



6:00 Executive Session – Personnel to discuss Police discipline issue and Litigation regarding Williamson Park.

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 7:15 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Morrisville Municipal Building, 35 Union Street, Morrisville, PA for a Regular Council Meeting.

Mr. Parker stated, please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Holbert stated, prior to this evening’s meeting Morrisville Borough Council held an executive session to talk about two items. First there was a personnel matter involving police discipline and second there was discussion of a litigation action filed with regards to Williamson Park.

Ted Parker asked for roll call.

Those in Attendance:

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

Borough Officials: Judith Danko, Borough Manager
Scott Holbert, Solicitor
Micah Heitz, Finance Director (via phone)

Not in Attendance: Dave Rivella, Mayor
Virginia Cyphers, Assist. Borough Secretary

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations this evening.

Mr. Parker stated, we need to make a motion to amend the agenda and add a motion to discipline a police officer. This will be item 8L. A motion to suspend Officer Aspromonti without pay for a period of five 12-hour shifts to be administered by the Chief of Police on or before February 28, 2022.

Motion - Motion to amend the agenda and add a motion to discipline a police officer.

Motion made by Mr. Yager.

Motion seconded by Ms. Sherlock.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

1. Molly Rafferty – *123 Delaware Avenue*

She stated, this attempt at ending the legacy of roosters in Morrisville Borough aka Bird Town shows a serious lack of both compassion and understanding. Did you know that the decibel level of barking dogs, vehicles, lawn mowers and power tools are all equal to or greater than a rooster's crow? Did you know that roosters are the most cruelly treated sex of the most cruelly treated species? Prohibiting roosters essentially makes you responsible for all the soon-to-be deaths and abandonments and if you think they could easily be re-homed you are really out of touch. I urge Council to sit back take a deep breath and look at this realistically. You're hung up on something and you don't even know why anymore. Supposedly the Hatfields no longer have roosters. How would you feel if you were being forced to get rid of your dogs or your cats, it's really no different and if you can't see the comparison you don't know enough about chickens and therefore you have no place to vote on the matter. Put yourself in the shoes of the young girl who runs home after

school to play with her rooster, she'll be devastated, her parents don't know what they're going to do. Two weeks ago I supplied you with a copy of all the official rooster related complaints which confirmed that all complaints were from the same person in regards to her one neighbor's flock. Also you were given a copy of a Facebook post sufficiently showing that Morrisville loves roosters. Complainers complain, I'm telling you if it's not the rooster it'll be the dog, the tall grass, the fireworks, the traffic. In late August Code Enforcement said he drives by daily and hadn't heard roosters in about a week and that the cicadas were louder than anything else on the property. Pot belly pigs are grandfathered in was that a land use or general legislation? Zero compassion you just want them gone, no negotiating, no ordinance meeting, it's a your way or the highway attitude. How is a Borough going to defend viable lawsuits contrary to obnoxious spending there's no money tree behind Borough Hall. A dog with a greater decibel level than a rooster is A-okay but that darn rooster calls for a motion. Imagine if Councilwoman Sherlock had used all the time and energy she's put into rooting roosters into something beneficial to our community. Someone must have told her the squeaky wheel gets the grease, don't fall into the trap it's all smoke and mirrors Morrisville has no rooster problem. You turned a non-issue into an issue. Is it possible that regulating roosters is just an expensive distraction? The park, the EIT, reducing the police department, don't let the left hand know what the right hand is doing, favoritism, frivolousness, ignorance and is justified by nothing at the expense of innocent animals. Thank you.

