



The Morrisville Borough Council met on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via tele-conference (Zoom) for a Regular Council Meeting.

Mr. Parker stated, please stand for a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. In this moment of silence, I'd like us to remember all the victims of the COVID-19 pandemic. I have personal knowledge that it is a very devastating disease and a very deadly disease and let's remember all those who have suffered and those who have perished because of this.

Scott Mitchell took roll call.

**Those in Attendance:**

Borough Council: Ted Parker, President  
Bob Paul, Vice President  
Justin Bowers  
Eileen Dreisbach (arrived at 7:10)  
Helen Hlahol  
Scott Robinson  
Nancy Sherlock  
Michael Yager

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

Junior Councilperson: Victoria Sullivan

Not in Attendance: Dave Rivella, Mayor

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**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Tim Sawyer of Barbacane, Thornton & Company, gave a Presentation of the Annual DCED Audit.

*Discussion took place regarding the Annual DCED Audit.*

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

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

**MINUTES**

There were no minutes to approve this evening.

**ACTION ITEMS**

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

**Motion** made by Ms. Sherlock.

Seconded by Mr. Bowers.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker stated, roll call please.

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

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**Motion 7C** - Motion to approve the bill list and pay the bills for April.

**Motion** made by Mr. Bowers.

Seconded by Ms. Hlahol.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker stated, roll call please.

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

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**REPORTS**

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

**Police Chief's Report – Chief George McClay** – He stated, all your emergency services are still operating at 100%. At this point, the County positive tests have shrunk, so we are getting there. Morrisville, 19067 has 57 total cases, 25 have recovered, 31 are still active and there was one death. I recommend slow opening for the tennis courts, the dog park, and leaving your playground as the last thing to open because you're going to have to sanitize, supervise, things like that, whereas the tennis court and the dog park you may not be that same supervision. Lastly, we have a food drive Wednesday at the Firehouse.

*Discussion took place regarding the PEMA grant.*

**Junior Councilperson's Report – Victoria Sullivan** – Good evening everyone. Families are finding time to spend outdoors, schools are closed and students are learning how to stay on top of their school work digitally. However, the Morrisville community is still finding ways to help others. I started an online web show called Morrisville Moments of Joy, abbreviated MMJ, to communicate with Morrisville residents and promote positivity throughout the community to the best of my ability. So far I have published videos and Representative Perry Warren appeared in a video as a special guest. My hope for Morrisville Moments of Joy is to inspire Morrisville residents of all ages to celebrate the things in life that make us happy. Moments of Joy can be as small as the morning published news and as large as fundraising efforts to help with COVID-19 relief. I've been uploading videos every Sunday afternoon. However, I am planning to post a 1-4-3 Day special video this Friday. May 22<sup>nd</sup> is the 143<sup>rd</sup> day of the year, and as such, it is the Second Annual 1-4-3 Day in Pennsylvania and they have kindness throughout the state to honor Mr. Fred Rogers of the classic television show Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood. In honor of 1-4-3 Day, Pennsylvanians are asked to share acts of kindness to social media with the hashtag, 1-4-3 Day in PA.

If your personal schedules permit, I'm asking the members of Council to submit a brief video of 1-4-3 Day greeting, which can be as simple as saying happy 1-4-3 Day. Thank you so much. Stay happy and safe in the weeks ahead.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Motion 9A** - Motion to accept the annual audits as presented by the auditing firm.

**Motion** made by Mr. Bowers.

Seconded by Ms. Sherlock.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker stated, roll call.

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

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**Motion 9B** - Motion to reappoint Barbacane, Thornton & Company as the Borough Auditor for a three year term (2020-2022) at the fees established in the engagement letter.

**Motion** made by Mr. Bowers.

Seconded by Ms. Sherlock.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker asked, all in favor? Opposed?

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

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**Motion 9C** – Motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Borough Engineer to submit a grant application in the amount of \$250,000 to DCED's Greenways Trails and Recreation Program for Phase I construction of Patriots Park and to authorize the Borough Manager to execute the necessary documents.

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Seconded by Mr. Bowers.

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*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

*Discussion took place regarding Ordinance No. 856,(curbing your dog) throughout town and Patriots Park.*

Mr. Parker asked, roll call.

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

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**Motion 9D** - Motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Borough Engineer to submit a grant application in the amount of \$250,000 to DCED's Greenways Trails and Recreation Program for Manor Park Playground Improvements and to authorize the Borough Manager to execute the necessary documents.

