



The Morrisville Borough Council met on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Morrisville Municipal Building, 35 Union Street, Morrisville, PA for a Regular Council Meeting.

Mr. Parker stated, can we all stand for a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Virginia Cyphers took roll call.

**Those in Attendance:**

Borough Council: Ted Parker, President  
Bob Paul, Vice President  
Justin Bowers  
Eileen Dreisbach  
Helen Hlahol  
Scott Robinson  
Nancy Sherlock  
Michael Yager

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

Junior Councilperson: Victoria Sullivan

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**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

There were no special presentations this evening.

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

1. Andrew Lubin – *624 Crown Street*

He stated, it's my pleasure to chat with you again. My neighbor's concern is that if one of Chief McClay's excellent officers calls because there's an issue, does he have a phone number of a code officer to come out there and witness the violation or does he have to turn and report through channels and Monday or Tuesday somebody sees it and says oh I wish I was there? Can code actually come out on the spot on a Friday or Saturday night and see the violation?

Mr. Mitchell stated, they can, we've actually been out there various hours of the day, night, and o' dark thirty in the morning, myself included, but they can also just as easily note it in a police report because the code department gets the police report usually next business day and they can act on whatever the police officer observed and noted in his report, so there's really no need for a further after-hours response by the Code Enforcement Department.

2. Regina Wallace – *137 S. Delmorr Avenue*

She stated, I am a lifetime resident of Morrisville so I've seen this town go from a graduating class of 130 to what we have today and I'm coming to speak about the business part of our town. Seems like most of our businesses are on Falls Township and we need to build something here. We can't have more residents, we really need to build our tax base on our businesses. What I'd like to say is, I'd like to admit I was intrigued by the Williamson Park project it was bringing businesses into our community in our Borough. However, after listening to Debbie Colgan and two other residents talk about the geographic layout of the park I am thinking the park can be upgraded but that wasn't the right plan we need

to keep that Park, we can't have any more floods in our town. I've been through three of them, two of them really bad, my kids have been through one. We don't need that anymore. So I started thinking, how can we get businesses into our Borough. The next space I can think of to use is that could use a facelift is Bridge Street and Pennsylvania Avenue we have our beautiful statue that gorgeous Stockham Building that I remember was Pryor's Pharmacy with an old-fashioned elevator inside and the Morrisville Bank.

Mr. Mitchell stated, I can tell you that the Stockham Building is presently with the Redevelopment Authority and the Industrial Development Authority of the County of Bucks. They have not taken possession at this time but that is in the offing and RFPs will be issued at an appropriate time for redevelopment plans for that property. As for the bank building I can tell you that a number of parties have been in and through that building for a multitude of different concepts but as far as I know no one has signed the dotted line yet, so I'd rather not reveal who all has been looking around at it.

3. *Jane Burger – 90 W. Maple Avenue*

She stated, first I see in the agenda the motion to terminate the police officer and legal difficulties. I'm kind of surprised with legal counsel so far, that's so close to that officers court date you would want to move for termination unless that's been changed again. I know theoretically in this country we are innocent until proven guilty so we would wait until his day in court. The other reason I'm here is because at the last meeting when a good presentation about the school violence prevention grant was shared, Ms. Darletta Berry-Johnson spoke and my heart went out to her when she talked about the need for this to come through the Borough because the school district was not eligible and I'm here to say that that information provided to her in the administration was factually incorrect, at the School Board meeting when it was announced and went and came to the Borough, administration had also been told they were not eligible to apply and they did not have the three-digit number therefore it had to go through the Borough. The Department of Justice site this is the grant

notice that's very clear in the very front bold letters that school districts are eligible, this was filed electronically and section two agency eligibility also speaks to school districts being eligible and there's a question that had to be answered whether you're law enforcement or non law enforcement so School Districts were clearly eligible and if you did not have that three-digit code they would assign one to you so those two reasons we're incorrect. I would hope that whoever I know it was signed by the Mayor and the Police Chief was involved, party to that might send an apology to the school district and Ms. Berry-Johnson for kind of conveying wrong information. It is a bit ironical because the grant talks about improving communication between the School District, the Police Department and the Borough Council which I truly hope happens. The content program for this grant is absolutely essential for the safety of our school children so that is not my issue. It was wrong, misleading or incorrect information being provided and not giving the School District the opportunity for discussion to apply for it. I do have the list of 103 entities that were awarded, of that, 91 were various school entities, school board districts they apply differently, 6 were government, city or County, 2 sheriffs and 3 municipal police departments. I'll share this information with you as I do believe in documenting what I say.

