Let me see. Is there anything else Mr. Mitchell that's missing, that you want to bring up?

Mr. Mitchell stated, well, we have a number of guests with us on the action items, number 9. Could we perhaps jump to those so we don't hold people up?

Ms. Smith stated, yes, oh, absolutely.

Mr. Mitchell stated, then I'll come back to another non agenda item that we need to have a conversation about and that's the Morrisville Little League Issue.

Ms. Smith stated, okay.

Mr. Mitchell stated, If we could —

Ms. Smith stated, 9B.

Mr. Mitchell stated, perhaps do 9B since Tom is here. Tom, just to warn you Tom, be brief. And we have a couple of new Council members so you might need to give us a little detail on how you work. I'm used to you and what you do, but fill in some new folks.

Tom Hough, of Hough Associates gave a presentation which included a proposal for collecting residential and commercial recycling data and preparing PADEP 904 Recycling Grant Applications on behalf of Morrisville Borough.

Mr. Mitchell asked, you do this for just about every municipality I know around here, like 65 of them?

Tom Hough, replied, we do, yes. We have 67 municipalities that we do it for, 20, now 21 Borough's, we just added Narbareth Borough under the same terms that we are offering to you.

Mr. Mitchell stated, and we were talking about a one year trial.

Tom Hough, replied, one year trial \$1,200.00.

Mr. Mitchell stated, see how it goes, and if we like the result then we can renew for a second year.

Tom Hough, replied, yes.

Ms. Larison asked, and how much is that one year trial?

Tom Hough, replied, \$1,200.00 and in two payments. One when we file the County form and then one when we file the grant form with the state and at that time we would be able to tell you exactly how much money you get back.

Mr. Mitchell stated, I think you'd be able to fill in a lot of holes in our data, because if I'm looking at our old reports correctly, it looks like we were only reporting what the Borough's trash hauler does whereas —

Tom Hough, replied, correct.

Mr. Mitchell stated, your reach is far broader. Can you speak to that for a little bit just so they understand?

Tom Hough, replied, again, I mentioned that we do go after the commercial hauling as well. There are lots of haulers that are working in your municipality and they are collecting recycling from businesses and apartments that are not handled by the contract hauler and that's the sort of thing — we make sure we get as much recycling data as we can because your grants are based on — your population is essentially fixed, but the more recycling that we can report and validate that would pass DEP muster then that would increase your grants.

Ms. Smith stated, got it.

Tom Hough, replied, just to put into perspective for Yardley Borough, I think we were getting \$12,000.00 or something like that, Bristol Borough, \$15,000.00 to \$18,000.00.

Ms. Larison asked, that they get back?

Tom Hough, replied, that they get back, yes.

Mr. Mitchell stated, through the grant program.

Tom Hough, replied, now we'll be applying for the grant in September, the state doesn't really review it until the following year and you get paid in that following year, if they're on the — it may drag a little bit.

Mr. Mitchell stated, it's a painful cycle.

Tom Hough, replied, it is a long — so we're looking backward, to try to get all the data for 2017

Ms. Smith stated, okay.

Tom Hough, replied, which we will report in 2018 and you'll get paid in 2019 basically.

Ms. Smith stated, any money coming in is good.

Mr. Mitchell stated, it might be the best \$1,200.00 we ever spent.

Ms. Smith stated, yeah, on the return for that, right.

Tom Hough, replied, yes.

Ms. Smith stated, yeah, because we have noticed it was declining, so it's like what do you — what is it you could do to bring that up, so, yes, that would be good.

Tom Hough, replied, well, the fact that we will mail to your businesses — if you give us a list of the businesses in the community, we will mail a little post card to them that says, Morrisville

Borough and State Law requires that you recycle commercial materials, aluminum, paper, cardboard, that sort of thing.

Ms. Smith stated, okay.

Tom Hough, replied, and so then the following year, they generally find that the numbers go up even more.

Ms. Smith stated, right, okay. Anyone else?

Tom Hough, asked, any questions? I did provide a little thing that talks about our bonafides and some of the changes that are going on within the grant program, but I think the one thing you want to have is this Newtown Group which is Bristol Borough, Lower Makefield, Newtown, Solebury, Upper Makefield and Yardley Borough. I think you might fit in to that group. As long as your grants would go up by participating in that group and their grants would go up too. Then we'll take the steps to put you in that group.

Ms. Smith asked, you can bundle them together, correct? Is that what you're saying?

Tom Hough, replied, yes.

Mr. Bowers asked, do you have any clients where you don't take in more in grants than what they paid for your cost?

Tom Hough, replied, no.

Mr. Bowers asked, or do you have any past clients, because they probably wouldn't be current any more?

Tom Hough, replied, no, I haven't run into that.

Mr. Mitchell stated, that wouldn't be good for business.

Tom Hough, replied, I have some clients that have tried to go back on their own to do it and they find that they drop maybe 20% in their grants and then they come back generally.

Ms. Smith stated, right.

Ms. Larison asked, and then what is it once the trial is over, the fee?

Tom Hough, replied, well, we'll see, I don't know what we will bring back for you. We want to make sure that it's worthwhile to you and worthwhile to us as well.

Mr. Yager asked, after the trial, does it become a percentage or —

Tom Hough, replied, we can do it — we have at risk type contracts and we have other contracts that are a fixed fee, which ever is more comfortable for the Borough.

Mr. Yager stated, okay, got it.

Ms. Smith stated, okay.

Tom Hough, replied, so after that one year, after September, we'll know exactly where we all stand.

Ms. Smith stated, where we stand with it, okay, because you're collecting that data for it.

Tom Hough, replied, right.

Ms. Smith stated, okay.

Tom Hough, asked, any other questions about —

Ms. Larison asked, you do all the work for the grant for this program?

Tom Hough, replied, yes.

Ms. Smith stated, it saves in-house doing it, right? Correct?

Mr. Mitchell stated, plus they cast a much wider net and their expertise is off the charts compared to our internal ability.

Ms. Smith stated, right, very good. Thank you so much for your time.

Tom Hough, replied, absolutely, thank you.

Mr. Mitchell stated, thanks Tom.

Tom Hough, replied, hopefully I hear from you favorably at the next meeting.

Mr. Mitchell stated, yes. Hopefully Council will adopt it Tuesday night.

Tom Hough, replied, very good. Thank you.

Ms. Smith stated, thank you.

Ms. Larison stated, thank you.

Ms. Smith stated, I think it's on there. Yeah, see it on B. Yeah, okay, do you want to go back to the administration part?

Mr. Mitchell stated, actually, if we could talk about 9C, because the Borough Engineer is here waiting patiently.

Ms. Smith stated, okay.

Kurt Schroeder, stated, what's 9C, I didn't pick up an agenda?



Ms. Smith stated, this is Kurt Schroeder.

Mr. Mitchell stated, that's the PennDOT application for traffic signal approval to adjust and restrict truck traffic.

Kurt Schroeder stated, sure, yeah, sure, yeah. I'm glad I had a few minutes, because I had to remember where this was at.

Mr. Mitchell stated, I bought you some time.

Kurt Schroeder, stated, we have to get back to PennDOT, T160 forms which will enable the signals to get modified and then that will enable us to move forward and get the signs installed and some other improvements and signals.

Ms. Smith stated, very good.

Kurt Schroeder stated, so we're right there, we're real close. Hopefully in the next four weeks that will be resolved and we can move forward with that.

Ms. Smith stated, that's terrific, that's terrific.

Ms. Larison asked, can I ask, weren't these forms given to you last year?

Ms. Smith stated, no, no.

Kurt Schroeder replied, I don't think so. I think it was in the last couple of weeks that it was —

Ms. Smith stated, yeah, I —

Mr. Mitchell stated, we just got contacted by PennDOT a couple of weeks ago that they were ready, because it was Don Sanafonnie who reached out to me.

Kurt Schroeder replied, someone else in my office had gotten altered to this first and it didn't go through me, but my understanding is it's pretty recent that —

Ms. Smith stated, right.

Ms. Larison stated, I just remember last year saying yes to please proceed and it was at a meeting.

Ms. Smith stated, right, yeah, it was —

Ms. Larison stated, that's why I'm looking puzzled at this point, because I thought that those reports were done.

Ms. Smith stated, yeah, we were at the study, yeah.

Kurt Schroeder stated, so maybe PennDOT was working on it and finally got the study information to the Borough.

