



The Morrisville Borough Council met on Monday, May 17, 2021 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, first we're going to have a moment of silence and then the Pledge of Allegiance? I would like everyone to remember two former members of council that we lost within the last month. First, we lost Jeff Johnson who was also the current Morrisville Municipal Authority Chair and more recently we tragically lost Dave Nay. Our heartfelt condolences go out to their families for their loss. Can we please stand for a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance?

Micah Heitz took roll call.

**Those in Attendance:**

Borough Council: Ted Parker, President (via Zoom)  
Bob Paul, Vice President (via Zoom)  
Justin Bowers (via Zoom)  
Helen Hlahol  
Duane Nicol (via Zoom)  
Scott Robinson (via Zoom)  
Nancy Sherlock (via Zoom)  
Michael Yager (via Zoom)

Borough Officials: Micah Heitz, Interim Borough Manager & Finance Director  
Randy Flager, Solicitor (via Zoom)  
Scott Holbert, Solicitor (via Zoom)  
Virginia Cyphers, Assist. Borough Secretary

Not in Attendance: Dave Rivella, Mayor

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**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Damon Miller, President of Morrisville School Board of Directors spoke about the unique zip code designation of Morrisville. He stated that Council was sent a letter regarding an effort where the school district is trying to separate themselves and to hopefully gain the appropriate funding that they would be receiving as a school district separating themselves from the 19067 zip code.

*Discussion took place regarding a zip code change for Morrisville Borough.*

Mr. Parker stated, before we move on I just want to let the public know that prior to this meeting we had an executive session for legal issues and then also at the Mayor's request we're going to be adding a motion which would be 9H and the motion is to start the process to hire and I'm going to leave it question mark full-time police officers so that would be 9H. The Mayor has requested and so has the Chief we had an officer that retired, we have an officer that was terminated, so we'll put a number to it if we agree when we get to the motion. All right with that said, we're going to move on to public comment. Please state your name and address, you have three minutes.

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

1. Courtney Loo Raines – 327 Hillside Avenue

She stated, I just wanted to say that we did the Riverwalk cleanup on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and it went very well we got a lot of trash up but it's looking really great up there and I just wanted to thank the guys who put the trash cans at the bottom of the steps that was great and I think it's encouraging people when they walk up there and have trash to put it in those trash cans so I want to thank them. I also wanted to share, I wanted to say this publicly my own sadness over the death of former Councilman Dave Nay, he was a neighbor of mine a great neighbor of mine and I don't know if it's appropriate to bring to Council, I didn't really know where to go, but I live on the canal and I watched him build

that red bridge with his own hands and I think that he got the funds as well for all of the materials and I'm just throwing this out to Council, I wonder since he's one of our own boys one of our own people if you would consider maybe a little plaque on the bridge built by Dave Nay just something that crossed my mind because he's been so involved in our Borough and built that bridge so that's all I just wanted to say and I think that's everything. Thank you.

Mr. Parker stated, actually Councilwoman Nancy Sherlock had brought that up to me about possibly naming the bridge after Dave.

Ms. Raines stated, that's what I thought too.

Ms. Sherlock stated, so actually it wasn't my idea there were neighbors -- I didn't want to jut in during public comment, but neighbors of Dave had approached me about it and there's been discussion with the Park Ranger and Susan Taylor the Executive Director of the canal and they're working that out.

Ms. Raines stated, that's wonderful news, that's great news. Thank you.

Ms. Sherlock stated, I don't know what the plaque is going to say at this time, but it's the neighbors that are offering to buy it and take care of it so but they have to work with the Park Ranger.

Ms. Raines stated, that's great, thank you so much.

2. Noel Sperry – *531 Prospect Avenue*

He stated, hello Council, hello everybody out there on tv. I'm just going to keep this short this time. On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, I mean you guys may know that I'm a big fan of Fred Rogers and everything that he's done, he's a good guy everything he's done for people and for children throughout the years, but May 23<sup>rd</sup> is the 143<sup>rd</sup> day of the year and in Pennsylvania the DCED and Pennsylvania government has actually created a day called

143 day and this is a term that Fred Rogers actually coined in his tv show and 143 is just a way to say I love you, but what Pennsylvania has decided to do is take it on as a way to say thank you and to people that give themselves out to the public and do a lot of work like our health care workers, our teachers, our police officers, our medical people so just if you get a chance on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, do something nice for somebody just anybody, say hello thank them for whatever they do in the neighborhood or whatever they do around town whatever they do for your community. I'm looking forward to seeing everybody at the Memorial Day Parade. All right, thank you, have a good night.