2. Noel Sperry – *531 Prospect Avenue*

He stated, on behalf of the Morrisville Business Association I would like to thank all the volunteers that came out to help decorate the Robert Morris Plaza last Saturday and a special thanks goes to the Boy Scouts of America Troop 3 Morrisville for delivering the tree for us. I have a good word that there are a limited number of trees this year due to supply issues so if you don't have your tree go get one soon. The second thing is On December 5th from 5 to 8 pm Imagine Morrisville and the Cotswold Group, Morrisville Plaza Association are presenting A Very Morrisville Christmas. You're all welcome to come everybody's invited. It's from 5 to 8 pm in the Morrisville Shopping Center courtyard there will be entertainment, 5 pm, tree lighting, singing and dance by the Downstage

Center Studio, Santa's gonna arrive by fire truck, Courtney's Carolers will be singing and Jim Slagle is gonna be singing Bing Crosby holiday favorites so come on out. There will be a gift basket raffle drawing at 7:45 and the whole time there'll be a holiday face painting. There will be free pictures of Santa so kids can come out and have pictures from Santa, there will be Treats for Troops collection at Design for Vision, they'll also be little cards for kids to color in and write a little note to the troops so there'll be a table there. Like I said, there'll be a gift basket raffle and there'll be refreshments, hot chocolate, cookies, hot cider and then all the stores will be open late that evening so thank you. Come on down Sunday, December 5th from 5 pm to 8 pm. Thank you.

3. Hussam Jallad – *45 Ridge Avenue*

He stated, first of all my condolences to Mike, sorry for the loss. I'm here today to make a statement about the future of Morrisville and what it means to live here. The state of Morrisville is not unique to us, the distress Morrisville is experiencing is something many American towns have also experienced. I lived in places with many challenges such as Detroit and New Jersey. Morrisville has been and continues to be a missed opportunity and it does not have to be that way. What Morrisville desperately needs is a vision of what kind of town it wants to be. What do we want to be known for, ask yourselves? For example right now we have nine smoke shops within a mile radius of each other excluding 7-elevens, gas stations and convenience stores which also sell cigarettes. Is this what we want to be known for? This is not representative of the people and the community we live in. The town is distressed we need to change that. Morrisville has underutilized advantages. For example, its prime location as connection points between two states and its location on the river. We need to make Morrisville a destination and not a pass-through town, a destination to live to go to good schools and to have an overall high quality of life not nine smoke shops within a mile that's not a high quality of life. Without a vision we can't achieve that. While any major development is welcomed it will be short-sighted without a vision and a plan that addresses all the issues within the town. A clear vision is essential for successful development and prosperity of our town. I urge you to take the following steps, 1. establish a clear vision a plan, this can be done by town hall meetings, surveys and polls, 2. establish a qualified committee to seek and invite other developers and investors to come up

with different ideas for development for the town, 3. establish a study for making Morrisville a stop, a destination, literally a destination on the New Jersey Transit and Northeast Corridor Train Line, doing so will open up opportunities to develop around the train stop similar to other towns on the northeast line such as Brunswick, Harrison, etc., there are developments that's happening right now within the line. Most importantly is to work together to support our Borough Manager and I'm happy to discuss any further.

4. Glen Owens – *37 E. Hendrickson Avenue*

He stated, I thought it was only two minutes so I should be done in plenty of time. This is just my viewpoints this is no kind of factual stuff going on just my feelings. We came to Morrisville in '92 rented on Althea decided to buy in '94 on Hendrickson and been there ever since. I've always appreciated Williamson Park which is basically the only multi-use park we have in the Borough. I've enjoyed going to the fairs, my band played there, I've planted trees there, I've participated in clean ups, I enjoy just stopping by riding my bike, watching little league games in the summer. One morning I was riding my bike around there was a young couple at the pavilion folding up their tent, obviously the ordinance you shouldn't be camping there but I stopped to talk to a lovely couple and here they were on their way they had started in Miami, Florida and were going to Portland, Maine. They said that it seemed like a nice little town we talked history and stuff it was just really nice. So over the years I've really enjoyed the park since we've been here. I'd like somebody to prove to me how this is going to help me whether it be taxes or whatever because I don't see where it's going to. I'd like somebody to tell me how this will improve the quality of my life developing this spot because those instances in my enjoyment of that park is what improves my quality of life. This so-called development I see it also as a big strain on the infrastructure I mean we have so much problems now trying to control what's going on. We have two buildings, we have the Stockham Building and across the street the bank sitting there vacated. I'm at a loss sometimes and also as boroughs, townships and counties keep opening

up open space, they keep preserving space, I'm puzzled by the fact that we're going to take away our open space. I just don't get it I find it almost brazen to the point that land that has been bequeathed to the Borough as a park you're going to develop it. The last thing is once green goes away it ain't coming back. That's all, thank you.

