



MEETING MINUTES  
MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019  
7:00 P.M.

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Monday, August 19, 2019 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, we will have a moment of silence and then our Pledge of Allegiance.

Virginia 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  
Michael Levin, Solicitor  
Virginia Cyphers, Assistant Borough Secretary  
Micah Heitz, Finance Director

Not Present: Dave Rivella, Mayor

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Amy Rinkevich gave a presentation on how to handle a nonverbal autistic child.

---

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

1. Tom Wisnosky – *815 Crown Street*

He spoke about the property at 874 Pennsylvania Avenue. He stated that the owner has been running the bnb for several years and the past couple have been more aggressive. He stated that it took Lower Makefield about two months to get in the house that he bought across the street and shut them down and it's been a couple of years in the Borough. He asked the Borough Manager to take swift and sure action on the property.

2. Lisa Weinhardt – *846 N. Pennsylvania Avenue*

She stated that she had a productive neighborhood meeting last night with two Council Members from 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward. She stated that a lot of the building and unpermitted activity is taking place after hours at 874 Pennsylvania Avenue. She would like a more definitive plan to let us know what's going to happen with the property. She would like to be kept in the loop and would like the Borough to drive to the property more often. She thanked the Police Chief and the Police Department for their quick responses to the out of control parties at the property.

Mike Levin answered some questions and explained the current process of zoning violations and Short Term Lodging Ordinance while referring to the property at 874 Pennsylvania Avenue.

Discussion ensued regarding the non-compliance with the zoning citation for 874 Pennsylvania Avenue.

3. Gary McElwee – *826 Highland Avenue*

He spoke about the property at 874 Pennsylvania Avenue and said that there are a lot of risks that exist if it goes on for another six months. He stated that time is of the essence because of the risk factors and he understands about doing things rights, but the risk outweighs that. He wanted to know how the other Borough dealt with the problem in two

months. He stated that when he bought his house ten years ago he had to renovate it, the Borough inspector was very clear on every violation and he was forced to fix everything within six months. He stated it's not fair to the people that are actually abiding by all these rules and he expects that Council apply the rules to everybody.

4. Chris Hoover – *Lower Makefield Township*

He spoke about the situation at 874 Pennsylvania Avenue. He stated that Lower Makefield Township was able to react because they did a surprise inspection and that the Borough should just show up and not wait to schedule an inspection. He asked the Borough to take action

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

MINUTES

**Motion 6A** - Motion to approve the Borough Council meeting minutes of July 9, 2019 and July 15, 2019.

**Motion** made by Mr. Yager.

Seconded by Ms. Dreisbach.

Ms. Smith stated, I have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed?

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

ACTION ITEMS

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

**Motion** made by Mr. Parker.

Seconded by Mr. Yager.

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

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

---

Ms. Smith read the “Turn the Town Teal” Proclamation in support of Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

**Motion 9A** - Motion to approve recognizing September 2019 as “Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month”, along with support of hanging ribbons on trees around Morrisville Borough and the “Turn The Towns Teal” awareness campaign.

**Motion** made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Seconded by Ms. Larison.

Ms. Smith stated, we have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed?

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

---

**Motion 9B** - Motion to approve the 2019-2020 Gasoline & Diesel Annual Bid/Contract through the Bucks County Consortium. \*Unleaded regular gasoline: Papco, Inc. @ \$.2093 per gallon (delivery charge) market fluctuation pricing; “On-Road Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel: East River Energy @ \$.2134 per gallon (delivery charge) market fluctuation pricing; \*Off-Road Diesel Fuel (#2 Dyed Diesel): Mansfield Oil Company @ \$.2561 per gallon (delivery charge) market fluctuation pricing.

**Motion** made by Mr. Bowers.

Seconded by Ms. Kronnagel.

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

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

---

**Motion 9C** - Motion to approve special event road closure of a portion of the 200 block of Stockham Avenue (205 through 227) for Holy Trinity School's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Food Truck Friendly to be held from 4:30 to 9:30 pm on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Subject to applicant providing certificate of insurance to Morrisville Borough.

**Motion** made by Ms. Larison.

Seconded by Ms. Dreisbach.

Ms. Smith stated, we have a motion and a second, any questions on this motion? All in favor? Opposed?

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

---

**Motion 9D** - Motion to approve an amendment to the bylaws for the Public Library requiring members of the Library Board to be residents of Morrisville Borough.

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Seconded by Ms. Larison.

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

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

---

**Motion 9E** - Motion to adopt a Resolution for the submission of a DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) grant of \$150,000 for ADA Curb Ramps.

**Motion** made by Ms. Larison.

Seconded by Ms. Dreisbach.

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

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

---

**Motion 9F** - Motion to adopt a Resolution for Morrisville Borough to implement a “Health in All Policies” approach.

**Motion** made by Mr. Yager.

Seconded by Mr. Bowers.

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

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

---

*Council went into executive session at 7:47 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal matters.*

*Council reconvened at 9:28 p.m.*

Ms. Smith stated, our attorney is going to add a motion to the agenda for us.

Mr. Levin stated, first is a report on the executive session. We discussed various legal and personnel matters and as a result of that discussion, Council will be considering a motion, a Council member has to actually propose to provide notice of termination of the Borough’s SRO agreement with the Morrisville Borough School District.

---

**Motion 9G** - Motion to authorize the Borough to provide 30 days notice of termination of the Borough’s SRO agreement with the Morrisville Borough School District.

**Motion** made by Mr. Yager.

Seconded by Ms. Larison.

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

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

Ms. Smith stated, if there's anything to be said, I'll open it for Council.

Discussion ensued regarding terminating the Borough's SRO agreement with the Morrisville Borough School District.

Ms. Smith asked for a roll call vote.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote 5-3. (nay votes being Ms. Kronnagel, Mr. Nay and Mr. Parker)

---

### BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Ms. Smith stated, the Finance Committee meeting will be on September 26<sup>th</sup>. I think the Manager said sometime in September Council will receive a proposed budget and in October should be the first proposed budget meeting.

Ms. Larison stated, she will not be having a Beautification Committee meeting this month.

Ms. Kronnagel stated, the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Drug March was held this past Saturday, so I just want to thank everyone who came out, we had a great number of people. I know it's very hot in August, but September is Addition Awareness Month. She wanted to send a special thank you to Representative Perry Warren and members of Senator Steve Santarsiero's office for attending the March, and thank you to all the vendors. Morrisville United is an organization that actually does work all year round, so if anybody ever has a question about that, you can feel free to reach out either to myself personally or through the page. I also wanted to bring up Morrisville Restaurant Week, which is coming up in October. It's October 6<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>, so far we have the following restaurants signed up to participate: Café Antonio's, Michael's Restaurant, everyone should know by now they're going to be on that television show, Michael's Restaurant, so if you want to be a part of that, there's a special email for

that. Concerto Fusion, La Villa, Salute, Dacey's, and for the first time, this year we'll have Mannino's participate. We have a Facebook page, Morrisville Restaurant Week, and this year will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual.

Mr. Nay stated, I wanted to mention that we honored Monsignor Eckert, today was his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, so Happy Birthday to Monsignor Eckert.

### ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.