3. Jane Burger – *90 W. Maple Avenue*

She stated, with the lifting finally of all the COVID-19 restrictions and yes my mask is on but it's down, I look forward to the Council being able to return in person to council chambers hopefully next month. We did have a telecommunications policy that as long as there's a quorum in the room if there's three individuals that for whatever reason need to phone in or perhaps -- that would be wonderful but it'll be nice to be able to have you all back in the chambers and second Mr. President, Ted, I look to you at the end of the meeting to give people the general information about election day tomorrow and hours and so on and so forth. Finally, about the zip code that you do your due diligence for next month and consider the letter we know 19068 is available and going back I'm going 15 maybe more years than that a former State Senator got a grant and a young woman a wonderful community person spent six weeks going through all the addresses and called out every address that had been attributed to Morrisville Borough but lived in Falls, Lower Makefield and Yardley. People do not have children in the school district they really don't always know where they live because their address says Morrisville. At the end of that study they found out that the aggregate income, not looking at individual incomes of the persons but the aggregate income attributed to Morrisville Borough for its school district was 40 million dollars, that is not chump change, and if you take that in

today's dollars of going up 15, 20 years, you can understand that it's a much larger amount of money of wonderful people that don't live in the Borough but because they check off the wrong box on their state income tax their income is attributed to us and that aggregate income is a very important part of the state aid formula that comes to the Borough as Mr. Damon Miller had mentioned, so that is a great disservice to our families and the children in our school district that they think we have a much larger income then we do and as you see that can result in several million dollars in lost state aid. As Mrs. Sherlock rightly mentioned a benefit to the borough is our residents, hopefully not having to have further drastic increases in the school tax that they pay. So I would consider to get the wording on a letter whatever safeguard you need but to at least look into it and see if it is feasible. There was two years back in the 60s where Yardley actually had 19068 and I don't know why I don't remember why they gave it up so it is out there, it's something to look at and it may not work, but I think given the financial situation of all of us it's something that it's worth exploring and getting more information about. Thank you.

4. John Warendra – *215 S. Delmorr Avenue*

He stated, I didn't plan on speaking this evening but I came upstairs because I was told that all the council members would be here where are you guys? Somebody remarked that the zip code issue is not a new subject. Maybe it's not, in fact it's an old subject if you go back far enough but the current iteration is news to me and I frankly am concerned that apparently something's been going on for six or seven months now and many of us are finding out about the urgency of it just in the last three or four days. I don't understand why it's so urgent that somebody couldn't have brought it to our attention or brought it to Council's attention formally the written correspondence in October or November when this was more current at the time. One of the things you are being asked to do is to look into this further. I'm sorry that Mr. Miller is not here to answer the question not that I expect to engage in a dialogue with him right now, but I'd like to know what they've done to

this point that makes us believe that simply changing zip codes for our mailing address would fix the state funding formula problem. Some of you may know that I was president of the school board from 1983 until 1991. This is not a new problem it's something we've had to wrestle with every year for decades and the problem has to do with taxpayers not properly identifying their school district on their PA 40 tax returns. I'm not sure how simply changing the zip code fixes that they still have to identify the school district in some way, shape or form. It seems to me that it's a simplistic response to a complicated problem. One of my concerns is that you're being asked to inquire about the feasibility of it well if you do that, if you ask if it's viable that is an expression of interest in the change. So I think before you write a letter of any kind there should be considerably more debate and understanding about what the problem really is here because there are a lot of potentially unintended consequences to changing the Morrisville zip code. Not only changing everybody's documents, all of our letterheads all of our mailing addresses on our personal information there are going to be a lot of consequences to businesses, a lot of consequences to some of the things that some of us are trying to do to make Morrisville a more highly recognized not a less recognized place on the map. Thank you very much.

Mr. Parker stated, I don't know if you came up early enough or heard, but we're not doing anything this evening. The consensus of Council wanted to wait at least one more meeting cycle before we brought this up again at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Warena stated, Ted, I know that and I actually considered withdrawing my time, but I figured I was already here and I expressed my personal feelings about it such as they are on the record. For what it's worth these are my personal observations about it and based on my past experience as a school board member for eight years. I will weigh in much more extensively between now and whenever you are asked to formally respond on this as council. I probably will be asking however

that Council write a letter expressing a lack of interest in making this change. For what it's worth also, I'm also Executive Director of the Morrisville Municipal Authority so for those interested our meeting is this week on Thursday night. We've lost our Chairman recently Jeff Johnson, who also was a prior member of Council and we will recognize his loss at our meeting. I think perhaps Council should take note of that as well. Thank you very much.

