

MEETING MINUTES
MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, June 18, 2018
7:00 p.m.

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Monday, June 18, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Morrisville Municipal Building, 35 Union Street, Morrisville, PA for a Regular Council Meeting.

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

Ms. Cyphers took roll call.

Those in Attendance:

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

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

Not in Attendance: Ted Parker

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Smith stated, okay, before we do the special hearing tonight for the Liquor License for the Fraternal Order of the Eagles our Mayor would like to swear in our two new part-time police officers, so I'll turn the floor over to our Honorable Mayor Rivella to swear in officers David Ramos and Officer Matthew Allen. Please come forward.

Mayor Rivella swore in two part-time Police Officers, David Ramos and Matthew Allen.

Ms. Smith stated, I just want to let everyone know two additions that are going to be on the agenda tonight under 9 would be action items, it would be 9I it's going to be an addition for the Recreation Advisory Board appointment we still had an opening so there's one 3-year appointment to expire on 6/18/2021. The other thing is we will have an executive session after the meeting ends tonight there won't be any voting so we'll end the meeting first that will be pertaining to discussion for the police contracts and for ongoing discussions about the possible merger of the Morrisville Rescue Squad. So thank you. Now at this time I will turn the meeting over to our Solicitor who will be handling the public hearing for the transfer of the liquor license for the Fraternal Order of Eagles #2489. Is there anyone in the room here for that?

Randy Flager opened the public hearing for the Transfer of Liquor License for the Fraternal Order of Eagles #2489.

Mickey Malone, Secretary for the Fraternal Order of Eagles #2489 was sworn in. He stated he was requesting a letter of resolution transferring their license from Falls Township to Morrisville Borough for 1 East Philadelphia Avenue.

Public Hearing on Transfer of Liquor License for the Fraternal Order of Eagles #2489.

Mr. Flager asked if there was anyone else here that would like to be heard, this is a public hearing, the public has a right to testify, be heard.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

1. Jane Burger - 90 W. Maple Avenue
She asked what would happen to the liquor license if they decided not to stay in Morrisville or if they didn't have their lease renewed.

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

Mr. Yager asked, so this is a license that you currently have, you're transferring from where you previously were in Falls right, to where you're going now, correct?

Mickey Malone replied, correct.

Mr. Bowers asked, what will be your hours of operation?

Mickey Malone replied, technically it's called a catering license and legally we're allowed to be open from 7:00 in the morning until 3:00 at night. Our hours before were 10:00 in the morning to 2:00 in the morning. Legally by our license we are allowed to be open from 7:00 am to 3:00 am., however those hours have changed according to the day and to the patronage.

Ms. Smith asked if they will be doing some type of catering, is it just a small thing for your own organization you'd be doing it for, do you do any catering type of thing?

Mickey Malone replied, we are available to cater to the public, we have a small section that seats 45-50 people.

Ms. Smith asked, how long were you over in falls? I've seen your place for a long time, right?

Mickey Malone replied, 1995.

Ms. Larison asked, are you going to be doing an opening ceremony?

Mickey Malone replied, we're going to have a grand opening and the public will be invited.

Randy Flager asked, are there any other questions or comments by Council, if not I'll close this hearing.

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

Randy Flager stated, just because we have the court reporter here, why don't we ask Council to move it up, make a motion to move this up to — 9C up to now.

Ms. Smith asked, could I have a motion for that?

Motion made by Mr. Yager.

Seconded by Ms. Larison.

Ms. Smith stated, motion and second to move 9C. I'll read that motion. Motion to adopt a resolution for the Fraternal Order of Eagles #2489 Inter-Municipal Liquor License Transfer (License Number: CC5535).

Ms. Smith asked, all in favor? Opposed?

Motion carries by voice vote, 7-0.

Motion 9C - Motion to adopt a resolution for the Fraternal Order of Eagles #2489 Inter-Municipal Liquor License Transfer (License Number: CC5535) coming from Falls Township into Morrisville Borough.

