

MEETING MINUTES  
MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2018  
7:30 p.m.

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Tuesday, March 19, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Morrisville Municipal Building, 35 Union Street, Morrisville, PA for a Regular Council Meeting.

Ms. Smith stated, please all 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 (appointed this evening)  
Ted Parker  
Michael Yager

Borough Officials: Mayor Rivella  
Scott Mitchell, Borough Manager  
Ed Zanine, Solicitor  
Virginia Cyphers, Assistant Borough Secretary  
Micah Heitz, Finance Director  
Joan Direccion-Weik, Treasurer

Junior Councilperson: Sade Ricketts

Ms. Smith stated, we don't have any announcements or presentations tonight so we will go right into public comment.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Officer Edward Radlow was sworn in by Mayor Rivella.

(audience claps)

Ms. Smith stated, okay, we'll go on to public comment.

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

1. John Pasteur - *25 Dieter Avenue*  
He had questions about the bills for the Clubhouse and the playground. He supports Morrisville Little League. He spoke about the Code Enforcement costs. He asked what the Financial Director's duties would be.
2. Andrew Grosse - *43 Althea Avenue*  
He spoke about his support for Morrisville Little League. He asked how the Borough was going to maintain a park with paths when they couldn't maintain the playground.
3. Scott Robinson - *241 North Pennsylvania Avenue*  
He spoke about his support for Morrisville Little League and how they maintain the Park. He spoke about Yardley Morrisville Soccer and that they used to play on the fields, but they abandoned Williamson Park and went to Makefield.
4. Kathy Panzitta - *401 Hillcrest Avenue*  
She asked when did Council interview the candidates that put in for the open 2nd Ward Council seat. She is in support of the lawsuit for the Opioid Crisis. She is in support of the \$2.00 increase for the position in Public Works and thinks Council should fill the two open positions in Public Works. She asked for an explanation on the ADA sidewalks around M. R. Reiter. She spoke in support of the Morrisville Little League.
5. Hal Wilcox - *52 Harrison Avenue*  
He spoke about the 3rd Annual Addiction and Recovery Awareness March which will be August 11th. He is in support of the lawsuit for the Opioid Crisis.
6. Dawn Shannon - *1667 Fairfield Road*  
She spoke about her support for Morrisville Little League.

7. *Bill Setzer - 806 Crown Street*  
He spoke about (3) upcoming environmental events in Morrisville, April 14th Graystones Cleanup, April 28th, Riverfront Preserve Cleanup and May 6th, Naturalist will give a tour. He supports Open Space in the Parks and Morrisville Little League, he doesn't feel they should be all Open Space or all Baseball.
9. *Ed Tarjian - 227 West Franklin Avenue*  
He stated spoke about wanting to work with the Morrisville Little League to recruit more Morrisville players and allow them a reduction in fees and also have a Morrisville resident appointed by Council or elected to the MLL Board. He wants the Financial Director to gather the true cost of Morrisville hosting the MLL.
10. *Georgia Cinq-Mars - 227 West Franklin Avenue*  
She spoke about wanting Morrisville Little League to stay. She wanted to know why the people speaking now weren't yelling at the previous Council. She is in support of the new Council and thanks them for making the hard decisions that have been kicked down the road by Nancy Sherlock and Fred Kerner.
11. *Tom Rossi - 531 Hammond Drive*  
He was a prior League President and he spoke about the history of Morrisville Little League and all of the renovations that they have done to the Park. He spoke about the sharing of the PECO bills and that part of the bills are for bathroom, stage, pavilion, and parking. He spoke about his support for Morrisville Little League.
12. *Cori Martin - 205 Stockham Avenue*  
She spoke about her support for Morrisville Little League. She feels we can work together and have walking paths and baseball fields. She suggested they work on M. R. Reiter Park and maintain that before they would take away fields at Williamson Park. She asked Council to approve the agreement with Morrisville Little League.
13. *Jill Anderson - 350 Hillside Avenue*  
She spoke about her experience and memories with playing softball for Morrisville Little League, in 1989 they won the Districts. She supports Morrisville Little League and is asking Council to work together with Morrisville Little League.
14. *Ashley Collins - 33 Lynns Court*  
She spoke about her support for Morrisville Little League and that it fills the Park with families, families that spend money at our restaurants and filling the Parks also serves as a crime deterrent. She watched the agenda meetings and she was appalled how Jim was spoken to, it's almost as if there's a personal vendetta against the League.