5. Laura Goe – 78 *Central Avenue*

She stated, so what I'm interested in saying and you've heard me before I've been here a couple of times talking about these things, is that I'm deeply concerned about what it's going to do to all of the houses that are in this area and it looks like on the map that I see, it's in the tax parcel map that there are some houses that are going to be included in the redevelopment area and some further down and I want to know is that true? Are you going to be removing houses from the area, specifically from the area of Central Avenue and Park Avenue? Can anybody answer that for me? Please, do we know, because I'm worried about it. No house is going to be removed is that the case because that's not what it looks like when I look at the Borough of Morrisville Certified Redevelopment Area closely. It looks to me like there are houses that are in the area that will be removed specifically the ones along Central Avenue on the parks side, so you see in there that I wrote a mistake I don't know if that's a mistake or not. If it's not are their houses going to be removed that's what I really want to know and I've already talked about other things that I've been concerned about like the fact that the river ran through that area for many years and only recently has been filled in with trash and rubble so we don't know how stable it is and the people who are supposedly doing all the surveying and so on never drilled into that to see what was there so we don't know what's there. So you may take away all the houses and you may build something there and it may turn out to be a big pile of mud in the end, I don't know. So I don't think that I have any more to say that can be of use I would just like to get an answer to my question at some point so maybe another time when I come back you'll have an answer. Thank you.

Mr. Parker asked, Ms. Sherlock would you like to say something?

Ms. Sherlock stated, I would have to look at the plan again but I know that there is a plan to take the three homes that are on the north piece of the park that's just beyond the stage area on the eastern side of Delmorr if any of that makes sense. I'm not familiar with the houses on Central, I can look at it again but if you're going by parcel numbers then you could be absolutely right, but if they were individually -- there was one that had all the parcel numbers listed and if those parcels are listed that would seem that the houses would be expected to go.

Mr. Yager stated, no, not necessarily at all.

Mr. Parker stated, the motion is for the expansion of the economic zone it's not for an expansion of any plan.

Mr. Yager replied, correct?

Ms. Sherlock stated, okay I'm sorry, so they might not take them down.

Mr. Parker stated, a large chunk of the Borough is under an Economic Development area so it doesn't mean that anything is happening.

6. Tom Workman – *104 Green Street*

He stated, I talked at the meeting that wasn't the meeting two weeks ago. All I wanted to do was to just once again say that I want to preserve the park. It's one of the reasons I bought my home here in town we had this green space that I could take my son to that we could play soccer, ride our bikes, go for walks, all that. I don't see any way in which the proposed structures that would go there would actually benefit the town it would add additional strain to our police, it would add additional damage to our roads, it would add additional traffic.

7. Tim Pesce – *129 Osborne Avenue*

He stated, I just wanted to say tonight that I would ask you to adopt the resolution to amend the boundaries. There's no commitment that's going to be done it's going to buy us more time and I understand that everything is surrounding the park in terms of what's taking place with this and the implications that it may have but as someone who was born across the river but basically born and raised in the town and has a business here and has owned it personally for 40 years and has had it in

the family much longer than that, to me the implication is much larger than the park, it's Morrisville. When I was young I belonged to the pool the pool that's no longer there, came and played at the baseball games and used the restrooms that are no longer there, the concession stands that are no longer there. I have a 13 year old now not of my loins, because her mom bought drugs and OD'd from, bought the drugs from the park. There's bigger implications the economic condition of the Borough I think we need to look at it and say yes. Hey I'm not under any agreement to sell my building at present but as I look at it the park is being expanded by 40% is it in the same spot no? We have an opportunity to have the park become better than what it is to reverse the trend. When I went to Morrisville High School we had graduating classes 120, 140 now we've got fourth through twelfth grade there. When I went there I could choose three different languages to take at school now there's one. If we are looking at the trends the trend is not positive we need something to change it whether it's this project, whether it's Select Morrisville, whatever I'd like to hear what's going to help improve the town not the negatives. I'll listen to the engineers in terms of boring samples if we're worried about what's underneath the river and I'll suffer through moving a business that's been there for 40 years if I think it's best for the town because I'll still be living here my parents will still be living here. I just wish the town could offer more so that my kids would still be living here and unfortunately we don't and they're not and I'm not alone in that. So please consider the resolution so that we can continue to perhaps shape what it is that we'd like to see happen with the town beyond just the park. Thank you.