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Seconded by Mr. Yager.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker asked, roll call.

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

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**Motion 9E** - Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$110,000 to the Morrisville Fire Company, as per 2020 Fire Fund Budget, contingent upon receipt of their 2019 Financial Statement and Audit.

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Seconded by Mr. Yager.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker asked, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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

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**Motion 9F** - Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$60,000 to Capital Health EMS, as per the 2020 EMS Fund Budget, contingent upon receipt of their 2019 Financial Statement and Audit.

**Motion** made by Mr. Yager.

Seconded by Mr. Bowers.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker asked, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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

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**Motion 9G** - Motion to approve the Labor Day Picnic to be held in Williamson Park on Monday, 9/7/20, with a rain date of Saturday, 9/12/20.

**Motion** made by Ms. Sherlock.

Seconded by Mr. Parker.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker asked, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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

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**Motion 9H** - Motion authorizing the Administration to issue bid specifications soliciting proposals for trash collection.

**Motion** made by Mr. Bowers.

Seconded by Mr. Yager.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker asked, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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

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**Motion 9I** - Motion authorizing the Borough Engineer to solicit bids for installation of ADA curb ramps at certain locations subject to the availability of grant funding.

**Motion** made by Ms. Sherlock.

Seconded by Mr. Parker.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker asked, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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

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**Motion 9J** - Motion authorizing the Borough Engineer to solicit proposals to repave the front parking lot of the Municipal Building.

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Seconded by Ms. Sherlock.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker asked, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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

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**Motion 9K** - Motion to adopt a Resolution to delay the penalty accrual deadline for municipal real estate tax for the year 2020 to July 31, 2020.

**Motion** made by Ms. Hlahol.

Seconded by Ms. Dreisbach.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker asked, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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

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**Motion 9L** - Motion to hire Lew Halas as a part-time Police Officer.

**Motion** made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Seconded by Mr. Bowers.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

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Mr. Parker asked, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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

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**Motion 9M** - Motion authorizing the Borough Manager to execute the Public Assistance Grant Program Agreement with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) consistent with the declared state of emergency due to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic and to further authorize the execution of similarly associated documents.

**Motion** made by Ms. Sherlock.

Seconded by Mr. Bowers.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker asked, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

**Motion** carried by voice 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**

Ms. Sherlock stated, I have a question for Mr. Mitchell. Is the library ready and been sanitized and cleaned for the June 2<sup>nd</sup> election?



Mr. Mitchell replied, the library has been cleaned while it's been closed numerous times. I actually was on a call with the County I think it was last week and they're intending to send a contract service around to all of the polling places to do the mister.

Ms. Sherlock stated, the disinfecting spray.

Mr. Mitchell stated, it's like a fogging. They're not doing the entire facility, they're only doing the portions of the facility that they're utilizing for the polling place and common areas like bathrooms. They're intending to fog all over the polling places prior to Election Day and also if the venue wants, they will come back and fog it again after Election Day.

Ms. Sherlock stated, okay, good to know. The assessment for the County was sent out and looks like our assessment numbers up a bit, is that correct? Did I read that correctly, Scott?

Mr. Mitchell stated, yeah, it goes up a scooch and then down a scooch. It's always hovering around the same number. We prefer up.

Mr. Parker stated, I just want to remind the public that the food drive is Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. It's a no-contact drop off at the Morrisville Fire Company at 328 North Pennsylvania Avenue and the drive is being hosted by the Morrisville Fire Company and the Morrisville Police Department.

Mr. Bowers stated, one question for the Borough Manager. When the time comes to reopen the Borough Hall and other things I assume that will posted on our web page and Facebook page to get the word out, and if there's any changes to the process of coming in if you're just going to do one at a time at some point or you know, appointment only sort of thing, how's that going to work?

Mr. Mitchell stated, you are correct, and as I alluded to before, although I haven't committed date to paper because every time I do, the state extends things, so I think I'm jinxing it, but it will be a staggered approach that we take to reopen. We will

identify one week where we bring staff back to normal work hours, the following week we would probably have the municipal building open for public access but by appointment only, and then probably a week from that time, we'll have the municipal building reopen fully for normal public access. It will probably be a similar version to that for how the Library reopens, so that's the plan. There will be no consistent effort to clean and disinfect playground equipment in between each use. That unfortunately is going to have to be the individual responsibility of the user.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.