Mr. Mitchell stated, I might be misremembering from the presenters remarks, but I think, if I remember correctly, the challenge may have been the fact that to include Holy Trinity in the process, the applicant couldn't be the school district and had to be the municipality.

Mr. Parker stated, that's accurate.

Mr. Mitchell stated, is that correct? Okay, so I think that's the reason why it was structured the way it was structured, but don't quote me on that.

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

Mr. Parker stated, okay, moving on from public comment we have approval of the minutes.

MINUTES

**Motion 6A** – Motion to approve the Borough Council Regular Meeting minutes of November 18, 2019.

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Seconded by Mr. Bowers.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

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

Seconded by Mr. Yager.

Mr. Parker asked for a roll call.

Motion to table carried by roll call vote 8-0.

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**Motion 6B** – Motion to approve the Borough Council Biennial Reorganization meeting minutes of January 6, 2020.

**Motion** made by Mr. Bowers.

Seconded by Ms. Sherlock.

Mr. Parker asked, all in favor? Opposed?

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

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**Motion 6C** – Motion to approve the Borough Council Agenda meeting minutes of January 14, 2020.

**Motion** made by Ms. Sherlock.

Seconded by Mr. Bowers.

Mr. Parker asked, any discussion? All in favor? Opposed?

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

**Motion 6D** – Motion to approve the Borough Council Regular Meeting minutes of January 21, 2020 was removed and will be put on the March agenda.

**ACTION ITEMS**

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

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Seconded by Mr. Bowers.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Bowers had a couple of questions on the legal bills. He asked about the invoice for review of council meeting video and conflict of interest for the January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. He asked about the invoice for reviewing, revising and editing the resolution for receiving public comment at meetings. He asked about the invoice for legal research and draft memorandum concerning the removal of an appointed officer. He asked about the invoices for receipt and review of letter from the Chief's ordinance. Mr. Mitchell replied, this is part of our effort that we started last year to create job descriptions for all full-time Borough employees of which we are done except for the position of Chief of Police.

Ms. Sherlock had questions on the legal bills for Flager & Associates, the Britton Industries Escrow account and the SRO officer. She had questions about Edmonds & Associates and TRAIRS.

She asked about the reimbursement line on the police report for \$15,000.

Ms. Hlahol asked the Chief what the \$425.00 charge was on the TD card.

Chief McClay replied, training.

Ms. Sherlock asked if our Fire Chief has fire keys for larger properties and buildings like Toll Brothers or the Bridge Commission properties. She asked about the Robert Morris Plaza electric bill, she thought \$67.00 for the month was high.

Mr. Mitchell stated, it was for two months.

Mr. Parker asked, can we have a roll call please?

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

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**REPORTS**

**Mayor's Report – David Rivella** – He stated, I've been getting ready for the 2020 Canal Cleanup which will be April 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m. Anyone wishing to help out, we meet at the canal across from Burns Pharmacy on Union Street. On February 14<sup>th</sup>, I sent a Canal Cleanup flyer to the Borough, I'm sure the information will be soon on the calendar and the public access channel as I requested. The topic of the staff study, it's my understanding from Chief McClay that that's completed and that next month there will be a presentation made at the monthly meeting and after that I believe at that point we can probably disseminate that and if I got that wrong I'm sure George will let us know.

**Police Chief's Report – Chief George McClay** – He stated, good evening all. Today I attended the formal arraignment of Dominique and Shana Decree in Doylestown, they pled not guilty at this point. The scheduled trial is June 8<sup>th</sup> it'll be a scheduled trial or what I think is going to be a plea, there will be a sentencing date at least that's what we hope, at least that's what I hope. 80% of our officers have completed the Annual Municipal Police Officers training, some of the training that we're going to be receiving this year is Street Survival, Internal Affairs Investigations, Advanced Search and Seizure, Investigating and Preventing Crimes Against the Elderly, which I'm going to talk about in a few minutes, the Glock Armor Class, Advanced DUI Classes, FBI Leadership and Command classes which we got two scholarships of \$500 a piece for \$695 classes, so they were only going to cost us \$195 so there's some of the things, I know we have problems with our grants going on, but they are some of the things that take place without a grant or a vote from the Council. Matt and I will be attending an advanced emergency class out in Coatesville next month, after that class I will receive the professional level certificate for EMC which is the highest level for a EMC. Matt will be almost getting to that same level, so by the time I get ready to retire he'll be able to step into my shoes. We ordered our ballistic vest for the department with five years, if everyone remembers five years ago we had talked about that, every five years we have to replace them. We will receive half the money back from the Ballistic Vest Grant from the United States Government. Scams against the elderly have been a chronic problem throughout the United States and we have quite a