Motion made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Ms. Larison seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, now the vote is for the motion. All in favor? Opposed?

Motion carries by voice vote, 7-0.

Council took a three minute break.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

1. Karen Kane - *42 Union Street, MEAC*
She talked about the desire to plant new trees in public places on a regular and ongoing basis. The EAC is requesting council declare trees as a necessity and commit the Borough to the planting and care of new public trees throughout the Borough. She stated that consistent maintenance of our public spaces needs to be a priority, the public works should collaborate with volunteer groups to ensure understanding and long-term success of beautification groups.
2. Debbie Colgan - *120 W. Hendrickson Avenue, MEAC*
She stated that the Morrisville Open Space Plan needs to be updated and should be undertaken along with an updated comprehensive plan. The EAC agrees that attracting new businesses contributes to the economic development of the community and we support such efforts. The EAC wants our public land to engage and serve the public linking our recreational parks, our historic sites and our undeveloped open spaces with our businesses and residential districts.
3. Jane Burger - *90 W. Maple Avenue*
She had a question about the additional bill \$800 for the solicitor for the Civil Service Commission. She was looking for an update on the hiring of the full-time police officer.

Mr. Mitchell stated, that he has begun his full-time duties.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 6A-6D - Motion to approve the Borough Council Meeting minutes of March 19, 2018, April 10, 2018, April 16, 2018 and May 8, 2018.

Motion made by Mr. Yager.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

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

Motion carries by voice vote, 7-0.

FINANCE

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

Motion made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Mr. Yager seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith asked, any questions or comments on this motion?

Ms. Larison had questions about two Rudolf Clarke bills, in the amount of \$100.00 and \$800.00.

Ms. Smith took roll call.

Motion carried by roll call, 7-0.

REPORTS - ADMINISTRATIVE/MANAGEMENT

Mayor's Report - David Rivella - He wanted to welcome Dave Ramos and Matthew Allen to Morrisville as our latest part-time officers. Recently he had Morrisville's 4th Grade class come to Borough Hall, they were learning about government. They had a tour and also enjoyed the Police Department and the jail cells. He mentioned that the latest police officers are already on the the police department's website if you go into staff.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion 9A - Motion to identify the location at Williamson Park for the new playground installation.

Motion made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Ms. Larison seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, can we have discussion from anyone or comments from anyone on this.

Discussion ensued with regard to the location of the tot lot.

Ms. Smith stated, amend the motion to read that we're identifying the original place where Imagination Island was for the new playground installation, can I have a motion?

Motion made by Mr. Yager.

Mr. Bowers seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, now we can vote on the actual motion I just read off. All in favor of amending that motion, say aye. Opposed?

Motion carried by voice call vote, 7-0.

So we amended the motion, now we want to vote on the motion to place that equipment in there.

Motion made by Mr. Yager.

Ms. Dreisbach seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, the playground equipment will be placed in the original spot. All in favor? Opposed?

Motion carried by voice call vote, 7-0.

Motion 9B - Motion to finalize the sign copy and placement location at Patriots Park.

Motion made by Mr. Yager.

Ms. Dreisbach seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued about the final copy for the sign and where the sign will be placed. Included in the packets was the original mock up which was part of the original grant application and also a revised version of it.

Mr. Yager stated, I would like to make a motion to amend the current motion to read to place sign A near the walkway entrance to the park nearest to the parking lot so people could see it as they come in.

Ms. Smith stated, this motion will be which one.

Discussion ensued with regard to verbiage on the two drafts of the sign.

Ms. Smith stated, can we have a roll call please?

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Motion to approve version A carried by roll call vote, 6-1. (Ms. Kronnagel voted for Version B).

Ms. Smith asked, do we have to put the placement at this time?

Mr. Mitchell replied, no.

Ms. Smith asked, can we come back to that?

Mr. Mitchell replied, sure.

Motion 9D - Motion to approve the Municipal Resolution for Ratification of the Final 2018 Municipal Waste Management Plan.