Mr. Parker stated, I actually did mention his passing at the beginning of the meeting.

Mr. Warena stated, I'm sorry I wasn't here Ted my apologies.

Ms. Hlahol stated, Ted, anybody who was in the Borough Hall did not hear that because we could not hear your sound.

Mr. Parker stated, I had recognized the passing of both Jeff Johnson and Dave Nay for those who were at Borough Hall and didn't hear it prior to our moment of silence and our pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Heitz stated, okay, that's it for the public comment sign up. Terry, do we have anyone online?

Mr. LaFrance, I don't currently see anyone with their hand up. If you were waiting to make public comment on zoom, please make yourself known.

5. *Kim Conner – 530 Clymer Avenue*

She stated, thank you very much for the opportunity. I'm sorry that I interrupted previously, I didn't understand the rules. One of the questions I had with respect to the rezoning was whether or not or exactly how it would impact the number of students attending the schools. Does anybody have an answer to that question?

Mr. Parker stated, it doesn't. The zip code wouldn't. No, it doesn't change -- only residents of the borough are legally allowed to go to the school district, so changing the zip code to just Morrisville wouldn't change who was allowed to go.

Ms. Conner stated, but if we change the zip code area we limiting the parameter of the Borough or are we just adding another zip code? I'm sorry if I'm not clear with my question.

Mr. Robinson stated, our post office services parts of Falls Township and parts of Yardley Borough and although our zip code is 19067 that zip code is not exclusive to Morrisville.

Ms. Conner stated, okay, so it wouldn't make a difference as to the number of students attending the schools is that correct?

Mr. Parker stated, no it would not.

Ms. Conner stated, Thank you that was my question. I appreciate it, thank you.

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

### MINUTES

**Motion 6A** - Motion to approve the Borough Council Regular Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2021.

**Motion** made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Yager.

*No discussion took place regarding the motion.*

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

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

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**ACTION ITEMS**

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

**Motion** made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Paul.

*No 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, good evening Council. Crime for the last month is still 40% down year to date. The department was very crushed by Dave Nay's death. We did a lot of work with Dave with his cameras and the guys were extremely upset over this situation. But even in his death, Dave donated all his cameras to the Borough for our use so we're very thankful with Dave. We spent a lot of time this week with his mother while we were doing the investigation and afterwards. My sympathies go out to the family. Moving on, I ask you to look at the towing directive again I need to get that towing directive passed so I can move on to other directives. Lastly, I'm very happy that we're going to consider manpower for the department, we are down manpower probably three or four officers in the past couple years. We were up to ten or eleven now we're down to seven. Consideration would be very happily received by the officers to have more manpower. Thank you.

Mr. Parker stated, thank you Chief.

Ms. Sherlock stated, I have a question for the Chief while he is there. In the financial, the special events revenue, what special events year to date were there, do you know?

Chief McClay stated, the special events money that comes into that is all the overtime money that we get from -- basically it's been from the MIRT officers working for the County at the vaccination clinics and that money is an in and out account so it doesn't cost the Borough any money and the officers are actually making money, they make their overtime, but with me I go there and I work four hours and that money is brought back to the Borough and stays with the Borough. So that's what that special events is.

Ms. Sherlock stated, all right, it's a nice figure 248%, okay. Thank you.

Mr. Parker stated, thank you Chief. We're going to move on to the Manager's Report.

**Interim Manager's Report – Micah Heitz** – He stated, we have a few things going on, but I think John did you want to speak on what's going on with rec?

Mr. Later stated, we're going to purchase four new backboards. They are going to be different. The ones we have right now stand straight up, if you understand what I'm saying, they stand straight up so the poles right behind the backboard so for insurance purposes and things like that we're buying ones that will come out and stick out four feet past the pole, so a little safer and they need to be replaced down there they've been there for a long time so just something we were purchasing. Do you want to speak on the other thing? I know you've probably noticed recently we had some work done here in the sewer line outside. We dug up the sewer line we replaced a 8 foot section, almost 12 foot section, I apologize, we found out that we have more brakes coming back towards the building so we're thinking we have to replace that whole section it's a little bit pricey so we're going to get some prices and look into seeing if we can do it this year, if not maybe put it on next year's wish list, not wish list, it has to be done.

Ms. Hlahol stated, what is pricing?

Mr. Later stated, I'll wait until I can get prices until I can give you a number, but it's significantly over the minimum, we have to go out to bids for it.