few going on through our Borough, so if anybody has an older person out there it's time to listen up they are getting taken advantage of very badly. In the last three months we've lost over a half a million dollars that older people have been taken advantage of. We've made two arrests, one out in Chicago with the FBI, actually one arrest, one with the FBI out there, we recovered \$30,000 from a house on Delmorr a few weeks back where a lady got a phone call in Ohio saying that her grandchild was kidnapped so she put all the money in a box and sent it to an address on Delmorr, we were able to intercept that box and we were able to go and take it to the bank and get a check and send it back to the family. We got lucky on that one, they got lucky, but there are so many scams out there right now I just want to put some hints out there, I just did a lecture up at the Presbyterian Church, it was supposed to be a 20-minute lecture it ended up being an hour and 20 minutes, we really got into the really crux of all these scams that are going on, but I just want to put some hints out there to people. The FBI, the Social Security, the Sheriff's, the IRS will not call you, they will not call you, but they will have people on scams that will call you and ask you to go and purchase Walmart gift certificates, Amazon gift certificates, Green Dot Cards and mail them to them, or they'll scam you on your bank accounts which we just had another one today of \$50,000 and sent cash in the mail to people. Please talk to your elderly, never send cash in the mail no matter what, you go who would ever do that, it's happening, it's happening a lot. Try to set something up with your bank that you need two people to sign for large amounts of cash withdraw. If you get a ransom phone call, everybody hear about these, old grandmother gets a phone call that your grandchild we have him in custody, you got to send bail money or we've kidnapped them, do not send cash, call the police. If you think something is strange it is, call us call a relative, don't send money. The chances of someone ever being kidnapped in the United States is very slim and there are questions that you can ask somebody, you know, what kind of car does my grandchild drive, they don't know that, they didn't kidnap your child okay, or ask them to put them on the phone. Call a relative, don't send money. Like I said, we've cleared the one in Chicago we didn't get any money back all the money is going to India or Iran, but at least we were able to arrest somebody. So please if anybody has any questions about scams please call the Police Department, it's really getting out of control and our old people are really getting taken advantage of so if you have an old person that you're related to, your mom your



dad, set something up with them, talk to them about the money that's being sent out to people in cash.

**Junior Councilperson's Report – Victoria Sullivan** – Good evening everyone. Last meeting my report introduced a survey I administered to teens about life in Morrisville. This past month I repeated that poll with another pool of teens as well as administer a second poll that focuses on the experience Morrisville teens have had with three topics, school, the news and politics. I'd like to take some time to share notable responses. The responses to the first survey followed the same trend as the last time I administered it, most respondents praised the small tight-knit community feeling and special places to hang out especially outdoors in the park and near the river. Areas for improvement included the quality of schooling, a wish for less crime and one survey noted ignorance amongst Morrisville youth, but they did not elaborate further. My second poll went into depth about teens thoughts on their own experience at school. When asked to rank their experience on a scale of one to five with one being very poor and five being excellent, the median ranking was a three with all rankings represented. I asked respondents to elaborate if they answered one or five and the respondent who ranked their experience as a one complained of a lack of control in academic settings. The respondent who answered a five said that they've had a good time at school. I then asked teens what the most stressful part of their school experience has been thus far, the vast majority responded by saying the expectations around schoolwork caused the most stress with one respondent naming bullying as the main cause. The second half of my survey was to gauge how familiar teens in Morrisville are with local and national politics. I asked respondents to rank how familiar they were generally with Morrisville Borough's government on a scale of one to five with one being not all familiar and five being very familiar. No respondent ranked their familiarity with either a four or a five and half ranked their familiarity as a one being not at all familiar. I then asked respondents to rank how closely they had been following recent United States politics on a scale of one to five with one being not following at all and five being following very closely. Two-thirds of respondents answered with a four or a five and one-third answered with a one meaning that the majority of teens have in some way followed United States politics recently. There does not seem to be a clear correlation between familiarity with local