Ms. Smith stated, yeah, I think what happened was the one day I was in, Mr. Sooby was asking about the grants for M. R. Reiter and it was the demo stuff, so he asked me to come in to bring some paperwork in to him. And at the time, I think it was Shawn from your group was in there talking with him. But I didn't know and evidence wasn't sent to your company, your firm, I'm sorry, that you needed to get that study in order to proceed. So, that's probably why at that point you were notified.

Kurt Schroeder stated, yeah, I think our involvement was, we filled out the T160 forms which we just recently provided to the Borough and that's got to go back into PennDOT and that enables the signals to get modified.

Ms. Smith stated, yeah.

Ms. Larison stated, maybe that's why I'm confused, because I remember that the T160 forms —

Ms. Smith stated, yeah, yeah, we just didn't know what the process was.

Ms. Larison stated, and they had to be completed and handed in and I thought that that was done.

Ms. Smith stated, yeah, no. I asked Mr. Sooby about it, I think he didn't know where that was supposed to go so I think that's when he contacted Shawn and said that's the process, because we were still waiting thinking okay we're just going to get approval and get these signed and there's an actual process through your firm to do that so I thank you for moving on that as quickly as you did so we can get going with it.

Mr. Mitchell stated, and then there's the issue of the stop sign.

Kurt Schroeder stated, right, so I guess that was something that —

Mr. Mitchell stated, we have some new folks thought Kurt, so you might need to explain the whole warrant analysis issue.

Kurt Schroeder stated, the one thing that's not included in that PennDOT work is at Washington Avenue and Green Street. There's a desire to make that a four way stop intersection.

Ms. Smith stated, correct, yeah.

Kurt Schroeder stated, and so any time the Borough on any local road wants to install regulatory signs like a stop sign, there's a requirement to produce a stop sign warrant analysis, which is something our firm can provide. And then if there is a warrant that allows for under the Pennsylvania Code to install the sign, then it can be adopted by Resolution by Council and then the sign can be installed and it becomes enforceable.

Ms. Smith stated, okay.

Kurt Schroeder stated, so there's only a certain — few criteria that of which one, at least one of those things need to be met in order to put up a stop sign. So, we're recommending budgeting around \$1,500.00 for that study to be completed and that warrant analysis to be produced.

Ms. Smith stated, okay.

Kurt Schroeder stated, and if there is the ability to warrant that stop sign to be installed. At this moment, we think it's probably going to be a site distance criteria that won't be met. And that would be what warrants the ability to install it. Like I said, there's no guarantee, if we don't meet any of those warrants, then legally, we can't install —

Ms. Smith stated, right, right.

Kurt Schroeder stated, a sign.

Ms. Smith stated, yeah, I know that it's been brought up several times, it's been an issue down there, waiting for an accident waiting to happen if you're down there for awhile. I know that the residents have been asking to try and get it addressed, so this would be great if it can get installed. I really don't think that's a bad thing to put that out to do that, I don't know how the other Council feels about it, but I think the residents need to see something being done with that.

Ms. Larison stated, there is a huge gap between when they turn —

Ms. Smith stated, yeah.

Ms. Larison stated, onto Washington Street from Bridge Street —

Ms. Smith stated, yeah.

Ms. Larison stated, because the next stop sign isn't until Philadelphia Avenue.

Ms. Smith stated, yeah, yeah, that's been a problem for awhile. So it would be nice if we could get that addressed. Is Council okay with proceeding with that? Yes?

Mr. Yager replied, yes.

Ms. Smith asked, everyone, yes?

Ms. Dreisbach stated, definitely.

Ms. Larison stated, I am, yes.

Ms. Smith stated, okay. Thank you for doing that.

Mr. Mitchell asked, any other questions about the stop sign, because I know Kurt has one more thing in his bag of tricks?

Mr. Bowers asked, I have one, just kind of related to that. If — would it make sense if we had another issue we wanted to take a look at it to do it at the same time to make it cheaper, or individually it doesn't matter?

Kurt Schroeder stated, no, it could make it cheaper just because we'll have our traffic engineering group in town.

Ms. Larison stated, well if that's the case, I got a street too.

Mr. Bowers asked, I have a resident that came to me. We have Hamilton Boulevard, it's a divided street and they said years ago it used to have a do not enter on the one side and one way signs that are no longer there, so they we're looking at to see if we can look into doing that again.

Kurt Schroeder asked, do they have any history on whether or not it was just removed, or removed for a purpose?

Mr. Bowers replied, I'm guessing just over time, it probably got knocked down and never replaced.

Kurt Schroeder replied, okay.

Ms. Larison stated, wait, no —

John Later stated, I was told by the police that divided roads like that you don't need one way on either side. If you choose to do an ordinance on it, that's fine, but it is divided, so you don't need a one way going either way. And it was never, as long as I've been here 30 years, never seen a do not enter or one way sign on that street. We only have two one ways in town that are ordinances.

Mr. Bowers stated, well, the resident claimed to me that he had seen one there. The Police Chief may say he don't have it, the engineer will look at what the laws are to apply whether we can do it.

Kurt Schroeder stated, we can look into it. I'll say that the one way street issue, we've been associated with a few of them in Boroughs, they're usually a little bit more involved to actually perform some form of a study for that, but we can at least kind of look at it — a real kind of high level and see where it's at and whether we have any initial reaction or thoughts to it and then we can report back to the Manager with some preliminary information.

Ms. Larison stated, I have two streets. On Cox Avenue, and those of you that live around Cox Avenue, know that Osborne and Cox Avenue is like a speedway. And Cox Avenue leads straight up to the high school, straight up to the school, so constantly have kids walking to school and Cox Avenue, there's no stop sign at Osborne and Cox, either way. So, that's just a straight away through, and I know we have people that do not do 25, they do not slow down for the pedestrians, they're not slowing down for the kids, so you're doing a double and triple take sometimes just to go through that street because your stop sign is on Cox. So Osborne

doesn't have one. Same thing with Barclay, Barclay, there's not a stop sign, the first stop sign is at Barnsley, the next one isn't until Harding. So right at Cox and Barclay there's no stop sign so you're coming —

Ms. Smith stated, straight through.

Ms. Larison stated, straight through, yeah. So they're picking up speed, especially if they are coming from Barnsley, because it's a longer stretch then between Cox and Harding. So between Cox and Barnsley, it's a longer stretch, so they are picking up speed and they are just zooming straight through. My concern is a pedestrian is going to get hit if one has not in the past been hit. But because the kids are walking to school, just to me, it's a safety issue. I don't know why, I don't know if there was ever a stop sign there before and it was taken down, I don't know, but if there's a way without a higher cost, putting that into that study for those two streets.

Kurt Schroeder stated, we can — like I said, the stop sign warrant analysis, there's very specific criteria for when, and one that's an absolute not warrant requirement is to use it for a speed control.

Ms. Smith stated, right.

Kurt Schroeder stated, and stop signs actually are counterproductive, because people now have to stop and to make up the lost time, they like to accelerate and go even faster which can create an even less safe condition. But that's an interesting segment of roadway and there are traffic calming measures that could be explored and I'm not talking about speed bumps, there's different, maybe more popular —

Ms. Smith stated, yeah, the Borough looked into them before.

Kurt Schroeder stated, public works, they don't like speed bumps when they're plowing snow, but there's less controversial topics of speed bumps that can be looked at and there's actually talk about a route to schools. There's a lot of good grants out there, specifically for making safer routes for students that walk to school.

Ms. Larison stated, that's one of my biggest concerns is because there's a lot of kids around there and everybody's, you know, they're walking to school either coming up Cox or they're coming up Harding and I notice a lot of them every morning, because I have kids in the school and that's the way that they're walking. And I mean, it's pretty sad when you have to watch kids play frogger to get across the street.

Ms. Smith stated, if I could also say, Virginia, there was a gentleman came in remember, about the beginning of the year he had the little girl with him, and he left a note, and I saw twice he came to the meeting and our meetings were so busy that he didn't get a chance to speak because the little girl wanted to go home, so the poor thing, if I see him again, if he was here tonight, I would have brought him up first and said please, you can go put her to bed. He — did he leave a note on where that problem was on the street? You gave it to —

Mr. Later stated, I know where it is. It's exactly at Cox —

Ms. Smith stated, oh, okay. Where she's talking —

Mr. Later stated, right at the end of your street it is.

Ms. Smith stated, okay, yeah. So I wanted to address that because he was here several times to try and talk about it, so thank you.