Mr. Heitz stated, it's over the threshold of 11,500 which we are require to get three bids so it will be over that but we need to see what the bids come in at. John's been working with Verizon to get a better phone plan and get better phone systems in here which will approximately save us between three and four hundred dollars a month and John's been spearheading that.

Ms. Hlahol stated, I have two things for you John. I was talking to PECO they replaced the pole at the corner of Bridge Street and Pennsylvania Avenue and maybe this is you Micah, I'm not really sure, so they put it right in the middle of the sidewalk and they told me they did that because of the pipes and drains and etc. underneath and that was the only spare part.

Mr. Later stated, yes, I asked them that question. Why did they put it there and that's exactly what they told me.

Ms. Hlahol stated, I did that too. So there's the same situation at the corner of Washington and I think it's Grove Street right near where the old police station was they have the same thing where there's a pole in the middle of the sidewalk so they told me that once the Borough contacts the other utilities and the other utilities take it off the old pole and put it onto the new pole PECO will come back and take down the original poll so can we make that happen?

Mr. Later stated, yeah, we've already reached out to them. I can tell you we can reach out to them but they don't move very fast, it can be six months or longer. We've had it multiple times here at the Borough we've had – we've worked with PECO actually to help us with that also they'll help us too but it's usually six months to a year to get that done. Keep talking and keep calling until we get somebody to do something.

Ms. Hlahol stated, okay, then the other thing is I had a couple of residents talk to me today about the trees that are being taken down on Borough property. Why are they being taken down?

Mr. Later replied, we have a lot of issues with branches falling, pine trees are -- I mean they're not very strong trees. We had storms things like that we had branches falling on the sidewalk close to cars it also cleans up the property it opens the property up and we intend to plant more trees out there.

Ms. Hlahol stated, I know but there's residents that came to me today that have been asking the Borough for the trees to come down and they also have limbs coming down and hitting cars. I mean Stockham is a prime example the one down on South Pennsylvania Avenue is another one and they're very upset that the Borough is taking trees down and hiring an outside agency to do it while their trees are still falling on their cars.

Mr. Later stated, it's just part of the process, I mean we have -- there's policy that we've had in place and we go out and we look at the trees and we assess. This is something that I spoke to the former manager about he was in agreement it was something to clean the property up and they were -- it was a danger, we had cars parked out here, I think one or two have been hit before. Insurance wise, so we have to worry about that too. I understand the residents but I mean there's thousands of trees we have to kind of --

Ms. Hlahol stated, I understand I'm just letting you know the residents are very upset.

Mr. Later replied, I'm sure they are.

Mr. Heitz stated, all right John, thanks for your time and that's it from the Manger's Report.

Mr. Bowers stated, Micah, I have a quick question, I received an email asking -- back in September Scott had mentioned movies in the park and possibly some musicians

playing there I figure with everything that went on it may have fallen through the cracks. I'm just curious if you know anything about it or there's been any talk this year.

Mr. Heitz replied, there hasn't been any talk since the Borough Manager's passing, there has been no further research at this time.

Mr. Bowers stated, okay thank you.

Mr. Parker asked, Micah, was there anything with grants that you wanted to bring up?

Mr. Heitz replied, I'm sorry, say that again.

Mr. Parker asked, was there anything about reapplying for grants that you wanted to bring up or no?

Mr. Heitz replied, yeah, there was a few that – Wade, are you still with us?

Wade Helder with Gilmore & Associates stated, yeah I'm on here.

Mr. Heitz asked, Wade, do you want to bring up -- there's two grants that are due by the end of this month and Wade if you want to speak to those and see if we want to reapply.

Mr. Helder stated, sure so there are two DCED Greenways Trails and Recreation Grants that we submitted last year but weren't awarded so they're currently open to be resubmitted until the 31<sup>st</sup> so we just want to see if Council wants to authorize them to be submitted again or not.

Ms. Sherlock asked, they were 2,000 plus each for resubmittal?

Mr. Helder stated, for resubmittal, my guess is anywhere between 2,500 and 5,000, it depends how much they've changed the submission forms from last year but yeah, I

wouldn't think they would cost much more to submit than the last grants we submitted for CDBG a few months ago and I think those came in around 2,500 or 3,000.

Mr. Yager asked, could you remind us what they are for and what their value could potentially be?

