

MEETING MINUTES
MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, September 17, 2018
7:00 p.m.

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Monday, September 17, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Morrisville Municipal Building, 35 Union Street, Morrisville, PA for a Regular Council Meeting.

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

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 Present: Ted Parker

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations this evening.

Mr. Mitchell informed the Mayor and Council that there would be an executive session on October 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the caucus room to discuss contract negotiations.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

1. Jane Burger - 90 West Maple Avenue
She questioned why some streets didn't have their trash picked up today. She mentioned that some of the agenda items were taken care of at the agenda meeting. She suggested that council should look through the Emergency Operations plan carefully before they put it into place.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion 6A - Motion to approve the Regular Borough Council Meeting minutes of July 16, 2018.

Motion made by Mr. Yager.

Mr. Bowers seconded the motion.

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

Motion carries by roll call vote, 6-0 with 1 abstention made by Ms. Dreisbach.

FINANCE

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

Motion made by Mr. Bowers.

Ms. Dreisbach seconded the motion.

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

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

Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

REPORTS - ADMINISTRATIVE/MANAGEMENT

Mayor's Report - David Rivella - He stated, nationally the month of September is recognized as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. People many not realize that each year more than 41,000 people in the US die by suicide or that suicide is the second leading cause of deaths among people aged 10 to 24. Every member of our community should understand that throughout life struggles we all need an occasional reminder that we are silently fighting our own battles. I would encourage all of our residents to take time to inquire as to the wellbeing of their family, friends, neighbors and to genuinely convey to them their appreciation for their existence by any gesture that they feel that's appropriate, a simple phone call, a message, a handshake, a hug can go a long way towards helping someone realize that suicide is not the answer. Locally there are several suicide prevention resources but three that are right here at the top of my list are preventsuicidepa.org, Bucks County Suicide Prevention Task Force, and Family Service Association of Bucks County. The Suicide Prevention lifeline phone number is 1-800-273-talk or 8255. Labor Day was sunny and extremely hot and he wants to thank everyone who left their air conditioning to either volunteer or attend the picnic. He also wanted to thank the Borough for keeping the tradition alive. The picnic has been going on for almost 60 years. He especially wanted to thank Delaware Vally Road Runners Car Club, Scott Robinson, Morrisville Giant, Dollar Tree, Anthony's Pizza, Edible Arrangements, Troop 3, Cello of Aztec Dancing Group, Suzanne Of Italian Bee, Eli the Hawk, Zumba Instructor Betsy Beltle, Morrisville School District Cheerleaders, Donna Wilson, Ted and Wanda Parker, Nancy Sherlock, Corryn and last but not least his family, his wife Janet, Michael and Amanda for all their help. He wanted to remind everyone that it's September and schools are back in session so please be on the lookout as you're driving through town and be careful of students that are walking.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion 9A - Call for Motion to approve the Agreement between Morrisville Borough and Capital Health to takeover EMS operations effective Sunday, September 23rd, 2018.

(It was approved by Council at the agenda meeting on September 11, 2018)

Motion 9B - Motion to approve the Emergency Operations Plan for Morrisville.

Discussion ensued regard the Emergency Operations Plan.

(Council is skipping over this motion until next months meeting)

Motion 9C - Motion to acknowledge receipt of the Minimum Municipal Obligation Forms (MMO) for both the Police (uniformed) and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System by October 5, 2018, and authorizing the Borough Manager to execute the necessary documents.

Motion made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Mr. Yager seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion 9D - Motion to approve millage payment in the amount of \$110,000.00 to the Morrisville Fire Company, as per 2018 Fire Fund Budget. (*contingent upon receipt of payment in full for gas and diesel invoices.)

Motion made by Mr. Nay.

Ms. Dreisbach seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion 9E - Motion to approve millage payment in the amount of \$55,000.00 to Capital Health EMS, as per the 2018 EMS Fund Budget.

Motion made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Ms. Larison seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-1. (nay vote being Mr. Nay)

Motion 9F - Motion to award the 2018-2019 Consortium Salt Bid (as bid through the Bucks County Consortium) to: Morton salt, Inc., per their bid price of \$47.92 price per ton (delivered) and \$47.00 price per ton (undelivered); contract to run to September 30, 2019.

Motion made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion 9G - Motion to authorize the Borough Manager to engage Christopher Gerber, Esquire of the Law Firm Siana Bellwoar, to serve as Special Labor Counsel.