8. Don Rice – *343 Crown Street*

He stated, if you didn't know the answer to her question how can you possibly be voting on this amendment? The motion is a Resolution of the Borough of Morrisville amending the Boundary of the Morrisville Borough Certified Redevelopment Area and you don't know where the boundary is. If you haven't made that map available to the public for our review it would be irresponsible and illegal to pass such a motion. This motion is an attempt to have the RDA declare the park blighted so it can be turned over to Select Morrisville for development, they made that clear in their draft report which you had in your September packets. The

draft report says what they're going to do after they get the property, after you pass this motion and they're going to turn it over to McGrath, the short version of it. The strategy will not work, the Borough cannot let anyone take over the park because it belongs to the residents of Morrisville and will continue to do so in perpetuity. An anecdote of why this strategy is fatally flawed. In 2009 Fox Chase Cancer Center reached an agreement with Philadelphia to lease 19.4 acres of Burholme Park in Philadelphia for development. A neighborhood group stopped this development with the assistance of their lawyer Sam Stratton our lawyer also. After Mr. Stratton argued against the leasing of a donated Philadelphia Park to Fox Chase an arrangement that would have provided needed income to the city, the Commonwealth Court decided parkland could not be taken for this purpose. Commonwealth Court Judge Renee Cohn Jubelirer wrote the Donated or Dedicated Property Act and I quote, "focuses on whether the original use has ceased to serve the public interest and does not allow for the balancing of benefits". If it did permit such balancing, every donated park in the Commonwealth would be at risk of being leased so that cash-strapped municipalities could balance their budgets. The park is not to be used to improve the income in the Borough, the park is ours you cannot take it, and we won't let you. You may not consider development of Williamson Park for Borough income this is legally indefensible and will only cost you money trying to defend it. You have been served, Orphan's Court is the first stop, we are in this for the long haul, Sam has won two cases at the State Supreme Court. Case Law is clear and Sam helped establish it. Please we know Borough resources are limited, do not waste them on defending the grass pipe dream and save Williamson Park.

Mr. Yager stated, just a quick point of order because there are a lot of people that typically don't show up to meetings I see a lot of new faces here. Just so you know, public comment is just that, it's the public commenting. If you're waiting for questions to be answered you may get them during the actual meeting but this is not a question and answer period so if you feel that we're in some way snubbing

you we're not. This is the protocol, it's public comment not a discussion with Council, just to be clear.

9. Mary Hrenda – *343 Crown Street*

She stated, I want to clarify something. You say that you're just expanding the redevelopment area the head of Planning Commission called that lines on a map, you can't talk about anything but lines on a map which was wrong. Lines on a map have consequences in the real world. The line on the map between Pennsylvania and New Jersey is why we have so many smoke shops in this town and probably because we failed to regulate them in the beginning and let them proliferate everywhere but that is the result of a line on a map. The line on a map of the redevelopment area has consequences, it means I will go on to explain, Council should not expand Morrisville's redevelopment area to include Williamson Park. To do so would be illegal under Pennsylvania's Donated or Dedicated Properties Act and current case law. Under this law property that has been donated or dedicated for public use belongs to the public and not to the local government. Morrisville Borough's government holds Williamson Park and trust for the public and must protect and maintain it for the public's use. The Borough may not change its use from that of a public park without obtaining a judgment from the courts that its use is no longer practical or possible and does not serve the public interest. Williamson Park is regularly used for recreation, sports and family and community events so this is not the case. Making the park part of the redevelopment area would make it available to the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority or RDA to bring in a developer, Joe McGrath or anyone else to take away our beloved community park and convert it to commercial and or residential use. The Borough and Borough Council members have been served with a lawsuit in joining them from doing anything to take the park away from the residents of Morrisville. Including the park in the redevelopment area would do just that so now it is up to the courts to decide whether we get to keep our beautiful open space by the river, our

