

MEETING MINUTES  
MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, May 21, 2018  
7:00 p.m.

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Monday, May 21, 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, to begin we will do a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance first, please rise.

Ms. Cyphers took roll call.

**Those in Attendance:**

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

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

Junior Councilperson: Sade Ricketts

Not Present: Mayor Dave Rivella

### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Edward Child, PSAB Board of Directors and Past President, presented an award to Morrisville Borough Junior Councilperson, Ms. Sade Ricketts.

Scott Mitchell recognized the retirement of Borough Employee Rick Huff and his 35 years of service to the Borough and he wishes Rick and his family all the best.

Chris Paoletti, Representative for Republic Services spoke regarding recent complaints and issues with sanitation pick up this year.

Ellen Freeman, Attorney with Flaherty & O'Hara who represents Giant Food Stores, LLC gave a presentation regarding the request for the transfer of Liquor License for Giant Food Stores, LLC on Trenton Avenue in Morrisville. Exhibits were handed out. Colin Heap, Special Projects Manager for Giant Food Stores, LLC also spoke.

### HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

1. Kurt Holthenrichs - *300 Melvin Court North*  
He is in favor of the Beer Garden.
2. Chief George McClay - *Morrisville Borough Chief of Police*  
He suggested that Giant reconfigure their parking lot when doing the renovations for the Beer Garden. He would have liked to have sat down with Giant Food Stores prior to the meeting and discussed their security. He stated that Giant doesn't provide community support to the Police Department any longer.
3. Jane Burger - *90 W. Maple Avenue*  
She suggested that Giant Food Stores look into Morrisville's local food pantries that are in need that help Morrisville residents. She talked about their security and the location of the Beer Garden.

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

**Motion** to close public hearing by Mr. Flager.

Ms. Smith stated, motion will be closed at this time.

Mr. Bowers seconded the motion.

Mr. Flager asked, all in favor?

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

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Mr. Flager stated, we need a motion to move up 9F at this time since it relates directly to this.

**Motion** by Mr. Yager.

Seconded by Ted Parker.

Mr. Flager asked, all in favor?

Motion carries by voice vote, 8-0.

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**Motion** 9F - Adoption of Liquor License (License Number: R-19141) transfer ordinance for Giant Food Stores, LLC in Morrisville.

**Motion** made by Mr. Yager.

Mr. Bowers seconded the motion.

Mr. Flager asked, do you want to poll the board?

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

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Tim Sawyer of Barbacane, Thornton & Company, LLP, gave a presentation of the 2017 Audit that was performed by their company.

### **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

1. Jane Burger - *90 W. Maple Avenue*  
She questioned the terms of the Recreation Board, they should be staggered.  
She had questions about the payment to the Ambulance Squad.
2. Chief George McClay - *Morrisville Borough Chief of Police*  
He stated that 266 Althea was served with a 30 day eviction notice. Yesterday, 353 W. Bridge (A-Z Music) was closed down and condemned.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**Motion** made by Mr. Bowers.

Ms. Larison seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith asked, any questions on the minutes? All if favor say aye.

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

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**FINANCE**

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

**Motion** made by Mr. Yager.

Mr. Bowers seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Yager had a question about the \$45,000.00 for the playground equipment. It was explained there will be grant funds that will cover it.

Ms. Smith asked, any other questions or comments from Council?

Mr. Bowers had a question about the LED lights. It was explained they are for lights around town that will be replaced.

Ms. Smith stated, anyone else? Can we have a roll call please on it?

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

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**REPORTS - ADMINISTRATIVE/MANAGEMENT**

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

**Junior Councilperson's Report - Sade Ricketts** - She thanked Council for the opportunity to be Junior Councilperson. Recently they had prom and Jenna Spencer and Raphy Bauge were voted prom King and Queen. They had a car show recently. They had a middle school dance in the cafeteria. They had community day in the gymnasium with crafts, a bake sale and a plant sale. They did mystery readers for the elementary kids. They had their Senior Picnic. Graduation is June 18th.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Motion 9A** - Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$112,000 to the Morrisville Fire Company, as per 2018 Fire Fund Budget, contingent upon receipt of their 2017 Financial Statement.