Mr. Helder replied, yeah, so we have Manor Park Playground which I know is one we're trying to really try hard to get funded and we have Patriots Park, so both grants would be asking for 250,000 that's the max asking amount for these grants, but you know obviously they'll cost more than that Manor Park I believe is estimated to be like 600,000, 700,000 and Patriots Park is like a million and a half at least. So this would just help to fund those projects to at least get them started or supplement other grants that may be awarded or are already awarded.

Mr. Parker asked, what would be the matching –

Mr. Helder replied, I believe it's a DCED so I believe it's 15% but I can actually find that out for you right now.

Mr. Bowers stated, while he's looking that up Micah when we pay for these grant applications if it's for the parks, does it come out of the general fund or does it come out of the recreation fund?

Mr. Heitz replied, the general fund it's all under the general fund that would come out of the recreation portion of the general fund.

Mr. Helder stated, so the match is 15%.

Mr. Parker asked, 15?

Mr. Helder replied, yeah.

Mr. Parker asked, we would be able to offset that with something else or is it –

Mr. Helder stated, it says here you can use real estate value you need to get an appraisal for the land so an appraisal probably costs around 2,000 possibly. So we can look into maybe getting an appraisal or for Manor Park, the 250,000 isn't going to fund the park and also the grant period of three years so we'll have to secure other funding in the meantime and I would hope that the other funding we secure could actually match against the DCED grant because that's what we do quite often as well with these grants is we'll have other grants put up against the matching costs.

Mr. Parker asked, Randy, do we need to put this to a vote or can we just if enough are in agreement just direct the Manager to resubmit have them resubmitted?

Mr. Flager replied, I'd have Council vote on it.

Mr. Parker stated, okay. So would we like to add it to the agenda?

Mr. Yager replied, I would.

Ms. Sherlock asked, do you have to open public comment again?

Mr. Parker replied, we can do that before the motion.

Ms. Sherlock stated, okay.

Mr. Parker stated, that would be a motion to resubmit the DCED grant applications for Manor Park and Patriots Park.

Mr. Helder replied, yes, correct.

Mr. Parker stated, okay, all right it's on the agenda.

Mr. Heitz stated, thanks Wade and again that concludes the Manager's Report.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports this evening.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Motion 9A** - Motion to adopt the amendment to the Borough Fee schedule to include the Fire and Inspection Fees.

**Motion** made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Yager.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

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

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

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**Motion 9B** - Motion to adopt the PNC Bank Resolution for a new bank account between the Borough of Morrisville and Robert Luna, Retiree.

**Motion** made by Mr. Bowers.

Motion seconded by Mr. Yager.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

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

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

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**Motion 9C** - Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$110,000 to the Morrisville Fire Company, as per 2021 Fire Fund Budget, contingent upon receipt of their 2020 Financial Statement, Schedule of Events, Current Roster and 2020 Audit.

**Motion** made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Yager.

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*No discussion took place regarding the motion.*

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

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

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**Motion 9D** - Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$59,000 to Capital Health EMS, as per the 2021 EMS Fund Budget, contingent upon receipt of their 2020 Financial Statement and Audit.

**Motion** made by Mr. Bowers.

Motion seconded by Mr. Yager.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

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

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

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**Motion 9E** - Motion to award the contract for the 2021 Road Paving Program to General Asphalt Paving Company, Inc. in the amount of \$151,103.07 subject to the allotted 2021 State Highway Funds fully covering the winning bid total. (Bid results provided by the Borough Engineer.)

**Motion** made by Mr. Bowers.

Motion seconded by Mr. Yager.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

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

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

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**Motion 9F** - Motion for the Borough to co-sponsor a flea market hosted by the Friends of Morrisville Dog Park. The flea market will be at no cost to the Borough

and the Borough will waive all Borough fees for the Friends of Morrisville Dog Park. The location, date and time of the event to be approved by the Borough Manager. (Proof of Insurance and all items necessary to be provided by the Friends of the Morrisville Dog Park prior to the event being held.)

**Motion** made by Mr. Bowers.

Motion seconded by Mr. Yager.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker stated, 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, 9/6/21, with a rain date of Saturday, 9/11/21.

**Motion** made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Yager.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

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

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

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**Motion 9H** - Motion to direct the administration to hire (2) full-time police officers.

**Motion** made by Mr. Robinson.

Motion seconded by Ms. Sherlock.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker stated, roll call please.

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

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**Motion 9I** - Motion to re-submit DCED Grant Applications for Manor Park Playground and Patriots Park.

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

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

**Motion** made by Mr. Yager.

Motion seconded by Ms. Sherlock.

*No discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker stated, roll call please.

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

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**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Parker stated, we're moving on to other business 10A, discussion of possible Borough shredding event.