politics and national politics as two respondents answered with not familiar to local government while following national politics very closely meaning that for local government, Morrisville Borough they ranked their familiarity as not at all familiar but they ranked themselves as a five for following national politics. If these two were to be treated as exceptions, a common trend was that responses were usually similar for both local and national politics on an individual basis. My final question was about news consumption, 50% of respondents consumed their news through social media and another 50% answered that they consume international, national and local news equally. Other news sources included news apps such as apple news and television news. No respondents answered that they don't follow the news at all. With all this data in mind I'm looking to address the fact that many Morrisville teens seem to be unfamiliar with Morrisville Borough government and processes despite having a wide variety of valuable input and a desire to see change in their community. A useful tool going forward will definitely be using social media backed up by its popularity as a means of communication and as evidenced by this survey news consumption. I'm looking forward to not only acting as a voice but also finding and sharing ways that teens can enact change in Morrisville. Thank you.

Mr. Parker stated, that concludes the reports. We're going to move on to action items.

#### ACTION ITEMS

**Motion 9A** - Motion to authorize the Borough Engineer to solicit bids for the 2020 Road Repaving Project.

**Motion** made by Mr. Bowers.

Seconded by Ms. Dreisbach.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

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

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**Motion 9B** - Motion to approve the Morrisville Business Association sponsored Car Show to be held on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-7:30 pm on East Bridge Street between Delmorr and Pennsylvania Avenues.

**Motion** made by Ms. Sherlock.

Seconded by Ms. Dreisbach.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker asked, all in favor? Opposed?

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

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**Motion 9C** - Motion to approve the New York City Runs Trenton Half Marathon to be held Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 11:30 am, pending Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Special Event Permit approval.

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Seconded by Ms. Sherlock.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker asked, all in favor?

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

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**Motion 9D** - Motion to approve the East Coast Greenway Ride to be held on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:45am to 10:45am with a rest stop in Williamson Park pending Certificate of Insurance.

**Motion** made by Ms. Sherlock.

Seconded by Mr. Yager.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker asked, all in favor?

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

**Motion 9E** - Motion to change Council meeting dates and re-advertise as necessary.  
**Motion Removed. It was discussed under New Business.**

### APPOINTMENTS

**Motion** to appoint (1) Environmental Advisory: 3-year appointment to expire on 12/19/22.

**Motion** to nominate **Steven Fowler** made by Ms. Sherlock.

Seconded by Helen Hlahol.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker stated, we have a nomination and a second, do we have any others? Do we have any others? One last time, anyone else? Can we have a roll call please?

**Motion** to appoint **Steven Fowler** carried by roll call vote, 8-0.

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### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*Discussion took place regarding truck traffic on Pennsylvania Avenue.*

*Discussion took place regarding parking signage on Park Avenue.*

### NEW BUSINESS

**Motion 11A** - Motion to move Morrisville Borough Council business meetings to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month starting March 26, 2020.

**Motion** made by Mr. Robinson.

Seconded by Ms. Hlahol.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

**Motion** failed by roll call vote 4-4. (nay votes being Mr. Bowers, Ms. Dreisbach, Mr. Paul and Mr. Yager)

Mr. Parker stated, we have a tie.

Mayor Rivella stated, I'm not going to vote, this is a Council issue. Council is going to work it out. Remember, we're going to work together, kumbaya.

Mr. Parker stated, we can discuss this some more, try a revote.

Mr. Bowers stated, motion fails don't we just move on?

Mr. Parker stated, it doesn't fail, it's tied.

Mr. Flager stated, which is a fail.

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**Motion 11B** Motion to direct the Borough Manager to advertise all professional services.

**Motion** made by Ms. Hlahol.

Seconded by Mr. Parker.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Paul asked, what's the current policy?

Mr. Bowers stated, basically at the pleasure of Council.

Mr. Parker stated, we directed the Borough Manager to solicit it's been a small pool that's responded to solicitations and we're just looking to advertise.

Ms. Sherlock asked, can I get a clarification, what all professional services are what do they include?

Mr. Parker replied, it would be Solicitor, Code Enforcement with Zoning, UCC as well as the Engineer.

Mayor Rivella stated, for clarification while I was writing, I wasn't sure if Manager was mentioned.

Ms. Sherlock stated, that was my next question.

Mr. Bowers asked, what was the answer?

Mr. Parker replied, no it would be a repeat of the motion we made in January to solicit professional services which would be the Solicitor, Code Enforcement and Engineer.