15. Peter Kearns - 33 Barnsley Avenue  
He spoke about this history and his work with Morrisville Little League and his volunteer work with building Imagination Island and his support for Morrisville Little League. He agrees that the town should get a little bit of money from the residents that play for the League but don't live in town. He spoke about the Borough not being able to maintain the playground that was given to them. He asked Council to not take Morrisville Little League away.
16. Jane Burger - 90 West Maple Avenue  
She spoke about Morrisville Little League and hopes that with the Memorandum of Understanding that has been reached that we will be able to move forward. She talked about obtaining grants for a new playground. She is in support of taking action against the Opioid Crisis. She spoke about the AFSME contract and she supports the Crew Chief position being put back in. She supports the name of the park at M. R. Reiter. She spoke about the Morrisville Business Association, their Spring Dinner is April 16th at the Senior Center.
17. Tim Jackson - 405 Robertson Avenue  
He is in support of the Morrisville Little League, it provides a positive influence on the children and the community. He holds elected government officials to a higher standard than volunteers for a non-profit organization.
18. Peggy Walsh - 444 Stockham Avenue  
She spoke about her volunteer time building Imagination Island and that it's no longer there, the pool, the tennis courts and are also no longer there and the basketball court isn't maintained. The town has other walking trails that she herself uses. She feels it would be shortsighted on Council's part to endanger 70 year source of pride for our Community, Morrisville Little League.
19. Dave Petry - 106 Lesha Drive  
He spoke about his volunteer work with the Morrisville Little League and his support for the league. When people are down the Park the drugs stay out because they see kids in uniforms and people that care. He suggested having a Morrisville Fest and involve Little League, they would come out and assist the Borough.
20. Holly Harman - South Pennsylvania Avenue  
She spoke about Lower Makefield charging for use of their fields and doesn't understand why we are being singled out as being bad people for expecting the same here. She feels their beef should be with past Councils, Managers and the former Code Inspector who allowed construction without any permits and a wink and a nod. She read an email from a former Lower Makefield Township Supervisor, Jeff Benedetto regarding Morrisville Little League approaching Lower Makefield Township about building fields for their league on County owned property in Lower Makefield Township.

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

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion 6A** - Motion to approve the Special Borough Council Meeting minutes of January 2, 2018 (Draft 2).

**Motion** made by Mr. Yager.

Mr. Bowers seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, we'll have a roll call.

**Motion** fails by roll call vote, 5-2. (nay votes being Mr. Bowers, Ms. Dreisbach, Ms. Larison, Ms. Smith and Mr. Yager)

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**Motion 6B** - Motion to approve the Regular Borough Council Meeting minutes of January 16, 2018. (Draft 2)

**Motion** made by Mr. Yager.

Mr. Bowers seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, can I have a roll please?

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

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**Motion 6C** - Motion to approve the Special Borough Council Meeting minutes of February 13, 2018.

**Motion** made by Mr. Yager.

Mr. Bowers seconded the motion.

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

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

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### **FINANCE**

Discussion ensued regarding the bills.

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

**Motion** made by Ms. Larison.

Ms. Driesbach seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, all in favor. Nays?

**Motion** carried by voice vote, 7-0.

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

**Mayor's Report - David Rivella** - He welcomed Ed Radow to the Police Department. He reminded Council to send in their NIMS training certs. He stated he still hasn't received the resumes for the Borough Manager's position and he hasn't received a copy of the Borough Manager's contract, he is requesting those documents. He explained that the Police Chief is the Emergency Management Coordinator and the information officer and he is the only person who decides what information goes out and when it goes out. He gave some history about the Labor Day Picnic and wanted to know if the Rec Board will be planning it this year, if not he will coordinate it. He mentioned the Canal Clean up on April 7th by Burns Pharmacy.