Williamson Park or a developer gets to take it and build yet another shopping center and another apartment complex. I also wish to say that the report that some of you probably -- appear not to have read that RDA made to recommend the expansion of the redevelopment area contains a lot of justifications for taking the park away that are transparently false.

10. Elizabeth Lester-Abdalla – *1328 Polo Run Drive*

She stated, before I get to my comment I just wanted to throw out the question and I know you can't answer, just throw out the question about the charge that's on the agenda for the solicitor's charge to McGrath \$395.00, I think that would be great to know maybe more explanation if anyone cares to explain. I'd just like to comment about agenda item 8F the call for the motion to adopt the expansion of the redevelopment area. While I know you can't speak to it now I do think it would be great for the public to hear the Council's thoughts on what this resolution and the subsequent amendment of the redevelopment area would be used for or what you think if you vote yes in passing the re-expansion what that means to you. The report says that the park is blighted I was wondering if you all think that the park in its entirety all 44 acres of it are blighted. Is this so that the RDA can take possession of the park through its powers of eminent domain which it can do once it designates something as blighted and then transfer the property to a private developer because without further explanation that's what seems to happen with this expansion of the redevelopment area and Williamson Park included in that? I was also wondering why the vote on this agenda item was postponed from the October meeting because the procedural issues that were raised at that meeting by residents, when it doesn't seem like those procedural issues have been corrected. One resident raised the Urban Redevelopment Law 35 Pennsylvania Statute 1710, which outlines the process for the preparation and adoption of a redevelopment proposal. The RDA report is the amendment to the redevelopment area boundary existing conditions report and according to the Pennsylvania Urban Regional Development Law that's what it says on the title. So 1710 G requires of the governing body upon receipt of the redevelopment proposal and the recommendation if any, of the Planning Commission, shall hold a public hearing upon said proposal. Notice of the time place and purpose of such hearing shall be published at least once each week

for three consecutive weeks in the newspaper of general circulation with the time of the hearing to be at least 10 days in the last publication of notice. Notice describes redevelopment area, lots of other details included in the notice, has to include the maps, the plans, contracts and you have to provide that data for public inspection for at least 10 days. At the hearing the governing body shall afford an opportunity to all persons or agencies interested to be heard and shall receive make known and consider recommendations. So I was just wondering if there's been notice of that for three consecutive weeks, I don't think there have, I haven't seen anything in the Courier Times or anything, does this constitute the public hearing upon this proposal? I know that you all postponed in October and it doesn't seem like any of those procedural issues were corrected. I also just wanted to call attention to the fact at the October meeting there were 20 people that spoke in favor of keeping the park and five did not. Thank you so much.

Mr. Holbert stated, when it was postponed back in October there were procedural questions and there was things we went back to with the RDA about. The specific sections that were cited with regards to the advertisement everything like that in the three consecutive weeks, the public hearing are related to an actual redevelopment proposal not just expanding the boundary but a plan to redevelop the area. We haven't reached that point yet, this is only expanding, it will only be for expanding the redevelopment area which doesn't fall under those sections.