Ms. Dreisbach asked, so the vote that we took in –

Mr. Parker replied, that was to solicit, yes. Virginia can you do a roll call?

**Motion** carried by roll call vote 7-1. (nay vote being Ms. Dreisbach)

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**Motion 11C** Motion to authorize the Borough Manager to give Keystone Municipal Services the contractually required sixty (60) day notice to terminate the contract.

**Motion** made by Ms. Hlahol.

Seconded by Mr. Robinson.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Bowers asked, is there a reason to terminate their contract?

Mr. Parker replied, I think because they require (60) day notice.

Mr. Bowers stated, no, but I'm saying did they do something wrong , did they do something illegal, why are we terminating the contract especially if we did not have any discussions on an alternative to it?

**Motion** withdrawn.

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Mr. Parker stated, so 11F were adding at the end of this, if we ever get there tonight, would be to direct the Borough Manager to advertise for a part-time code enforcement officer. We'll open that when we get to it. We're going to go on to 11D.

**Motion 11D** Motion to discontinue agenda meetings effective immediately.

**Motion** made by Ms. Hlahol.

Seconded by Mr. Parker.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Ms. Dreisbach stated, yes. This is a perfect example of why we need agenda meetings. We're adding things to the agenda at the last minute. We're discussing things forever and I don't think we should do away with them.

Mr. Parker stated, I once again will ask the mover of this motion since 11A failed would you consider withdrawing this one until –

Ms. Hlahol stated, should we just then amend the motion to say effective maybe in April.

Mayor Rivella stated, or May because you have an April presentation.

Ms. Hlahol asked, who is the April presentation?

Mr. Mitchell replied, the auditors with the annual audit report.

Ms. Hlahol stated, well I don't really care if it's April or May if whatever the consensus with Council is.

Mr. Parker asked, so it is okay to change the effective day to May 2020, is that okay with you?

Ms. Hlahol replied, so April one would be the last one? Okay.

Mr. Parker stated, so the motion has been changed to a call for a motion to discontinue special meetings effective May 2020.

Mr. Flager stated, just to be clear you're not just – in the interest of doing it by the books, you're still allowed to have a special meeting. You would be discontinuing the special meeting that is regularly scheduled for the purpose of setting the agenda. I just want that clear.

**Motion 11D** – Motion to discontinue special meetings used to set the agenda effective May 2020.

Mr. Parker stated, Virginia, roll call please.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote 5-3. (nay votes being Mr. Bowers, Ms. Dreisbach and Mr. Yager)

Ms. Hlahol stated, can I ask Scott, I don't want the residents to feel that they are being excluded. Is there a way to put the agenda up on the website so that people see it so that they know what is going to be discussed?

Mr. Mitchell replied, yes we already post the agenda prior to the meeting.

Ms. Hlahol stated, all right, I just want to clear that up for the residents.



**Motion 11E** – Motion to terminate the employment of Corporal Pitcher effective immediately.

Mr. Parker asked, can I have a motion and a second?

**Motion** made by Mr. Robinson.

Seconded by Ms. Hlahol.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

**Motion** failed by roll call vote 4-4. (nay votes being Mr. Bowers, Ms. Dreisbch, Ms. Sherlock and Mr. Yager)

Mayor Rivella stated, I can't vote. Okay, I thought I could vote but apparently I cannot.

Mr. Flager stated, like most people know but if you don't, the Mayor has control over the day-to-day operations over the police but as far as termination and things of that sort, that is specifically pursuant to the Borough Code, the purview of Borough Council and Borough Council alone and that issue was researched by our firm when we saw that this was on the agenda just to clarify so the Mayor has the power of certain things with police but removal of an officer would be Council.

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**Motion 11F** – Motion to direct the Borough Manager to advertise for a part-time Code Enforcement Officer.

**Motion** made by Ms. Sherlock.

Seconded by Ms. Hlahol.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

**Motion** to table made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Seconded by Mr. Paul.

**Motion** to table and the second withdrawn.

Mr. Parker asked, is the original mover of the motion okay with withdrawing it?

Ms. Sherlock stated, I was the original motion maker. As it stands I understand that because there's no compensation listed that this seems to be the sticking point. If there was compensation as part of the motion is that something that -- I mean I have to take it away anyway because no one likes the motion as it stands so I can withdraw that motion and Helen seconded it, that's up to her.

Ms. Hlahol stated, actually you know when people advertise for jobs and for candidates I know very few put their salaries in the advertisement.