**Motion** made by Mr. Bowers.

Ms. Dreisbach seconded the motion.

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

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

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**Motion 9B** - Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$60,000 to the Morrisville Ambulance Squad, as per the 2018 EMS Fund Budget, contingent upon receipt of their 2017 Financial Statement. (This amount will be less \$1,810.41 due for Fuel and the payment of \$30,000 already paid to the Morrisville Ambulance Squad.)

**Motion** made by Mr. Parker.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

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

Discussion ensued regarding the status of the Morrisville Ambulance Squad.

Ms. Smith stated, is there anyone else? We'll need a roll call on this please.

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

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**Motion 9C** - Motion to approve co-sponsorship of the 2018 Memorial Day Parade with the Morrisville Fire Company and approval of a \$1,800.00 payment as budgeted in the 2018 Parade Fund.

**Motion** made by Ms. Larison.

Mr. Bowers seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith asked, any questions or comments on the motion? Roll call please.

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

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**Motion 9D** - Motion to approve the Morrisville Labor Day Picnic to be held in Williamson Park on Monday 9/3/18, with the rain date of Saturday, 9/8/18.

**Motion** made by Mr. Parker.

Ms. Larison seconded the motion.

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

Discussion ensued about whether the Mayor would be handling it or the Recreation Advisory Board.

Ms. Smith stated, if there's no other questions, all in favor? Opposed?

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

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**Motion 9E** - Approval of the 2017 Audit Report.

**Motion** made by Ms. Larison.

Mr. Bowers seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith asked, any questions or comments on the audit?

Mr. Yager stated, he still has concerns with the way they're showing monies from the MMA.

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

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

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**Motion** 9G - Motion to cancel the June 12, 2018 Special Agenda Meeting due to the PSAB Annual Conference.

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

(Mr. Yager ?) seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, all in favor? Opposed?

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

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**Motion** 9H - Motion to approve the hiring of two (2) Part Time Police Officers; Officer Matthew Allen and Officer David Ramos, to fill the two (2) vacant Part Time positions in the Morrisville Police Department.

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Mr. Parker seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, the Mayor will swear them in at a later date. Any other questions or comments? Roll call please.

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

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**Motion** 9I - Motion to approve the Change Order #2 for the M. R. Reiter project.

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Mr. Parker seconded the motion.

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

Discussion ensued regarding what the change was.

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

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

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**Motion 9J - Recreation Advisory Board: Six (6) positions. Three (3) Two (2) year appointments to expire on 5/21/2020. Three (3) year terms that will expire 5/21/2021.**

Ms. Smith stated, first we will nominate the three (3) two (2) year appointments. Before we do it, anyone from the public wish to comment on the change?

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

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

Ms. Smith stated, (3) two (2) year terms, I'll ask for a nomination first.

**Motion to nominate Kyle Bruot** made by Mr. Yager.

Ms. Smith stated, can we have a roll call on it and it will be a yes or no vote.

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

Ms. Smith stated, I'll ask for another nomination for a (2) year term.

**Motion to nominate Brud Anderson** made by Mr. Bowers.

Ms. Smith asked, call I have a roll call yes or no vote?

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

Ms. Smith stated, another nomination for a (2) year term.

**Motion to nominate Noel Sperry** made by Mr. Nay.

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

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

Ms. Smith stated, now we're going to do the (3) three year terms.

**Motion to nominate Amy Rinkevich** made by Ms. Kronnagel.

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

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

Ms. Smith stated, another nomination for a (3) three year term.

**Motion to nominate Erin Aberts** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Ms. Smith asked, can I have a roll call on that, yes or no?

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

Ms. Smith stated, we have one more position, another (3) three year term.