Ms. Larison stated, it's dangerous right there. I mean, I'm not going to sugarcoat it. It's dangerous and watching the kids try and cross the street almost — I know it's not right, but wants me to stop in the middle of the street so these kids can cross. You know, just get out of my car and get them to cross the street because everybody's in a rush, but it's their safety. I don't want someone to be distracted and you know, hit any kids.

Kurt Schroeder stated, we can look at the corridor and we're leading into the next discussion and —

Mr. Mitchell stated, my favorite topic.

Kurt Schroeder stated, ours too.

Ms. Larison stated, I don't know if that could be included in the Green Street and Washington Street.

Kurt Schroeder stated, we can take a look at it, I'll have our traffic engineers swing over there when they are in town and just do a quick drive through and scope things out. But, it's grant season now.

Ms. Smith stated, right.

Kurt Schroeder stated, that's why Scott's so excited, because grants are a great thing.

Mr. Mitchell stated, my favorite time of the year.

Ms. Smith stated, money.

Kurt Schroeder stated, you know we've been working on grants in the past and we've had some good success in getting some things kickstarted, so we want to keep building off that momentum. And we brainstormed a few weeks ago, we knew that the grants were going to get launched here and they have, so we want to try and get the conversation started on what we want to apply for. The one that's really pressing at the moment is the CDBG grant which is a Community Development Block Grant. It goes from the Feds to the County and all the participating communities, including Morrisville can apply for that pool of money and then hopefully get funding. We got funding last year for half a playground in Williamson Park, which is cool, we are grateful that they gave us I think \$191,000.00.

Ms. Smith stated, right.

Kurt Schroeder stated, so the obvious application that comes to mind is to try to apply for the other half this year. I know that we applied for a second grant last year to CDBG which was for M. R. Reiter and we did a very aggressive application for that to try and do like a three year phased application. We kind of got some advise from the County to consider doing that. Unfortunately, we weren't successful with that but we did obviously — got the funding for the demolition —

Ms. Smith stated, right.

Kurt Schroeder stated, of the school and that was actually what year one's funding was appropriated what we requested for. So, for this years application, we want to try to hit the target a little bit more accurately with the CDBG funding, it's a real narrow window of what that funding is for. We came up with the concept that maybe as we're trying to now convert the M. R. Reiter property into a passive recreation park and one of the real attractive grant ideas for CDBG is around accessibility and ADA. Perhaps we can look at the perimeter of the property, some parking facilities, access to the Summerseat building. Like some kind of ADA driven grant to CDBG, so is that something that sounds —

Ms. Smith stated, I know when the Commissioners came out for a meeting there when this whole process was going on and they were talking about what the park could have in it because you are regulated when its open space. One of them was some type of a small even ADA bathroom not big, but if you're going to have — let's say you have a re-enactment there or something going on, you'd have to have some kind of a facility, so that — they did say that that was one of the allowable things, because you can't put structures up, everything has to be approved through them. The other one was the parking lot because it's surrounded by homes, you want to be respectful of everyone there and they're parking, so they do allow you to change the parking, reconfigure it, add where you would need to so that was also something in there.

Kurt Schroeder stated, we think that that would be a good application for CDBG and like I said, we're kind of trying to fit the project to the grant program, but as far as the entire future recreation, passive recreation park goes there, there's other grants that we want to recommend being applied for this year. And there's a lot and they come out this time of year. They come out throughout the year, but a bulk of them just came out. The CDBG one, they always give us, they give us three weeks, you only have time to get a resolution from Council, we're fortunate that Friday it came out and here we are already before you, so that's actually great timing for us. There's other grant programs that just came out with DCED, there's a Greenway Trails and Recreations Program and that's a pretty good program for kind of coming up with a game plan for the M. R. Reiter property like developing a concept sketch maybe even taking it through engineering, getting something that's got permits and ready to go and maybe we do that this year and set the table for next year we go after the construction money. So that's definitely one that we're recommending we apply for as well and that program is open right now.

Mr. Mitchell stated, Kurt and I discussed this all at length and we share the philosophy, full throttle, pedal to the metal on all grants and we want to make sure we have the support of Council to do so.

Mr. Yager stated, go get them.

Ms. Smith stated, I think Morrisville needs to Rock N Roll.

Kurt Schroeder stated, if you have a moment, maybe it would be useful for me to just kind of run through the list we have now, please. We want to take another shot — we got the Flood Hazard Mitigation money from DCED last year for the levy study, it was \$140,000.00. We were hoping that we could find a match to that with some Federal money but unfortunately that bucket doesn't have any money in it right now. So to keep that process going, we don't know how far we will be able to get with the levy with the funding we already received. We want to take another shot at more money under that same program next year and that can be the next phase, we do a study now and maybe we have to do engineering for what the construction actually would need to gain accreditation there. So we would craft an application in that regard for the same funding we got last year.

Ms. Smith asked, is there a time frame to use that \$140,000.00, you know, they've got those windows for it to apply it?

Kurt Schroeder replied, there is, every grant, there are so many different grants and every one has unique periods, but I want to say that the grant agreement for that takes us out to like 2020 —

Ms. Smith stated, okay.

Kurt Schroeder stated, there's a couple of years there. But we want to get moving on it.

Ms. Smith stated, oh yeah, yeah, I was hoping it was like a year or something like that because CDBG is a year.

Kurt Schroeder stated, but you know, you blink and it's a year —

Ms. Smith stated, exactly.

Kurt Schroeder stated, so we want to keep that one moving, but there's a couple of years on that grant. I had some good conversations today with regards to that and we got notice that they are going to do another inspection —

Mr. Mitchell stated, July.

Kurt Schroeder stated, I think this year, so we got a lot of buzz going with Army Corp and DEP and got the canal folks involved, so we really have a lot of momentum at our backs right now with this levy. So I think we'll — we get the grant and everyone already knows about it, all these other entities, everyone is talking about this —

Ms. Smith stated, yeah.

Kurt Schroeder stated, which is great.



Ms. Smith stated, the buckets are flooding right here, so this is the time to jump on it for us for the levy.

Kurt Schroeder stated, definitely. And the levy as we've talked over the years is kind of the prerequisite for making improvements to Williamson Park in its entirety, it's kind of like let's get the levy in good health so then we can start kind of dressing up Williamson Park and there's a really great DCNR grant C2P2 grant that's out now and we want to — Scott said take shots at every net we can find and maybe we'll ask for the playground money from that as well and if it's not the playground maybe it's the next improvement to the park. There's a lot of discussion do we just kind of upgrade the park as it is or are there changes to the park, reconfigurations to the park that we want to explore, maybe there's a master plan to what the new park would look like —

Ms. Smith stated, right.

Kurt Schroeder stated, after we do get millions of dollars to redevelop it. So, we need a little direction on that.

Ms. Smith stated, okay.

Kurt Schroeder stated, but I think we can at least craft an application to try to get some money in and then we can focus on —

Ms. Smith stated, the phases.

Kurt Schroeder stated, what we're going to do with it.

Ms. Smith stated, okay.

Mr. Mitchell stated, and keep in mind, just because a grant doesn't get funded doesn't mean that that exercise was a waste of time, because the next window that opens we will recycle that application.

Kurt Schroeder stated, absolutely.

Ms. Smith stated, yeah.

Mr. Mitchell stated, over and over and over again.

Kurt Schroeder stated, and some of that's already happening. We already have things teed up for the M. R. Reiter and the playground at the park —

Ms. Smith stated, yeah.

Kurt Schroeder stated, so those applications will be inexpensive this year because the cost was substantially paid for last year.

Ms. Smith stated, yeah, yeah.

Kurt Schroeder stated, these grants — all these grants, it's really tricky, because you can get a million dollars, but if you need a 50% match to that you have to come up with another million dollars. So getting a million dollars isn't necessarily great if you don't have the corresponding match.

Ms. Smith stated, right, right.

Kurt Schroeder stated, so we obviously look at these things in their entirety and we try to plan and program for how they're all going to fit together so we're not coming to you one day and saying, hey if you don't have a million dollars next year, we have to give this money back, because the grant people hate that too.

Ms. Smith stated, right.

Kurt Schroeder stated, you start getting grant money, you got to deliver —

Ms. Smith stated, right.

Kurt Schroeder stated, and spend that money quickly or else they won't give you more grant money.

Ms. Smith stated, you got to follow through.

Mr. Mitchell stated, we need ribbon cuttings.

Ms. Smith stated, yeah, yeah.