Mr. Parker stated, I have a recommendation. If it's withdrawn we can direct Scott to prepare a job description in a salary range and to investigate it and then we'll revisit it in the future, is that okay with you?

Ms. Sherlock replied, yes. I will withdrawal.

**Motion** to direct the Borough Manager to advertise for a part-time Code Enforcement Officer withdrawn.

Mr. Parker stated, we're going to do a formal motion.

Mr. Yager asked, do we need to open up public comment for that?

Mr. Parker stated, let me make the motion first and then we'll open it up.

**Motion 11F** – Council directs the Borough Manager to develop a job description with corresponding compensation for a part-time Code Enforcement Officer to be advertised at a later date.

**Motion** made by Ms. Sherlock.

Seconded by Mr. Paul.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

1. Jane Burger – 90 West Maple Avenue

She stated, I want to thank Council for withdrawing the other one and working on this one to work on at a later date, what Ms. Hlahol provided is a good starting point for the duties of this part-time Code Enforcement Officer to make sure that they're relevant and limited within the scope of enforcement so to know the education experience these be the qualifications of anyone to be considered this is important and I did hear some experience in what Ms. Hlahol read, I don't think any of you had it but I didn't hear what an educational requirement might be, and something about certifications but I don't know which ones, so that you'll have the time to work on this and fully flush it out as a positive step and I'm glad Council is considering that rather than the other motion.

Mr. Parker asked, anyone else?

2. Steven Fowler – 444 Hillside Avenue

He stated, I want to make the comment to Mr. Mayor, the canal cleanup for April 4<sup>th</sup> is also the first day of trout season and you're going to be losing some of your fishermen and you're going to be probably annoying a lot of people if you're doing a canal cleanup at the same time that you're doing trout season.

Mayor Rivella replied, I don't pick that date, the Friends of the Canal did. It's going to be the entire canal from one end to the other. This has happened many times over the years and you know they know because everyone like you says hey do you realize it's opening day. I'm just letting people know to come out and you're right some fishermen are not happy to see us there.

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

Mr. Parker stated, we have a motion and a second, any discussion?

Ms. Sherlock asked, could you read that one more time?

Mr. Mitchell stated, Council adopts a motion to direct the Borough Manager to develop a job description and appropriate compensation for a part-time Code Enforcement Officer position in-house to be advertised at a future date.

Mr. Parker asked, anyone else? Roll call Virginia.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote 7-1. (nay vote being Ms. Dreisbach)

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### **BOROUGH OFFICIALS**

Ms. Sherlock stated, I would just like to make an announcement. I would just like to remind the public about the new voting equipment, across the County they are doing some sampling of that and actually there was one I think today at the County Courthouse, but the next one is next Monday at the Bucks County Technical High School from 5 to 8 p.m. and you'll get to sample it and see how it's used. Also, for March or April we got it in our packet, the voting delegate is due by May 22<sup>nd</sup> as well as the conference cut off and we want to do it before then so that you we're not paying any extra money. Also, I saw there was a blight and redevelopment fund grant where we can apply for up to \$75,000 I think we should look at that, that's from the state, but I just happened to come across that.

Mr. Mitchell asked, we're you going to mention the school project?

Ms. Sherlock stated, I didn't write that down, so thank you. Everybody got the memo from the art teacher at the high school, her name is Ms. Bower and the project that

they're excited to do is to repaint the backdrop for the stage area. Some years ago the school had done what's down there now and over the years our road crew have touched it up on occasion when there was graffiti, but they're very excited about doing this. I offered to donate the plywood, they're providing the paint and it should be starting in about maybe a week and a half and then they're going to send what the design is first, I mean they're not just designing it and doing it without all of us to view it, so they will be sending it to us for our approval. I would like to see when it's done that they could come back and we could actually commend them for it, it should be a class of only about twelve that's doing this, it's not her whole art class as she's explained it to me. Thank you Scott.

Ms. Hlahol stated, I noticed that on Bridge Street there were two new businesses that have opened up. One is the organic store and another one is about to be opened so I just want the residents to take a walk down Bridge Street and check them out.

Mr. Mitchell stated, actually I believe there's four new businesses. Convenient Corner which was Roger's Lock Shop there is an auto detailing place across the street from that which used to be Fletcher's Garage and there's a new hair place opening next to Anthem Flags which used to be Cote Flags and the one you referenced right here on the corner.

### ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** to adjourn made by Ms. Hlahol.

Seconded by Mr. Bowers.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.