Motion made by Mr. Yager.

Ms. Dreisbach seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith asked, any questions or comments on this motion?

Mr. Mitchell gave an explanation.

Ms. Smith asked, can I have a roll call please?

Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion 9E - Adoption of a Resolution authorizing the Borough Engineer to submit a grant application for Safety Improvements - Signal Systems for all the traffic signalized intersections within Morrisville Borough in the amount of \$149,350.00.

Motion made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Mr. Yager seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith asked, any questions or comments on this motion? Can I have a roll call please?

Mr. Mitchell gave an explanation of the grant application.

Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

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Motion 9F - Adoption of a Resolution authorizing the Borough Engineer to submit a grant application for Sign Replacement for replacing existing signs within Morrisville Borough. The cost of this work to be covered under the ARLE grant funding is \$20,000. The amount covered by the Borough is \$23,460. (These numbers were from the ARLE grant application in 2016 and will be confirmed by the Engineer.)

Motion made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Mr. Yager seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith asked, any questions on this? Can I have a roll call please?

Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion 9G - Adoption of a Resolution authorizing the Borough Engineer to submit a grant application to the Watershed Restoration and Protection Program for improvements in an existing basin.

Motion made by Ms. Larison.

Mr. Yager seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith asked, any questions on this motion?

Discussion ensued regarding the basin.

Ms. Smith stated, how about if we have a roll call on this, please?

Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion 9H-1 - Library Board Appointments: Two 3-year appointments to expire on 3/01/2021.

Motion to nominate Audrey Myer made by Ms. Larison.

Ms. Smith stated, we'll do a round on each name first instead of putting them all out we'll do one position at a time so you're going to say yes or no for Audrey Myer on that position.

Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

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Motion 9H-2 - Library Board Appointments: Two 3-year appointments to expire on 3/01/2021.

Motion to nominate Holly Harman made by Mr. Yager.

Ms. Smith asked, any other nominations? Nominations closed and we'll take a call, it'll be yes or no for Holly Harman for that position.

Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-1. (nay vote being Ms. Kronnagel)

Motion 9H-3 - Library Board: One 3-year Re-appointment to expire on 3/01/2021.

Motion to nominate Nancy Vogt made by Ms. Larison.

Ms. Smith asked, are there any other nominations? We'll close the nominations and we'll take a vote on it yes or no for Nancy Vogt.

Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion 9I - Recreation Advisory Board Appointment: One 3-year appointment to expire on 6/18/2021.

Motion to nominate Christina Shannon made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Ms. Smith asked, any other nominations? We're closing nominations and you will vote yes or no for Christina Shannon.

Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business to discuss this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to discuss this evening.

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Discussion ensued regarding whether Council should keep two meetings a month. At this time Council wishes to hold both the agenda meeting and regular council meeting each month.

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Ms. Kronnagel stated that the Library has a lot of programs over the summer for kids. They also have passes for various museums in the area.

Ms. Smith wanted to ask the Solicitor, Manager and Code Officer if there was something in our ordinances or zonings that should be tweaked with regard to the new fireworks law that allows them to be sold at pop up tents.

Mr. Yager talked about the Boroughs trash hauler Republic and that the residents were given inaccurate information about how to dispose of refrigerators and air conditioners and were being charged \$80 and are being refunded. If in the last 2 1/2 years anyone paid a fee to have an item removed they will be refunded and if they don't see a refund in the next couple of weeks he will help them follow up on it.

Mr. Bowers stated that on Saturday Friends of the Morrisville Dog Park will be hosting one of three summer pool parties at the dog park from 1:00-3:00.

Ms. Dreisbach stated that the Recreation Advisory Board has a tentative date of Thursday, July 12th at 7:00 for their first meeting.

Mr. Yager wanted to congratulate all the graduates of Morrisville High School.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Ms. Kronnagel and seconded by Ms. Dreisbach.

Meeting adjourned.