11. Debra Colgan – *120 W. Hendrickson Street*

She stated, it's totally improper for Council to consider the resolution for the expansion of the RDA redevelopment area to include Williamson Park for many many reasons. First and foremost, a lawsuit has been filed that will ultimately be successful and protect Williamson Park. It is a disappointing path that residents have been forced to take. The most responsible thing that Council can do is to just stop this as it is a waste of time and money to pursue. Public meetings regarding this expansion must present accurate and true information and allow the public to comment. At the Borough's only public meeting the Planning Commission and the RDA said that this report was requested by the Borough Council because of its 2020 resolution on the Select Morrisville proposal and then bizarrely, repeatedly insisted that the only thing under consideration was just a map and had no connection with the

Select Morrisville proposal. So the public was not allowed to speak on the impact that this action would have on Williamson Park or even mention Select Morrisville. The report and the resolution under consideration was triggered by the Council action and it is directly related to Williamson Park and the Select Morrisville. For public officials to declare otherwise is dishonest and just plain wrong. I don't understand why Council hasn't had the RDA here to present the blight report. This action is not just a map, it has significant ramifications that are being swept under the rug. Why are the effects of passing this resolution being misrepresented? Why is this important action being presented and discussed? Why isn't this action being presented and discussed at televised and taped public meetings? Why is reality-based public participation being denied? Explain to us why this action is necessary for Williamson Park parcels and how it affects the Council decision making for Williamson Park property. Explain to us how this process is consistent with the requirements of the Urban Redevelopment Law. The election this month was a clear referendum on the Williamson Park issue we do not want our park turned into a commercial development. We supported candidates who believe in the future of Morrisville as we do. A unique community with history, character and authenticity we are not as one candidate so offensively put it, a girl who doesn't know how beautiful she is until she gets a complete makeover. Listen to us, either vote no on this item or at least hold a real public meeting to explain exactly what this is, what it means and the impacts that an increased RDA grip on Morrisville is. Better yet, just abandon this dumb idea and let's get on to some real productive work. Thank you.

12. Alan Franklin – 2 S. Delmorr Avenue

He stated, I own a commercial building at 2 S. Delmorr Avenue which is on the corner of Bridge Street and Delmorr Avenue. I've been here 17 years and I've been waiting for the town to come to life. People that want to open a business and come by they look around and most often they don't come back because there isn't enough to attract them so I've heard the true democracy at work here tonight where you hit people who have a passion and have an interest which is to preserve things just the way they are and then you have people like myself who want to see a prospering future for the Borough. I'd really like to see it a very

happening place such as getting an amphitheater in this park and I was reminded I talked to somebody who must be dead by now about 10 years ago and he used to tell me that he used to go bass fishing in Williamson Park because it was a lake before they filled it in and that would go back to the 1940s 1950s and there was also a hotel on the corner of Delmorr Avenue and Bridge Street and that eroded and went away in the 50s so that was in the park it faced Bridge Street and it faced my building on the opposite side of the street. So what is really going on today we have a developer who wants to come in and make the town over if you want to call it that or to bring it into a different realm as a positive step. I can tell you that when people drive down 29 and they would see a prospering development on this side of the river they would say what is going on in Morrisville it is the true zip code of 19067 not the fake Yardley zip code of 19067 it is truly where it's all happened, it's been here for 250 years. It's a great town it just has to take a look at itself differently maybe from 10,000 feet rather than from standing on the ground. I've heard the passion and I respect all the passion I think everybody has a great view of what Morrisville should be in their own minds I hope that it is not the status quo. I want Williamson Park to be a great park I really do. I want it to be an evening park, day park, really a family type of activity that also draws people inbound something that you don't see. Here's what happens now in Morrisville you come over the Trenton Makes Bridge and you keep going there isn't much to stop on Delmorr Avenue unless you want tobacco or if you want good Chinese food in my building there isn't much going on and there is a reason for that, there's nothing there to attract people and if you have a prospering town you get people who want to open businesses you get the best of the best and that's what happens that's what I want to say. So I hope everybody looks at this in a positive view. It's a long way off it's not tomorrow lots of things have to be answered to satisfy everybody's interest but in a democracy most of the time half the people are never happy hopefully the other half are happier and that is for a good reason. Thank you very much.

13. Elvis Jendy – *37 Park Avenue*

He stated, mostly I'm curious about all the ramifications for this proposed Williamson Park Development. I certainly appreciate all the things about tradition. I've had family members who used to rave about

going to the swim club but that's changed and I used to love playing baseball when I was young and see the value in all the fields and so forth. I guess my main concern if this development could bring revenue to the Borough and maybe tax relief for the citizens I would probably be in favor also I'm probably opposed to the earned income tax. I heard that got voted down but if it comes up again I wouldn't be in favor. I guess that's it for me. Thank you.