(It was approved by Council at the agenda meeting on September 11, 2018)

Motion 9H - Motion to authorize the Borough Manager to execute the Community Video Program Agreement with CGI Communications, Inc.

(It was approved by Council at the agenda meeting on September 11, 2018)

Motion 9I - Motion to adopt the Employee Policy Manual to become effective December 1, 2018.

Motion made by Ms. Larison.

Mr. Yager seconded the motion.

Ms. Smith stated, we have a motion and a second. Any questions or comments on it?

Mayor Rivella expressed his concerns on limiting the part-time police officers to 30 hours.

Discussion ensued regarding implementing limiting part-time hours to 30 hours a week and the Chief hiring more part-time officers.

Ms. Smith stated, roll call

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

Motion 9J - Motion to authorize the removal of parking meters and to authorize publication of an ordinance to regulate curbside parking in the business district.

Motion made by Mr. Yager.

Ms. Dreisbach 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, 7-0.

Motion 9K - Motion to authorize advertising adoption of Preliminary 2019 Budget at Borough Council meeting on October 15, Public Hearing on 2019 Budget to be held on November 13th and adoption of Final 2019 Budget on December 17th.

Motion made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Mr. Yager seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion 9L - Motion to authorize the transfer of \$16,999.20 from the General Fund to Liquid Fuels Fund based on the 2016-2017 Liquid Fuels Audit Finding.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers.

Ms. Dreisbach seconded the motion.

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

Discussion ensued regarding the Liquid Fuels Audit and their Findings.

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

Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion 9M - Motion to authorize the Borough Engineer to issue the notice of intent to award contract to the lowest responsible bidder for the Plaza Boulevard and Doloro Drive road resurfacing project. The Borough has 30 days to determine whether the prospective awardee is qualified under Section 7 of the responsible contract ordinance. This project is contingent upon PennDOT approval for Liquid Fuels Funds.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers.

Mr. Yager seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

Motion 9N - Motion to authorize the Borough Engineer to reject the bid received for the Williamson Park Playground improvements due to the bid package being incomplete and not in accordance with the contract bidding requirements.

Motion made by Mr. Yager.

Ms. Dreisbach seconded the motion.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

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

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

Motion carried by roll call vote, 7-0.

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Motion 9O - Motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor to prepare an amendment to the responsible contractor ordinance.

Motion made by Mr. Yager.

Ms. Larison seconded the motion.

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

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

Motion 9P - Motion to authorize the administration to make payment to the Volunteer Fire Relief Association in the amount of \$43,000.79 in funding received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania this is an annual occurrence.

Motion made by Ms. Driesbach.

Ms. Kronnagel seconded the motion.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

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

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

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.

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Ms. Kronnagel stated that September is still Turn The Towns Teal for Ovarian Cancer Awareness. She thanked Nancy Sherlock for hanging the Teal Tea bows up. She stated that we still have Teal Tea bows at the Borough if anybody would like them. The Teal Tea is hosting their first Drag Queen Bingo at the Morrisville Senior Center November 10th from 7:00-10:00. Contact her with any questions. Tickets are \$35.00 ticket. The Library is hosting a Halloween Party on October 25th and they are showing The Great Pumpkin Patch Charlie Brown movie on October 26th. Summerseat is having a paint party fundraiser September 29th, for questions please contact Summerseat.

Mr. Yager stated that Saturday, October 13th at 8:00 a.m., the Morrisville Yardley Area Rotary Club will be having a Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast, the cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children at the Morrisville United Methodist Church. The money raised supports local educational programs. They do a lot of work with Morrisville School District and they want to do more.

Mr. Mitchell talked about the documents that the Fire Chief sent out regarding property tax rebates for volunteer recruitment and retention. He also spoke about the sample ordinance from Lower Makefield Township that he will be sending out regarding regulating short-term lodging facilities. He has discussed it with the Zoning Officer and the Borough Solicitor and they are recommending a similar action be taken in Morrisville Borough.

Ms. Larison stated that on Saturday, September 22nd at 9:00 a.m. there will be a Morrisville Riverwalk Cleanup. All volunteers get a free t-shirt. They are going to walk the levee and they're going to be picking up litter throughout the Borough down at the park and they are asking for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer just show up, they'll be at the pavilion.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:01.

Motion made by Mr. Yager.

Meeting adjourned.