Kurt Schroeder stated, that's right, groundbreaking and ribbon cuttings. And we have some other sources we want to tap into. I know the County's very interested in helping with, they've been helpful with — they want to continue to be helpful with some of these other efforts and they too have some programs that could be useful, so we're working with the County to bring them up to speed and there's a new Planning Commission Executive Director who we've met with and talked with —

Mr. Mitchell stated, and he's spent a lot of time here the past few weeks.

Kurt Schroeder stated, yeah.

Ms. Smith stated, which is good.

Mr. Mitchell stated, Morrisville's really poised and ready, a lot of people are keeping eyes on us.

Ms. Smith stated, yeah, a lot of eyes on us, yeah.

Kurt Schroeder stated, so there's the C2P2 grant application for Williamson Park, there's the Greenway Trails we also think we should apply for Williamson Park as well, even though we said apply for M. R. Reiter, let's apply for both.

Ms. Smith stated, right, exactly.

Kurt Schroeder stated, like Scott said, a lot of the information is recycled and you're spending — over here you can put in two and if you hit on one, great.

Ms. Smith stated, right.

Kurt Schroeder stated, very unlikely we'll hit on both, but —

Ms. Larison stated, you never know.

Kurt Schroeder stated, pick from two instead of from one and not get that one.

Ms. Smith stated, right.

Kurt Schroeder stated, CDBG we talked about that. Later in the year, there's some grants coming out that we want to keep in mind. We've applied for in the past and we want to continue applying for replacing all the street signs in town.

Ms. Smith stated, okay.

Kurt Schroeder stated, the Federal Government has been pushing back a requirement to bring all signs in to compliance with this thing called retroreflectivity when your headlights hit the sign.

Ms. Smith stated, John knows about that, poor John.

Kurt Schroeder stated, so there's money out there, we've applied in years past and have been unsuccessful, but you keep shooting at the same —

Ms. Smith stated, yeah.

Kurt Schroeder stated, eventually that project might climb up and be worthy. Green Light Goes is another application for signage that we want to consider. Then I think there's consideration for Borough Hall renovations.

Ms. Smith stated, wow, really.

Kurt Schroeder stated, and there's actually a pretty nice State grant program that it could be a long shot, but you just don't know, we should make an application to RECP for that.

Mr. Mitchell stated, and don't forget, we have a Library that's a historic building that always needs work and a playground that we haven't even talked about yet. So, our to do list is long.

Kurt Schroeder stated, just in talking with that area by Cox, there's another grant in this pool of grants called Multimodal Transportation Fund and they want to improve pedestrian accessibility, they want to improve vehicular and pedestrian conflicts, so if you're talking about streetscaping, I know we're always talking about Bridge Street and trying to do something

there, I'm a little skeptical of that, it's worthy of taking a shot, but I just feel like there's things that need to happen prior to that application. That's just my personal opinion and it could be swayed. The idea of like doing a street scape along Cox to calm traffic and make it more pedestrian friendly, there's a good program for that as well.

Ms. Larison stated, okay.

Kurt Schroeder stated, so we can kind of look at that segment with the mind of can we do an application for it. That's where we're at, that's what we've been working on the last month or two and really the CDBG ones are the ones that we need the endorsement to get those two applications in the next two and a half weeks at this point.

Ms. Larison asked, so you need a Resolution from Council?

Kurt Schroeder replied, yeah. They don't give you much time, so sometimes you can't even get to a Council meeting in that amount of time, so it will just get authorized by a Manager to make the application and then you can submit the Resolution after the fact they'll accept it.

Ms. Smith stated, okay.

Kurt Schroeder stated, but if we can get a Resolution next — this week to you —

Mr. Mitchell stated, Tuesday.

Kurt Schroeder stated, and you can have it —

Ms. Smith stated, Tuesday.

Kurt Schroeder stated, by next weeks meeting to authorize, then —

Ms. Smith stated, okay.

Kurt Schroeder stated, we'll have it in hand.

Mr. Yager stated, that'd be great.

Ms. Smith stated, that'd be great.

Ms. Larison stated, yes, that would be great.

Kurt Schroeder stated, we'll get those drafts to you.

Ms. Smith stated, I know we lucked out, I'll just give a quick update, just so people know, they ask from time to time about M. R. Reiter and just updates on it, some people weren't aware that we actually made settlement in December, I think right after Christmas we did that, right? Or right before?

Mr. Mitchell stated, November.

Ms. Smith stated, right before, okay, before. So, yes, we did make settlement on that, we had all our funding to have that happen, we worked on that. We were very lucky that we — I mean it took a while and a lot of maneuvering to get two grants for that demo, the demo was not easy to use a grant for, you got to beg, borrow and steal practically to make sure that it gets over the finish line. So, out of that \$270,000.00, demo cost, for the Borough it was like \$18,000.00 of the difference so that was a heck of a pot that we pulled in so Morrisville did good, everybody did good working on that. So, it shows you what you can do. So I think going after money for M. R. Reiter is going to be good one also. They want to see something done.

Kurt Schroeder stated, definitely.

Ms. Smith stated, so that's great, thanks.

Mr. Bowers stated, Debbie, I just had two quick things I wanted to say, while you're looking at all these grants, a couple of things stick out in the back of my mind to keep in mind in the back of yours when you said ADA compliant, one thing I noticed is our Williamson Park, even the crosswalks from across Delmorr Avenue to the park go to nowhere. So maybe if there's grants available just to build an ADA compliant — just to start there so that you have the sidewalk or landing to access to park. Right now, the crosswalk goes right into the grass. Also, we have a dog park that's built on the top of the hill, people have to walk up and down the hill when it's rainy, muddy, that would be another thing to just keep in the back of our mind if we see any grants that might be applicable to build an entrance way into it.

Kurt Schroeder stated, those are both dead ringers for the CDBG. So maybe with the playground what we can do and what we like to do with grants is, we'll submit similar theme for the grant. Like one grant application but we'll kind of have a couple different things in it and separate cost estimates. So, if they can't, let's say we ask for a half a million and they only want to give us a quarter million, they can say, oh well we can give out option A and B, we'll skip C and you at least get two of the three items that you applied for —

Ms. Smith stated, right, since you're already applying.

Kurt Schroeder stated, with the playground we should include developing accessible routes in and out of the parks —

Ms. Smith stated, yeah.

Kurt Schroeder stated, at least for Williamson Park, I don't know if we want to tie the dog parks into this application.

Ms. Smith stated, we have many projects.

Kurt Schroeder stated, they're good ideas that we should definitely — we're looking at all the grants, like there's one there, one there.

Ms. Smith stated, yeah, yeah.

Kurt Schroeder stated, so we definitely should have, hopefully we'll have good success with these applications.

Ms. Smith stated, yeah.

Ms. Larison stated, great.

Ms. Smith stated, thank you, thank you very much.

Mr. Mitchell stated, thanks Kurt.

Kurt Schroeder stated, have a good night.

Ms. Larison stated, thank you.

Ms. Smith stated, the Mayor is not here. Solicitor, do you have anything for us?

**Solicitor's Report - Randall Flager** - He stated we have interviews set up for three candidates that Council has selected for this Monday night. Council is going to be working really hard even on President's Day starting at 7:00 in Borough Hall, it will then be Council's pleasure if they choose one of those candidates they will have that option at the next Council meeting will be the next night on Tuesday.

Ms. Smith stated, correct.

Mr. Flager stated, there's also — Scott, do you want me to discuss the opioid thing or not?

Mr. Mitchell replied, sure, might as well give them a heads up about it.

Mr. Flager stated, let me give you a head's up. You know, for years you couldn't go after big tobacco because no one ever beat big tobacco. And the reason I mention this personally is I was offered the opportunity to come up with a significant amount of money to go after them and I said, I think it was like 50 grand, I said I'm not going to spend that, it's money down the drain, no one ever beats big tobacco. And of course one of my friends who did it, he retired from the practice of law so I guess he chose wisely, but then I wouldn't have gotten to meet you, so see, I'm the lucky one, I'm the lucky one here for making a foolish business decision. However, if you saw the news, I think it was yesterday or the day before, I lose track of the days, but I think it was yesterday or the day before, one of the major manufacturers of the major opioid that is the problem will not — will no longer spend, they cut their staff in half, they're not going to be advertising the doctors —

Audience member (inaudible)

Mr. Flager asked, what's that?

Audience member (inaudible)

Mr. Flager stated, they're not going to be dealing with the doctors, they're not going to have all these fun little dinners and all that other stuff. What do you want to say, sorry, did I say something?

Ms. Smith stated, no, no, thank you Holly.