Mr. Heitz stated, yes, this was sent out I believe Wednesday to Council to see if there is any interest in doing a shredding event again this would be just a shredding event for paper and I believe it was -- there is a fee going to be incurred an hourly fee to have those trucks here. I saw it come through and wanted the Council to have to review it and have their opinions.

Ms. Hlahol asked, what is the hourly fee?

Mr. Heitz replied, it was in the memo that we sent out.

Ms. Hlahol stated, I didn't see that memo so what was the hourly fee?

Mr. Heitz stated, I don't have it in front of me that's why we sent the memo out.

Ms. Cyphers stated, I believe it was \$295 per truck per hour I believe and I can pull that.

Mr. Yager stated, that sounds about right. I've done these before they end up running about \$1,200 for four hours.

Ms. Sherlock stated, we have the opportunity to have them through State Representative Perry Warren and I think we should check first to see if he's doing another one this spring and also Steve Santarsiero does them on occasion so I think we should research first to find out the free ones and go to the state. I mean I used Perry's last year.

Mr. Yager stated, I'd be concerned with location. These things get very swamped with traffic and I mean if you're going to do it down the island you're talking about blocking up Delmorr Avenue big time.

Ms. Sherlock stated, on a weekend.

Mr. Yager stated, yeah on a very busy weekend anyway. If you're going to do it at the Borough you have a shot but it's going to pull in a lot of traffic from all over the area not just from the Borough.

Ms. Sherlock asked, I think they usually -- do they ask for volunteers to help them or is that all part of the fee?

Mr. Yager replied, sometimes.

Mr. Bowers asked, what about, could we ask the State Reps to sponsor and have them pay for it and have it in our Borough?

Ms. Sherlock stated, you could try they probably want to open it up to others though, I mean in their district. If they're going to sponsor they probably want to make sure it's in their district so it wouldn't be just our Borough.

Mr. Bowers stated, the other towns can hold their own and have them sponsor it too.

Ms. Hlahol stated, normally I go to these events and they are kind of open to Bucks County, the last one I went to was in Newtown. Sometimes they are at Oxford Valley Mall. I don't know that we have a place big enough because they kind of have the car lanes and then the trucks sitting there and then you ride through and then you have to leave so I don't know where we would hold it.

Ms. Sherlock stated, I'd like to see us check with our State Reps first to find out if number one, Justin said if they'd sponsor or if they're having one soon that would be available for everybody to go to and if we think it's a little too far away because I'm also remembering the one in Newtown maybe we can find another location closer I don't know. I can't think of one right off the top of my head but before we spend the money I think that we should try to find a free one first. Sorry, cost free I didn't want to sound too cheap.

Mr. Robinson stated, I'm with Nancy if we can something – I mean, I'm not saying there aren't people that want it but of all the people that I talk to in town, I don't think I've ever had anyone ask me when we're going to do a shredding event they ask about their taxes, they say their garbage didn't get picked up, they said their package got stolen, their mail got misdelivered, the potholes are bad and whatnot, but no one's ever asked me about a shredding event. I'm not saying we shouldn't do it but people that I've talked to in town – I don't see spending what Mike said like \$1,200 for four hours, that's my two cents.

Ms. Sherlock stated, shredding one's own documents have become much more popular now than they were even just five years ago, which is just another reason.

Mr. Parker stated, it's just for discussion right now and I think a good idea came up that we should maybe reach out to the State Reps offices and find out if this is something they'd like to do in our area or do in the Borough and then go from there.

### **BOROUGH OFFICIALS**

Mr. Robinson stated, I have something Ted. I went down yesterday -- it's been an ongoing issue with the recycling truck and the garbage truck on Center Street. I know Nancy's familiar with this issue too. Yesterday I took a ride down -- actually I've driven down several times. Yesterday in particular I went down in the afternoon and there was a vehicle parked at the end of Center Street like if you came down across the red bridge off the gravel and the grass and then when you got to the pavement at the intersection where Palmer resumes with the blacktop and the Center Street right there, there was a vehicle that was parked right on that corner and then if you continue walking that way there's a telephone pole on the other side of Center Street on the corner of Center and East Palmer. I had a difficult time getting my car through there there's no way that a truck would get through there. Now this morning I drove by and the jeep that was parked there was moved and it up in front of the house on East Palmer I know I'm just throwing these -- you probably don't know what I'm saying in the intersection but anyway I'll just cut to it. If there's any way we can get no parking signs down there for that area just for Mondays and Thursdays from say 9 to 12 and let Republic know you need to get down that street between 9 and 12. I talked to the Republic guys last week and they're really nice guys two different sets of employees on two different trucks and they couldn't have been kinder I mean they were really good and I mentioned that Center Street and the guy said to me you know I can't get the truck around there and then he said he tried backing down the street coming off of Union but he said the couple times that he's tried backing down somebody's driving down the street in their car and they won't move they won't let him back up down the street so there's really nothing he can do. So if there's something we could do about no parking like a no parking sign on Center in front of the first house and then maybe a bigger no parking sign or no parking from here to corner on East Palmer because there is a sign there on East Palmer but it's a small little parking sign that says no parking here to corner, there's two of them maybe one