**Motion to nominate Holly Harman** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Ms. Smith asked, can I have a roll call, yes or no?

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

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**Motion 9K** - Authorization for the Borough Engineer to prepare bid specifications and to solicit bids for the repaving of a portion of Plaza Boulevard using Liquid Fuels Funds.

**Motion** made by Mr. Yager.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

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

Discussion ensued about the road condition of Plaza Boulevard and the need for it to be repaved.

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

Discussion ensued about the start date of the project.

Ms. Smith asked, anyone else? Can we have a roll call please?

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

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**Motion 9L** - Adoption of Resolution authorizing the Borough Engineer to submit an FMP grant application to DCED for completing remainder of Levee Accreditation: \$255,000 (total \$300,000 with \$45,000 Borough match).

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Mr. Yager seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith asked, any questions or comments on the motion? Can we have a roll call on it please?

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

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**Motion 9M** - Adoption of Resolution authorizing the Borough Engineer to submit a GTRP grant application to DCED for Williamson Park Masterplan and Levee trail: \$127,500 (total \$150,000 with \$22,500 as the Borough match).

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Mr. Bowers seconded the motion.

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

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

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**Motion 9N** - Adoption of Resolution authorizing the Borough Engineer to submit a GTRP grant application to DCED for Patriots Park at Historic Summerseat: \$85,000 (total \$100,000 with \$15,000 as the Borough match).

**Motion** made by Mr. Yager.

Mr. Nay seconded the motion.

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

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

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### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no Unfinished Business to discuss this evening.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no New Business to discuss this evening.

## **BOROUGH OFFICIALS**

Mr. Parker stated, it was EMS Week and he wanted to wish everyone involved in EMS services a healthy and safe EMS Week.

Mr. Bowers reminded everyone of the upcoming Memorial Day Parade by the Morrisville Fire Department.

Ms. Kronnagel stated that in May of 2021 they will be working on the bridge over the canal on Pennsylvania Avenue by Burns Pharmacy that has been marked as structurally deficient for quite some time. Restaurant Week is May 27th to June 2nd, our restaurants are Anthony's, Cafe Antonio's, Concerto, LaVilla, Salute and Michael's Restaurant and Lounge. She wanted to thank the Business Association, Artists of Morrisville and Mid Atlantic Printing. Actor's Net is giving a coupon to all dine in patrons, if they buy one ticket they get one free. Patriots Day at Summerseat is this Saturday from 10-3. There are a lot of programs this summer at our Library.

Ms. Larison asked if Mr. Mitchell had a timeline of when the MS4 for Melvin Avenue Basin project can get started or if he could ask for a timeline when that can get started.

Ms. Smith congratulated Morrisville Dog Park group for doing a fantastic job with their Cocktail Party on Saturday at Historic Summerseat. It was standing room only, they had great prizes, everyone had a great time, they accommodated everyone with the tents. It's always, always a good event, I thank them for doing that and Summerseat for opening the doors for that to happen. It was a great event for people to go to.

Mr. Yager congratulated all the people that were just appointed to the Recreation Advisory Board. This town likes to throw events, we enjoy gathering and I look forward to seeing what that Board will bring us.

Ms. Smith stated, and on that note, I will say, anyone that applied, they had given email addresses, so you will be forwarded the bylaws for the Recreation Advisory Board so that everyone has them. If you don't receive them for some reason let us know at the office, we'll make sure that you can get them. With that we'll have to decide what the date is for the meetings to begin, we'll figure out how we're going to communicate that back and forth and what's available to everybody and a date that can be picked. Thank you all for applying.

Ms. Kronnagel wanted to thank the Girl Scouts, they put forth their 4th Annual Colorfun Run, it was a big success. It gets better every year. I can't even tell you how many people were there, but it was great. I thank them again and I look forward to next years.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** to adjourn.

**Motion** made by Ms. Larison and seconded by Mr. Parker.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.