Mr. Flager stated, oh, okay. So what was interesting to me when I saw that that's a sign of blood in the water to me. We've been working, Bristol Township is now looking into it, we are going to be at our next meeting, but there's a group of, there's a couple of women in Philadelphia who are phenomenal trial lawyers, and we're involved with a lot of these class action suits. In case Council doesn't know it, Philadelphia is basically the hub of class action in the United States. There's a number of factors for that, but it's not really relevant, other than to say that there are a number of the firms there in the City of Philadelphia is involved, the County is involved, everyone's involved, Bensalem is involved, Bristol Township hopefully will be involved shortly, and I was able to negotiate with these women a much lower rate, I think Philly's paying a third or 40%, I forget what it is and instead this will be 25% at the most, it doesn't cost the Borough one dime. And this will be — we will be able to recover for the money that we spend for our emergency personnel, police and fire, you know, for everything for this scourge of this epidemic which if you know what's gone on and I think we've all read so much at this point, this was — a lot of this was brought about by the greed of the drug companies and they told the doctors that they had these wonderful drugs and they were not addictive, or not very addictive and no one would get addicted to it and we ended up with everybody on heroin because that was cheaper and more readily available. And now part of the problem is — then you have recovery homes, you have this whole cascading of events. Higher police costs, higher incarceration rates, on and on and on and on. Not to mention our young people are showing up dead or seriously injured in the streets and in the hospitals. So with your permission I will continue talking to them and I would suggest that Morrisville Borough also get on the bandwagon. It cost nothing, and I suspect — I think the case is much stronger and I think they'll be all these other class actions, and I guarantee you this drug company has reduced everything is because they see the handwriting on the wall, and the only way to get to them is through their pocketbook. We've seen tobacco use plummet in this country, because they don't advertise it. You don't see sexy men and women out there, you know smoking cigarettes, it's not glamorized anymore and we need to do - I think as a Council, I think it's good for you because you're taking, you're being proactive and you're going after the root cause of this problem which is we have drug companies who are acting as in some cases, drug pushers whether it was advertently doing it or just out of greed or just out of ignorance but everything I've read indicates to me that they knew how bad these drugs were and they lied and mislead the physicians who then became their pushers in a sense to our children and our brothers and sisters and spouses and colleagues. So I wanted to approach that subject with you.

Mr. Yager asked, quick question, is this the — did this originate in Bensalem locally, I think I remember hearing something about that?

Mr. Flager stated, I think maybe at first, but all the cities are — Philadelphia is involved, the Counties, I think Bucks is involved. Everyone is involved and if we don't do it, I mean we have every municipality has huge costs related to this, huge costs, and personal costs, and the only way we're going to get this under control is to really hit the drug companies. The only thing they understand is billions of dollars in damages, just like the billions in profits that they've been making all these years. And that will, just like it did to the tobacco companies, it will have a drastic affect the way they market this, and the truth is, you're not looking for money, although we'd like to be reimbursed, what you're looking for is to put an end to this epidemic, and this I think will help. So my strong suggestion — I can have these people appear in front of you, I can — you can meet in executive session because it's involving litigation, you don't have to publicly do this. You have to vote publicly to hire a firm but what have you. So that's for Council to consider.

Mr. Yager stated, thank you.

Mr. Flager stated, you're welcome.

Ms. Smith stated, thank you.

Mr. Flager stated, okay, I think I'm going to stop speaking. Thank you.

**Mayor's Report - David Rivella** - There was no report this evening.

**Police Chief's Report - Chief George McClay** - There was no report this evening.

**Junior Councilperson's Report - Sade Ricketts** - There was no report this evening.

Ms. Smith stated, okay. The other things we have is reports for next week, I don't know if anybody wants to weigh in on anything tonight, that would be any committee reports or you can wait until next week. That's one of the things we'll work on.

### **REPORTS - COMMITTEES**

There were no committee reports this evening.

Ms. Smith stated, the action items, the other one was the authorization to hire the part-time Police Officer. At the last meeting it actually got voted down. After speaking with the Chief of Police and going over some of the things, which one of the things I didn't realize either was there was 8 positions for part-time and with some of them leaving and some of them coming back in, he wasn't at the 8 that he is allotted in our fee schedule. So I said to him, well, then he could put it back up for the reconsideration, if he wants to bring that back to the Council. He did get the approval from the Council to hire the full-time officer, that brings him then up to



the amount that he had at the full-time officers and the Civil Service is working on that process right now. So that was put on there for that reason, if someone has any comment about it —

Mr. Yager stated, I still have questions but I'll wait until next week when I can ask the Chief.

Ms. Smith stated, so I just wanted to bring up why that was placed back on. 9D would be authorization to permit Morrisville-Yardley Area Rotary Club to utilize Williamson Park on March 31, 2018, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for its annual Easter Egg Hunt. So I think everybody knows they do that every year. The other one is 9E, will be authorization for the Borough Engineer and the Borough Solicitor to proceed with the installation of that new stop sign which you knew about. 9F is acceptance of resignation letter from Councilman Bill Pepitone who is a representative for the 2nd Ward. So, we did receive his letter with I would say with a heavy heart, he's a good person and I know he did his best and he's sad that he's going to have to leave. But that's on the agenda, so anyone, it would be only from the 2nd Ward that wants to put in a letter of interest is able to do that for that Ward.

Mr. Yager stated, just to point out, they have to be in that residence for a year.

Ms. Smith stated, yes, yes, I'm sorry, yes they do and from that particular Ward. It will take affect as to what Mr. Pepitone has in his memo which will be read at the meeting. Next one is 9G which will be the motion to hire a permanent Borough Manager and to appoint same as Borough Secretary, subject to the negotiation of an Employment Agreement. I had asked the Solicitor is that wording okay does anything need to be changed, it's good?

Mr. Flager stated, it's okay.

Ms. Smith stated, it's okay. If you want to adjust it we —

Mr. Flager replied, it's okay, I'm okay.

Mr. Mitchell stated, just okay Randy?

Mr. Flager replied, it's brilliant.

Ms. Smith stated, see we're not as good at it as you, so we're going to defer that to you.

Mr. Flager stated, I was reading Shakespeare.

Ms. Smith stated, we put something in there but you can adjust that.

Mr. Mitchell stated, Randy somebody watching us on t.v. sent me an email saying that you and I are like the Abbott and Costello of Morrisville's Council meetings.

Mr. Flager asked, which one am I?

Mr. Mitchell stated, I'm flattered.

Ms. Smith stated, so of course, we will be having that executive meeting on Monday to do those interviews with the candidates that were selected, and then of course we will bring it to the Council so that everyone knows what we are doing at all times.

### FINANCE

There was no finance to discuss this evening.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Smith stated, next up will be under unfinished business, appointments that are coming up. There's one for the Environmental Advisory Council, it's a 3-year appointment, it did expire in December 19th, I'm sorry, will expire on 12/19/20. It will expire as the appointment will come up. The person that has her term expired is Nicole Rahman who's been with the — quite a few years with the MEAC and did send a letter in to ask to be reappointed. I think that was the only one I wrote the notes down from that Board.

Mr. Mitchell replied, yes.

Ms. Smith stated, the Planning Commission, there's (2) 4-year appointments. Debby Colgan from the MEAC, her term expired also in December. Gary Amoss, his expired in December, they sent letters in asking for reappointment. I think there was —

Mr. Mitchell stated, three applicants.

Ms. Smith stated, three applicants, let me see if I got them. John DeWilde, Holly Harman, what was the third one, I don't have the third one. Do you know?

Mr. Mitchell stated, you've got Gary Amoss —

Mr. Yager stated, Debby Colgan.

Ms. Smith stated, Debby Colgan.

Mr. Mitchell stated, Debby Colgan.

Ms. Smith stated, that one is expired.

Mr. Mitchell stated, Holly Harman. And we also have, well the next one is a Zoning Hearing Board, but both that applied for the Zoning Hearing Board also mentioned Planning.

Ms. Smith stated, okay.

Ms. Larison stated, so it's five.

Mr. Mitchell stated, either of those could conceivably be Planning Commission applicants as well.

Ms. Larison asked, so there's five for the Planning Commission?

Ms. Smith stated, yes.

Mr. Mitchell stated, there's three firm and two possibilities.

Ms. Smith stated, yeah, and I believe everyone got all of these —

Ms. Larison stated, yes.

Ms. Smith stated, applications. Some are from previous, so we were holding onto them, but they're there. You can reach out and speak to some people already know some of these applicants. Debby Colgan and Gary Amoss of course have been on there for a while so everyone knows them but you can reach out and speak to them also. The next one would be —

Mr. Yager stated, before you move on Madame President. Just to remind you though that one of them, there has to be one person on that Board from the MEAC —

Ms. Smith stated, correct.