that's a little bit bigger or maybe another one to really try to remind people not to park there.

Ms. Sherlock stated, Scott's right, I don't even understand how that guy parks his car there, like you can't even get a car through. He's pretty brave parking his car there.

Mr. Robinson stated, yesterday afternoon I could barely get my car around that curve. If I was driving a UPS truck which is smaller than a Republic garbage truck I wouldn't have been able to fit down there. A no parking sign and some yellow paint on the curb. Even if you do that I'll go down there and I'll knock on the five or six doors or in an area and say listen we just fixed the problem out here don't screw it up no parking here don't park there and it's not like you're not ruining their lives or whatever it's six hours a week they can't park there, Mondays and Thursdays from 9 to 12 or 12 to 3 and just let Republic know listen this is your window to get down that street make sure you're down there you get in there and get out during that time and it'll be clear and if it's not clear then you know we call the Chief and he tows the vehicle it's that simple.

Mr. Yager stated, I have something Mr. President. While we're here on this zoom, my wife and her good friend Margie Brigham are watching this meeting and they actually had a decent suggestion for the dog park folks of possibly having their flea market at Patriots Park, it's a huge open area with parking. That might be the key to the whole event and getting a lot of people there. So I just wanted to throw that out because I thought it was a good suggestion.

Ms. Sherlock asked, and just park around the neighborhood.

Mr. Yager stated, there's a parking lot too.

Ms. Sherlock stated, well that only hold 26 cars through.

Mr. Yager stated, yeah, but for a flea market people come in and out right they come they walk through –

Ms. Conner stated, this is Kim Conner and I'm part of the people who want to do the dog park flea market thing. It was kind of like a hey what can we do for the dog park and we would really like to do something to raise some money because you know we need water fountains et cetera et cetera, so we're totally amenable to doing whatever the Council needs and we actually asked the Borough and they said it was okay as long as it was okay with the Council and actually, specifically the Friends of the Dog Park.

Mr. Yager stated, I hate to do this to you Ms. Conner, but you're way out of order on this, it was just a suggestion and I thought it was a good one and I appreciate what you guys are doing I am 100 in support of what you guys are doing.

Ms. Conner stated, that doesn't I mean it doesn't solve any of the issues. We're thinking about if we can't do it in June then we'll do it in September and we'll do whatever you want.

Mr. Parker stated, I don't mean to cut you off again, but I think that's why we left the motion as vague as it was and it's very unrestricted –

Ms. Conner stated, so in other words you really don't want us to assess, is that what you're saying?

Mr. Parker stated no, not at all. The motion was vague so that it gave you the ability to adjust the size, the location, the time that you want to hold it. The motion is vague to give you the ability to change the location to change the time, the date and stuff like that it's meant to allow you a lot of latitude in being able to hold the event.

Ms. Conner stated, I really do appreciate that but what would my next steps be?

Mr. Bowers stated, I'll talk to you and we'll move forward.

Ms. Conner stated, that's fine as long as somebody discusses it with me that would be great. I'm just sitting here going oh my god what am I supposed to do next, so I'm not comfortable with that feeling I really like answers and I really appreciate it that you guys are giving me the time and I'm sorry to intrude in your schedule. Thank you.

Mr. Robinson stated, Kim that's okay. That's awesome that you want to do this and I know Justin's been involved with this since the beginning of the dog park and Justin if you talk to her whatever and you come up with I'll vote yes on it. This is something we just need to get done I understand her frustration but also from our point of view with all the stuff we have to put up with.

Mr. Parker stated, what I don't understand is why there's frustration on anybody's part, the reason the motion was left vague was to give the organizers the ability to put on the event that they can given the size of the property and it gave them a lot of leeway, something that we normally don't give to a lot of people putting on events in town and I don't understand the confusion and I'm not – I think a conversation needs to be had between the people who wanted to do the event in the first place and the dog park –

Ms. Conner stated, please accept my apologies, I do not understand.