**Junior Councilperson's Report - Sade Ricketts** - She stated that they had a UPenn trip for the Seniors. They recently had their gym night. They had an American Revolution trip for the High Schoolers. They had the Operation Helping Hand Food Drive. Cinderella's Closet is coming up soon for prom gowns and accessories.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**Motion** 9A - Motion to approve Memorandum of Understand with Morrisville Little League for 2018-2020 seasons and to approve 2018 Morrisville Little League parade.

**Motion** made by Mr. Yager.

Ms. Dreisbach seconded the motion.

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Discussion ensued about Morrisville Little League and the Memorandum of Understanding.

Ms. Smith stated, roll call vote please.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

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***Council took a short recess.***

**Motion 9B** - Authorization to permit Friends of the Morrisville Dog Park to hold an Easter egg Hunt event on Sunday, March 25, 2018, at the Morrisville Dog Park.

Ms. Smith asked, could I have a motion please?

**Motion** made by Ms. Larison.

Mr. Bowers seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, all in favor say aye. Nays?

**Motion** carried by voice vote, 7-0.

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**Motion 9C** - Authorization to permit the Girl Scout Colorfun 5k Run/Walk & Colorfest party in Williamson Park on Sunday, May 20, 2018 pending final details and all approvals.

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, all in favor. Nays?

**Motion** carried by voice vote, 7-0.

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**Motion 9D** - Adoption of a Resolution Enacting the updated Fee Schedule created by Keystone Municipal Services, this was provided by Keystone Municipal Services along with a full evaluation of the costs.

**Motion** made by Mr. Bowers.

Mr. Yager seconded the motion.

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

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 5-2. (nay votes being Ms. Kronnagel and Mr. Parker)

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**Motion 9E** - Adoption of Resolution Establishing Specifications and Design Standards for Roads.

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Mr. Yager seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated okay, I think we can just do a roll call on this, right? All in favor? Nays?

**Motion** carried by voice vote, 6-1. (nay vote being Mr. Parker)

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**Motion 9F** - Adoption of Resolution authorizing the Borough Engineer to submit a grant application to CDBG for installation of new sidewalks and ADA ramps surrounding the Summerseat historic building and M. R. Reiter elementary school property.

**Motion** made by Mr. Yager.

Ms. Larison seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated can I take a roll call on this one?

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

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**Motion 9G** - Adoption of Resolution authorizing the Borough Engineer to submit a grant application to CDBG for Phase II construction of playground improvements at Williamson Park.

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Ms. Larison seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, all in favor? Nays?

**Motion** carried by voice vote, 7-0.



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**Motion 9H** - Authorization to enter into legal representation to take action in the Opioid Crisis.

**Motion** made by Mr. Parker.

Ms. Larison seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, all in favor say aye. Nays?

**Motion** carried by voice vote, 7-0.

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**Motion 9I** - Motion to authorize the Borough to participate in Bucks County Health Department annual West Nile Virus Program.

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Ms. Larison seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, all in favor? Nay?

**Motion** carried by voice vote, 7-0.

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**Motion 9J** - Motion to authorize the Manager to grant a five day extension to the demolition completion date for M. R. Reiter Elementary School due to inclement weather.

**Motion** made by Ms. Larison.

Mr. Yager seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, all in favor, aye? Nays?

**Motion** to table carried by voice vote, 7-0.

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**Motion 9K** - Motion to approve addendum to AFSCME agreement increasing the hourly pay rate for the Public Works Department Crew Leader position by \$2.00 per hour.

**Motion to table** made by Mr. Bowers.

Ms. Dreisbach seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, roll call please.

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

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**Motion 9L** - Motion to authorize the Manager to execute financing documents related to the lease-purchase of three (3) new vehicles for the Police Department.

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Mr. Parker seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, all in favor? Nay?