Mr. Yager stated, and I believe Ms. Colgan is that person from the MEAC.

Ms. Smith stated, yes, yes, that would be the bylaws for that, thank you for reminding me about that, that's true, yes.

Mr. Bowers stated, I believe it says it's only recommended —

Mr. Yager stated, oh.

Mr. Bowers stated, it's not actually necessary.

Mr. Yager stated, okay. Thank you.

Ms. Smith stated, oh is it? Okay, I'll have to look at that, but she did, she's been on there for quite a few years she did ask to be reappointed. The other one would be for the Zoning Board, it's a 3-year appointment and it's Suzanne Zukowski, her term expires this month 2/17/18. I don't recall getting — did we get anything from her? I didn't see anything unless I missed it.

Ms. Cyphers (inaudible)

Ms. Smith stated, okay, all right, so she wants to be considered, okay. I think the other one, you said there's someone else —

Mr. Mitchell stated, there are two other candidates for Zoning Hearing Board, or they could conceivably also be for Planning Commission.

Ms. Smith stated, okay, and Zoning was — I think he asked the last time, this is the alternate position, right?

Mr. Mitchell stated, John DeWilde.

Ms. Smith stated, okay.

Mr. Mitchell stated, and —

Ms. Larison stated, Eric McHugh.

Mr. Mitchell stated, Eric McHugh.

Ms. Smith stated, I think I just, yeah, I think I just got that one. Okay, so that everybody knows who all the candidates are. Anybody have any questions on that or do they have any suggestions on it? Okay. Nothing under new business that I see, Borough Official comments, the adjournment. Is there anything else that we missed that anyone would like to address or bring up?

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to discuss this evening.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements this evening.

### **BOROUGH OFFICIALS**

Mr. Mitchell stated, we do have a non agenda item I'd like to bring up once you guys have had the chance to say anything else.

Ms. Smith stated, is there anything — anyone else?

Mr. Yager stated, yeah, I have one quick question for Scott, because I told you I only had a few and I lied to you. So the Crown Street property is there any update? Has there been anything applied through for that property at this point?

Mr. Mitchell replied, zero new information other than the Chief Representative from the presentation they gave Council that evening will be meeting with the Zoning Officer later this month.

Mr. Yager replied, thank you.

Ms. Smith stated, okay. Anyone else have anything to add to the agenda or ask about the agenda. Okay, we got everything so far. Then I'll give the floor to Scott Mitchell our Manager and he'll bring up his item.

Mr. Mitchell stated, again, this was in your packets and I don't think this was a new discussion point, but Morrisville Little League is looking for an answer so that they can do what they need to do for their upcoming 2018 season. They had presented Council with a proposal back in the fall. The representative that I met with said they never got a firm response from the Borough. They asked me if I would recirculate it, I did. They asked me if I would bring it up to you to your meeting tonight, I am. I think at the very least we should get them some sort of answer.

Mr. Yager asked, so if I may, it's the same information that was provided before, correct?

Mr. Mitchell replied, the same information that was provided before.

Mr. Yager asked, and it was a consensus on Council at that point to not move forward with their plan — I'll call it, is that correct?

Ms. Smith stated, that I know of.

Mr. Yager asked, has that changed?

Ms. Kronnagel stated, well last I remember, we were — the Athletic Committee was going to meet with them, I guess that didn't happen.

Ms. Smith stated, they did.

Mr. Yager stated, they did.

Ms. Smith stated, they did. That's what this memo is from.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, well I didn't get any kind of report from that, when did that happen?

Ms. Smith stated, yeah, Mr. Sooby put it in everybody's packet, we all got it.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, no, no, the Athletic Committee was supposed to meet with them after that, after that October meeting.

Ms. Smith stated, they refused to meet with the Athletic Committee. They've reached out many many times and MLL did not meet with them after they came to the meeting and took back the \$7,000.00 check that they were supposed to work with the agreement — they we're trying to get — Mr. Sooby was trying to work out with them and that's where this memo came

from. That meeting where they said they didn't want to pay, they wanted things to stay as is and that was their stance with the Borough.

Mr. Yager stated, and from my recollection as somebody in the crowd at that time I clearly remember and I believe it was Mr. Parker firmly said to Mr. Sooby to take care of it and it doesn't look like that's the case. I don't think, unless there's a consensus change, I think the Borough Manager should be handling this and be given full authority to do so.

Ms. Smith stated, yeah, and to Mr. Parker's credit, I will say he did actually say to Mr. Sooby, it was — you know, he was given a directive three times —

Mr. Yager stated, yeah.

Ms. Smith stated, and didn't proceed, so here we are with this. That's the idea that if the Council has given instruction to the Manager and they're not carrying it out, this is going to continue.

Mr. Mitchell asked, just for clarification, could I ask what that instruction was, because we have policy in place —

Ms. Smith stated, right.

Mr. Mitchell stated, on utilization of Borough property including its fields.

Ms. Smith stated, right.

Mr. Mitchell stated, I cannot deviate from that policy unless Council agrees to grant relief to this organization which is what they're asking for. When I met with them just last week in this room they asked for all fees or financial obligations for 2016 and 2017 seasons to be waived and they wanted to negotiate a price less than our past fee schedule would have dictated for the 2018 season. They've claimed that their participation level has declined, they anticipate having about 300 participants this season, and about 10% of those are hardship cases that do not pay. So, we've got to make a decision, they've acknowledged the fact that most of their participants are from outside the Borough, so that's not a point of contention on their part. The question is, what their financial capabilities are at this time and they shared some financial data with me, so I guess we just need to know how you want us to respond.

Mr. Yager stated, I can only speak for me, but there's been a set of rules set in front of them, even with the money taken out of the equation, they have not followed those rules. There's been paperwork requested, over and over and over for the last four years to my recollection. And until there are those rules and requirements being met, I don't see why we would have the same conversation that's already been had.

Mr. Mitchell stated, well, just so you're aware, I had a very blunt conversation with the league organizer and said, you know, this doesn't look good for you. What are your contingency plans if we can't reach an agreement? I talked about Lower Makefield, I talked about Falls Township, they basically don't have a contingency plan. So, there — depending on what

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Council's direction is, there may not be a Morrisville Little League season 2018, unless they are able to somehow merge with another similar focused organization. I don't know.

Ms. Dreisbach stated, they — with this letter here that we have from October, they have two things in there that I am not in agreement with. One would be reworking the T-ball fields on the side of Delmorr Avenue. When they first wanted to put those in, they had to come before the Recreation Advisory Board, and it was agreed upon that they would be multipurpose fields and there would be no permanent structures in there. There is permanent structures there as well as — CYO used to have soccer there. They were told they could not have soccer there any longer because they would ruin the grass. We also asked them about the carnival because that's where the carnival always set up and they said it would not be a problem. The carnival is now being set up on the hill and now they want to build a mini Fenway Park. We can't get grants now because they utilize the majority of our park, so I don't think we should make any kind of agreement right now with them.

Ms. Smith stated, I do know that one of the issues and it's also in the last memo that was done in the minutes for last year when Mr. Pepitone and the athletic group and the Manager met with them, one of the things even aside from the money issue, because if their enrollment is down, then it actually benefits them to do that headcount, because that's what they're paying for. But the land use has been a really big problem because they will expand out and have been expanding out in areas that they weren't supposed to be in. That's a big issue for us as far as doing improvements in the park. And like I said, as our engineer said, we in the last few years have been working very hard and are going to have them draw up grants. I could see if we were able to do some kind of a mutual thing, but it's not going that way and it's almost four years now this has been back and forth and I was kind of surprised myself when the last — a memo came in and I think some other people were that their stance was the same and they want to tell you if they give you a little bit what you're going to spend it on and basically not pull back any of those areas, they wanted more, we don't have any more. We're being told, you're not going to improve that park if you don't put the brakes on some of this. A shared thing is like, nobody said we didn't want them there, but they can't have eight, nine, ten, continue on fields. They can't, you know, be running tournaments and the Borough — it's not going through the Borough, that's what happened for awhile. Even some of their upper league members have said they didn't know they weren't paying the Borough and that's part of the information that came back from the meeting last year where they gave us a check long enough to get the vote for their parade, then came to the meeting and said we took that back, we cancelled it, we're not giving you anything and they went on with their league that year. So then to present this, I think Council is just up to here by the time this came were in October, December, we're in the middle of our budget meetings is what was going on, I remember getting it, I remember it being actually addressed as to breaking it down or meeting anymore, it's like we've met and met and met and I know the requirements that is expected of them. We have ordinances and policies in that are put in by the Borough for a reason is to protect everybody, not just them. So that's — like I said, as far as I knew it was like they didn't comply and have the agreement that — and I think that Mr. Sooby actually drew up something pretty much, might have been through the attorney that was based off what our policies are and our ordinance and it never got any further then that, because like I said, Mr. Pepitone reached out several times and they were into their season and the next thing you know, they were — we

don't have any more money, we're not dealing with you, then we said they'll be back, here you go and here we go again. So, it's a shame, I feel bad for them and I feel bad for the Borough, because it's a catch 22 with this. We want to develop the park for everyone, everyone and that would include them too, but not the way they're handling this, not at all. We can't hand over the park, that's the bottom line. Your legislatures — and you're tasked to make sure that the land is protected, the money is spent properly and agreements like this don't get stepped on. What's an ordinance if you're going to put more in and nobody follows them, everybody has to. That's just my stance on it, I'm sorry. If anybody else has anything to say about it.