Mr. Parker stated, can we please stop interrupting, I understand we're on zoom but this is an official meeting with minutes being kept I can't keep getting interrupted like this. I don't want to close it to the public but if I have to I will.

Mr. LaFrance stated, Mr. Parker, I have one critical issue, the room has disconnected from the zoom call and John Later is currently trying to rejoin it so if we could just pause for a minute.

Mr. Parker asked, okay do we have any idea when this happened?

Mr. LaFrance replied, he texted me about a minute ago so I'm not exactly sure. He said it was frozen and I think it's just an internet issue with the Lifesize system.

Ms. Sherlock asked, we're coming back to the Borough Hall next month I think, right?

Mr. Parker stated, oh, absolutely, those individuals who are uncomfortable feel free to either call in or if we can work out a zoom that we don't have horrific feedback but yeah we definitely have to start having some kind of normal meetings this is just – I mean the interruptions have been for a good reason but they're just in the wrong place and they're interrupting our official meeting.

Mr. Paul stated, Mr. Parker do you want to talk about the Little League Memorandum of Understanding or do you want to do that some other time?

Mr. Parker stated, I was going to do it when I actually got to speak, when I'm able to. There were two things I wanted to say and then that would be one of them.

Ms. Hlahol asked, I'm sorry did you guys adjourn the meeting or are we still on?

Mr. Parker replied, no we got disconnected because of internet issues.

Ms. Hlahol asked, so did we adjourn the meeting?

Mr. Parker replied, no we did not. I'm still waiting –

Ms. Hlahol asked, can I make a motion to adjourn?

Mr. Parker replied, no I have two things I need to bring up.

Ms. Hlahol stated, okay. I don't know if you have all Council people back. I don't see Robinson, I don't see Mike, I don't know about Justin.

Ms. Sherlock stated, we're all here, right?

Mr. Yager stated, I'm here.

Mr. Bowers stated, I'm here.

Mr. Robinson stated, I'm here.

Mr. Paul stated, Robinson and Justin are there.

Ms. Hlahol stated, okay.

Mr. Parker stated, at this point this is just Borough Officials. This is no voting, no nothing like that. The first thing is, Morrisville Little League has reached out to both the Borough Administration and myself and Bob Paul about wanting to meet to discuss the MOU so there's some things they wanted to discuss and I think an ad hoc committee to have some Council members meet with them is probably the best options at this point so I'd like to form an ad hoc committee and ask for volunteers. I know Mr. Paul wants to be involved.

Mr. Yager stated, I'll jump in if you need me.

Mr. Parker replied, great. Mike, so you're volunteering?

Mr. Yager replied, yes.

Mr. Parker asked, do we have a third person? Does anybody else want to volunteer?

Mr. Paul stated, Duane.

Ms. Sherlock asked, do you need your yes paper again?

Mr. Paul stated, no, we got it yeah, we got it.

Mr. Parker stated, okay, we've got three people. I don't have any dates or anything yet but I can let them know that we have three Council members who wish to talk to them.

Mr. Paul stated, I will get in touch with Mike and Duane to find out their availability along with Jim O'Brien.

Mr. Parker replied, okay .

Mr. Paul stated, we'll work something out.

Mr. Parker state, exactly.

Ms. Hlahol asked, who are the three people?

Mr. Paul replied, it's Duane, Mike and me. If anyone else wants to join you are certainly welcome to.

Mr. Parker stated, the last thing is just simply a reminder that tomorrow is primary day, the poll hours are from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm, there are some State Constitutional Amendments that are on the ballot that voting for those amendments is open to members of all parties and the locations depending on ward are at the Senior Center in the First Ward, the basement in the Library for the Second Ward and school cafeteria for the Third Ward and school cafeteria at Grandview School is the Fourth Ward and again the hours are 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Also, 8 pm is the deadline for any drop-off ballots that you may have at the County and that's it.

Ms. Sherlock asked, Ted, do you need to mention that grant?

Mr. Parker asked, which one?

Ms. Sherlock stated, the Solid Rock.

Mr. Parker replied, no.

Ms. Sherlock replied, okay, all right.

Mr. Parker replied, that was their grant so no.

Mr. Bowers stated, I just have one more announcement. The Memorial Day Parade hosted by the Fire Company starting at 9:00 am sharp and will conclude with a small ceremony held at the cemetery and on their Facebook page it said unfortunately this year they won't be hosting the community back at the firehouse because of COVID.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion seconded by Yager.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.