**Motion** to table carried by voice vote, 6-1. (nay vote being Ms. Larison)

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**Motion 9M** - Motion to authorize the Manager and the Engineer to join the Morrisville Municipal Authority public bid for road repaving project involving Crown Street and Stockham Avenue, not to exceed \$77,000 and contingent upon the Engineer obtaining advanced approval from PennDOT to utilize liquid fuels funds to pay for the Borough's share of the project cost.

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Mr. Bowers seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, okay, how about we take a roll call on it.

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

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**Motion 9N** - Motion to officially name the open space park at the former site of the M. R. Reiter Elementary School adjacent to the Summerseat mansion as "Patriots Park At Historic Summerseat".

**Motion** made by Mr. Parker.

Ms. Larison seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, all in favor? Nays?

**Motion** to table carried by voice vote, 7-0.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Motion** 10A - Appointment of new Second Ward Councilperson filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Bill Pepitone.

**Motion** to nominate Diane Youell's made by Mr. Parker.

**Motion** to nominate David Nay made by Mr. Yager.

Ms. Smith stated, roll call on Diane Youell's.

**Motion** fails by roll call vote, 5-2. (nay votes being Mr. Bowers, Ms. Dreisbach, Ms. Larison, Ms. Smith and Mr. Yager)

Ms. Smith stated, roll call on David Nay.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 5-2. (nay votes being Ms. Kronnagel and Mr. Parker)

Ms. Smith stated, Resolution for the appointment.

**Motion** made by Mr. Yager.

Ms. Larison seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, if we can take a roll call on that please.

Motion carried by roll call vote, 5-2. (nay votes being Ms. Kronnagel and Mr. Parker)

David Nay was sworn in by Borough Manger Scott Mitchell.

(audience claps)

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**Motion** 10B - Motion to rescind Resolution #808 eliminating Council Arts & Events Committee which will now be part of the Recreation Advisory Board.

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Ms. Larison seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, let me take a roll call on it maybe.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote, 6-2. (nay votes being Ms. Kronnagel and Mr. Parker)

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**Motion 10C** - Motion to reaffirm previous councils resolution to utilize summary meeting minutes versus verbatim.

**Motion** made by Mr. Yager.

Mr. Bowers seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued about summarizing the meeting minutes.

Ms. Smith stated, let me do roll call on it just in case.

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

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**Motion 10D** - Motion to amend Resolution #708 regarding Public Comment at council meetings and to establish a three (3) minutes time limit per speaker.

**Motion** made by Mr. Yager.

Mr. Nay seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued about the (3) minute time limit on public comment.

Ms. Smith stated, all in favor say aye. Nay?

**Motion** carried by voice vote, 7-1. (nay vote being Ms. Kronnagel)

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### **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion ensued about the maintenance agreement for the standby generator.

### **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

1. Kathy Panzitta - 401 Hillcrest Avenue  
She spoke in support of the generator maintenance agreement.

**Motion 11A** - Motion to have Council authorize the Manager to enter into a maintenance agreement with Industrial Diesel Power Inc. of Croydon, PA for the amount of \$935.00 per year for maintenance on the standby generator.

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Ms. Larison seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, everyone in favor? Nay?

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

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### **BOROUGH OFFICIALS**

Ms. Kronnagel asked if the Borough Manager had an update on Banyan.

Mr. Mitchell gave an update on Banyan.

Mr. Yager stated that the Morrisville-Yardley Rotary Club will be having it's Annual Easter egg Hunt on March 31st at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Bowers stated that on March 25th at 10:00 a.m. the Friends of the Morrisville Dog Park and House Paws will have the Doggone Easter Egg Hunt.

Ms. Dreisbach wanted to know if the Borough had a list of trees that need to come down or should we report them as we find them and if we were still using the stump grinder.

Ms. Smith wanted to remind everyone that Council Meetings and Agenda Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. starting in May. She reminded Council about the reservations for the upcoming PSAB conference. She reminded Council to get their NIMS testing done.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** to adjourn.

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.