Mr. Bowers stated, let me just say, my stance is, since I'm new on Council is I think we should go back to having them sign the agreement, whatever their last written agreement is for the amount of land they have and let the money not be a factor. If we need — my opinion is, if we need to delay them paying for this year, it doesn't make us or break us, we haven't been paid in years, ever been paid, if we have to push it off a little longer, I don't have a problem with it. But I'd like to see us get something written in paper for their use of land before their season starts.

Mr. Parker stated, I think we need to continue to negotiate with them. I think, I think the Borough Manager needs to meet with them again. They have a declining enrollment, then registration — then they need to start relinquishing some of what they're using. They don't need all of that if their numbers are declining, but to not at least offer them the option of doing it this year, you know all those people who signed up for it. All those parents and who come into town are going to have a negative view of Morrisville, if we just abruptly — beginning of the season is only a short period away and just pull it out from under them this late in the game is — affect us negatively as far as, you know —

Ms. Smith stated, it's going to affect them negatively too, it's on both sides.

Mr. Yager stated, there's no win to this. There's no winning team on this one. However, what I will say is, four years ago, this was already voted on and the rules were put in place and we're expecting folks that are teaching good sportsmanship to children to follow rules, that's all we're asking for. I don't think that that's too much to ask for. I think, to sit down and say, you were provided rules, what you do is teach good sportsmanship to children, we're looking for you to display that yourselves, I don't think is asking too much.

Mr. Parker stated, it's also a new board, they had a new board elected at the end of last year. I think we need to give that board and not look back at four years and a board that took that stance and hold it against them, at least give them the opportunity to. Otherwise, you're effectively killing little league that has a history here in the Borough that goes back generations.

Ms. Dreisbach stated, is there any residents from the Borough on the board?

Ms. Larison stated, no.

Ms. Smith stated, not that I know of, no.



Ms. Dreisbach stated, so, do they have a vested interest in the Borough.

Mr. Parker stated, they have a vested interest in —

Ms. Dreisbach stated, in the fields.

Mr. Parker stated, in viewing the tradition of Morrisville —

Ms. Dreisbach stated, the fields.

Mr. Parker stated, Morrisville Little League.

Ms. Dreisbach stated, I guess they can't play somewhere else.

Mr. Parker stated, it's also the tradition of the Little League.

Ms. Dreisbach stated, when they made the agreement with the Borough — when they put the two fields in — the multipurpose fields along Delmorr Avenue, they also relinquished the use of the two fields in front of the stage. They said they would no longer need them and they gave them back to the Borough. They've been using them ever since.

Mr. Parker stated, and like I said, it's a new Board, they seem to be a more reasonable board than the prior board.

Ms. Dreisbach stated, well, when did they start? When did they appoint a new board?

Mr. Parker stated, at the end of last year.

Ms. Smith stated, well, what more reasonable was the last letter they sent us when they want to put a Fenway field there.

Ms. Dreisbach stated, yeah, a mini Fenway field.

Mr. Parker stated, more of a conceptual than actual design, I mean again, they need the fields, they can negotiate.

Ms. Dreisbach stated, we don't have them.

Ms. Smith stated, my thing is, like I said, the money end of it at this point, is going to be whatever they finally show for the registrations and that's going to be that break down. The land is a problem, they have to take those T-balls and find another area for them. They cannot keep all those parks, they've taken that multipurpose and they've made — they put fields there. I showed an arial shot from 2010 to 2016, and in that 6 year, you can see where there was nothing in that multipurpose area, and there is now, and that wasn't approved. So, I get what they're doing, but they've also caused this problem with their league. It's not all the Borough, that's why this is tough, because we weren't on then either. But, we can't just hand it over. It is going to impede doing something with the grants that you're going to get.

Mr. Parker stated, we're just talking, allowing them to start their season. I mean, if you don't do anything and you don't direct the Borough Manager to allow them to use it, then effectively that — their season is over.

Ms. Smith stated, well, they would have four or five other fields. The only areas that we were asking for them at this point was in the stage area where they weren't supposed to be there, that was given back, we have information from the league from back then and the multipurpose area that was supposed to stay open. The backstop shouldn't be there, it shouldn't be developed fields. Think about it, with all this going back and forth, we could have put the brakes on this four years ago and we didn't. And we're still dealing with this, you're still getting right down the center of that main park, they would still have these huge fields. I mean, I don't think that's asking much, we've got a postage stamp amount of land for everybody else, it doesn't even look like a park, it looks like a baseball complex. We're starting to look like Williamsport and that's not what that's meant to be.

Mr. Parker stated, I agree with you, but I think we should allow our Borough Manager to continue to talk to them and present what we want to do. I mean, we want to begin to take back fields and convert them back to Borough use, then we need to have him tell them that.

Ms. Smith stated, he, he, he did.

Mr. Mitchell stated, let me ask a question, maybe it could divide the equation into two parts. Is Council willing to consider forgiving the amounts due for the 2016, 2017 season?

Ms. Smith asked, how much does that total out to?

Mr. Mitchell replied, depending on who you talk to, it would be around \$10,000.00 a year.

Ms. Smith asked, so we forgave that vote we did for 15, okay?

Mr. Mitchell replied, the amount for 15 was for years prior to that.

Ms. Smith stated, okay.

Mr. Mitchell stated, so 16 and 17 theoretically would have been \$10,000.00 a year, that's \$20,000.00. Is there wiggle room in that number, or are you willing to forgive that all together? Is they're requesting — why don't we start with the past and then let's talk about 2018?

Ms. Dreisbach stated, just take their \$5,000.00 that they are offering?

Ms. Smith stated, you're talking about the previous, previous two years.

Ms. Dreisbach replied, yeah.

Mr. Mitchell stated, or are you willing to consider a counterproposal for a lesser amount for the two prior years? You're already out the money, so at this point, if we get anything —

Ms. Smith asked, if they want to pay now, how are they going to pay that?

Mr. Mitchell stated, well they shared their financial statements with me and they do have some money in the bank, but it's certainly not a windfall for anybody.

Ms. Dreisbach stated, well they just started signups too.

Ms. Smith stated, right.

Mr. Mitchell stated, correct. They just started signups for the 2018 season even though there's a lot of uncertainty about whether there will be a 2018 season. So in terms of the two prior years do we want to hold firm or is there some wiggle room there?

Ms. Dreisbach stated, I wouldn't mind working with them with that. But I just want them to abide by the agreement that was set years ago.

Ms. Larison asked, could I make a —

Ms. Dreisbach stated, giving up the multipurpose fields and giving back the two fields in front of the stage.

Ms. Larison asked, can I make a suggestion or perhaps put something out there? They owe \$20,000.00 for the last two years, we're just talking about the past. What if not going after the full — don't everybody jump down my throat at this point — \$20,000.00 saying \$5,000.00 for 2016 and \$5,000.00 for 2017, you give back those two T-ball fields, the multipurpose field is put back and this is what you get —

Mr. Yager stated, aren't we just —

Ms. Larison stated, I'm not finished.

Mr. Yager stated, sorry, I thought you were done.

Ms. Larison stated, no. This is just an idea, going in to 2018, because their registration has declined, go after, tell them that they need to look at doing the per head of residents 15, like it says in our —

Ms. Smith stated, fee schedule.

Ms. Larison stated, in our fee schedule, and non resident, 30 — and looking at it that way. Just an idea.

Ms. Smith asked, well isn't that basically the Manager enforcing what's on our books already, basically that's exactly what's there?

Ms. Larison stated, right. They have to have that — once their rosters close, because their rosters close by if I'm not mistaken, the end of this month. Last day to sign up is the end of this month.

Ms. Dreisbach asked, are they going to present their roster, they haven't done it in the past?

Ms. Larison stated, they have to present their roster to the Borough by March, whatever date we decide to choose. That roster has to be presented to us, they sit down with the Borough Manager, this is how many we have that are in the Borough, this is how many we have outside of the Borough, this is your fee, this is what you have to produce to us.

Mr. Yager asked, so you're recommending that we allow them to start the season, is that correct?

Ms. Larison stated, not until they produce everything that is required.

Mr. Mitchell asked, including the payment of the prior two years?

Ms. Larison stated, that's just my opinion.

Mr. Yager stated, my only concern with that is it continues a cycle of not abiding by the rules, and that's my only concern.

Ms. Larison stated, the rules have to be abided by before they go into the 2018 season.

Mr. Yager stated, I get that but we're — but they're not abiding by the rules that have been set out in front of them, and that's all we're asking them to do.

Ms. Larison stated, I agree with you there. I do agree with you there that they did not abide by the rules and they were allowed to go —

Ms. Smith stated, what if they don't this year, what's your stance? If they don't do it this year, because last year they came here —

Ms. Larison stated, they don't do it this year, they don't start. That's it.

Ms. Smith stated, okay, so you're going to go down there, padlock it, take the keys off them, because we've done this before —

Ms. Larison stated, I know.

Ms. Smith stated, and they go, stop me.

Ms. Larison stated, I know, since I've been on Council two years now, we've been going round and round and round —

Ms. Smith stated, as a matter of fact, we —

Ms. Larison stated, and this is it.

Ms. Smith stated, need the keys for the building.

Ms. Larison stated, this is your last shot. I mean again, that's just my opinion.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, I don't know if anyone else has had a chance to talk to the residents about this, but this is not something that's necessarily supported by the majority of our residents, basically forcing Little League out of our park.

Ms. Larison asked, who's forcing them out of the park?

Mr. Yager asked, who's forcing them out?

Ms. Smith asked, who's forcing them out?

Mr. Yager stated, we're asking them to follow the rules.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, you just said they weren't going to have a 2018 season.

Ms. Smith stated, if they don't comply —

Ms. Larison stated, if they don't produce what they're supposed to —

Ms. Smith asked, you want them never to comply?

Ms. Kronnagel stated, well, that's I mean that's what you're effectively saying, that you're going to shut them down if they don't do XYZ.

Ms. Larison stated, when you go for a loan you have to produce paperwork —

Ms. Smith stated, — effectively want them to comply.

Ms. Larison stated, you have to have the proper paperwork in order to get that loan.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, I understand what you're saying, but again, this is not something that's supported by the majority of residents that I've spoken to about this particular issue, so this Council has to be comfortable with effectively shutting down an organization that's been here for again, decades 60, 70 years.

Mr. Yager asked, so four years ago when this was voted on and you voted yes on this, you didn't consider that?

Ms. Smith stated, when the fee schedules went in.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, — when I voted for it, but again, this is something that since that time many residents again, that's what we're supposed to be — represent the residents.

Ms. Smith stated, we are.

Ms. Larison stated, the residents want a park.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, and this is something that I'm trying to again make sure that you all understand that if you're going to go through with this, you're effectively going to shut down Morrisville Little League, and say what you will, but first of all, they have put a lot of money into

the park and the park looks beautiful. We're going to be getting another passive park when M. R. Reiter is torn down. So, again, you just have to all be comfortable with the outcome of that. And again, if you've spoken to residents about this issue, you know this is not a black and white issue, this is rather — it is a black and white issue, most of the residents don't want this to happen, so again, I just want to make sure that we're talking about what is really going to happen if you do this.

Ms. Larison stated, I don't think any of us want to see Little League go away.

Mr. Yager stated, nope, we want to see them follow the rules.

Ms. Larison stated, no, we just want them to follow the rules.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, well you can say it as sweetly as you want, but the outcome is still going to be the same that you are effectively driving them out if you do this, so again you just have to be careful with doing that.

Ms. Smith asked, unless we leave them there for free, give them as much land as they want and turn a blind eye, everyone will be happy, is that what you're saying? Because then make sure that you're telling the taxpayer that you're letting your park be annexed, because that is what's going to happen.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, we're not letting the park be annexed.

Ms. Smith stated, sure you are.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, we've had one representative from Little League come to one of our meetings I believe about four months ago. Again, this was handled by the Athletic Committee and I didn't — apart from the article that was in the newspaper, I didn't get any sort of feedback from the Athletic Committee. You're saying that they refused to meet with them, that's the first I'm hearing about it.

Ms. Smith stated, at this point, the Athletic Committee had met with them, the management met with them. Everybody was here for that, they all got the information, it was ignored, I think at this point, it shouldn't be the Council being the banter back and forth, it should be the administration and the attorney that handles this because it's a legal matter at this portion. They are on our land that we own and we take care of and we're asking a simple thing that any other town does, which is to protect that land it put it for the use of everyone.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, first of all, please don't yell at me.

Ms. Smith stated, okay, but you're not —

Ms. Kronnagel stated, I am again just making sure that this Council is aware of what will the — outcome of this will be.

Ms. Smith stated, okay.

Mr. Yager stated, I'm aware.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, okay.

Mr. Parker stated, I still don't see why we can't have some direction given to the Borough Manager to continue negotiations —

Ms. Smith stated, alright, I'm asking —

Mr. Mitchell stated, how about this, would Council be comfortable with me issuing a counterproposal —

Mr. Parker stated, exactly.

Mr. Mitchell stated, for \$10,000.00 to settle the past two years and we'll take the 2018 season with the field reductions we've all been going back and forth about and the \$15.00 per Borough registrant and the \$30.00 per outside Borough registrant?

Mr. Yager stated, as long as that's taken care of up front along with all the paperwork that they are supposed to provide as well prior to the season starting.

Mr. Bowers asked, can I suggest one minor change to that, and is if they have hardship cases if they could prove it, that we don't charge the fees for those hardship cases?

Mr. Yager stated, they don't require it themselves.

Mr. Mitchell stated, part of the Little League is, is there's a don't ask, don't tell —

Ms. Larison stated, you're not allowed —

Mr. Mitchell stated, policy. If it's a hardship, there are no questions asked and the child is allowed to play. They turn no one away.

Mr. Bowers asked, right, but what keeps them from saying they have 300 cases of hardships? Is there documentation — you don't need names and numbers, you need something — did they turn something in to little league that says we have 30 hardship cases?

Ms. Larison stated, no.

Ms. Smith stated, that's why it's a headcount.

Mr. Mitchell stated, and they did say they were willing to provide their roster, of course it will be redacted as appropriate.

Ms. Smith stated, right, exactly. Alright, so the only other thing then on this that I think should be addressed is tournaments. Tournaments are not part of the little league, they are being run out of there and it should be going through the Borough. Any of those tournaments should

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come here, if they want them down there and we can accommodate that, they should go to management for that.

Mr. Mitchell asked, so tournaments are case by case with pre-approval?

Ms. Smith stated, right, they should be coming through the Borough for that stuff like any other Borough would be. Last year they weren't sure if they were going to have fall ball, that's separate from the little league. I don't know how they feel about that or what they are doing with that. The field stance would be about the same and then they would have to provide what that is. Last year they said they weren't going to have it, but I believe they still did.

Mr. Mitchell stated, I'm sorry, fall ball is what it's called?

Ms. Smith replied, yeah, it's called fall ball. That's a separate season is what it is. There's Little League, fall ball and then —

Mr. Mitchell asked, how about we consider that like a tournament, case by case with pre-approval?

Ms. Smith asked, fall ball would have to be pre-approved if they're running a fall ball, that's a separate thing.

Mr. Mitchell stated, separate issue.

Ms. Smith stated, and that was actually part of the fee schedule, if you look at it. It's in our fee schedule.

Mr. Mitchell stated, don't start that yawning, whoever that was. So you're good with me going back to them with that?

Ms. Dreisbach stated, yes.

Mr. Mitchell stated, okay, good.

Ms. Smith asked, okay. Is there anything else? Motion to adjourn.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** to adjourn.

**Motion** made by Mr. Parker and seconded by Mr. Yager.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.