14. Patricia Schell – *62 Grandview Avenue*

She stated, first of all the attitude and the arrogance of this Council that you don't think that you have to answer the people. You're too lazy to have agenda meetings so that people know what's going on so you just put it on an agenda and you think that you don't have to answer anybody. I really really do love that attitude. First of all, I know what other people have said that they wanted the people to speak on what would happen at Williamson Park. Well the people did speak at the last election because everybody who was against the development won. Now my next thing and this is where I need answers, what's going on with the building on Hillcrest Avenue with the Redevelopment Authority? Who's going to make the profit? The redevelopment authority is needed for many many things for many towns and we can use them I know that, but for one single property we don't need the Redevelopment Authority we could have sold it ourselves. I want to know who's making the profit, how much the Redevelopment Authority is getting, how much the Borough is getting, was it put out for bid? There's many many questions and I am sick and tired because I know of all the back room deals that were made between the previous Administrator, the previous Council and still some sit up on that Council with the Redevelopment Authority. The back room deals have to stop now.

15. Kathryn Panzitta – *401 Hillcrest Avenue*

She stated, for 8F this Morrisville Certified Redevelopment I'll talk about those boundaries. I'm going to say it at every single meeting I want the parcels that are listed that belong to Williamson Park removed. If they're not blighted then there's no reason that they have to be in a Certified Redevelopment area unless there's an ulterior motive. I'll say it

again, I said it at planning on 8G how do we just sell Hillcrest Avenue to Habitat for Humanity, where'd that come from? We just sell whatever we want. Where was it discussed? Was it open for other people to offer because I would think that we just think there's one developer looking at Morrisville but if we told them hey we got green space here that we want to sell maybe we might get some other people that would be interested too. I can see your curbs 8I near and dear to my heart. I don't know what budget are you going for A or B? I think it's totally -- I'm sorry I couldn't make the last meeting but my dog was sick. I listened to your meeting about the budget and I just listened and counted every time your Borough Manager said she's uncomfortable with that. So you can cut whatever you want out of that budget, you needed an EIT you, you, everybody sat there with the old Borough Manager in 2019 he told them you were going to need an EIT, you've gone through your assets and let people turn that money in and spend it so when you talked about your cash flow that's a pretty good idea too because you look you're outflowing a lot more cash than you had and you even went against your assets. Now you're stuck where you're at, you have a guy out there that needs a \$38,000 piece of equipment because you don't have people working for them and you don't even have that money to buy it you have no money for a rainy day. I think it is totally irresponsible for any of you not to have put in EIT. Your developer was not going to save this town this year or probably for the next three years so that wasn't the answer to come in, the knight on the white horse come in and save the town. Development is not and you're also giving out your park and I would say to the one gentleman over here that says you've got to have a plan it is a plan maybe they won't tell you, it's called Comprehensive Plan you do it almost every 10 years and the funny part is if you read the ones Morrisville said somehow they like green space they like the park. I am the farthest thing from a tree hugger I want every tree on my yard cut down but I tell you what I do want to do, even if I don't go to the park I want to drive by the park and I want to see those green trees, I want to see those children playing in it and I don't care if people are

gonna complain that they see more New Jersey tags over here. Isn't it funny it was three churches from Jersey that gave us that park.

16. Mike Petchey – *20 North Pennsylvania Avenue*

He stated, I own the building best known as the Bucks County Contributionship Building next to Wells Fargo now the vacant Wells Fargo I should add. I came to this community in 2008 I rented the second floor of the Cacace Building and founded a company named WeVeel LLC, Scentos Brands as a startup. The location – we picked Morrisville because it was ideal for employees traveling from the University of Philadelphia, New Jersey and the surrounding areas. By 2014 we grew our Morrisville-based business of 36 employees and were recognized by Inc. 500 as the 27 fastest privately held companies in America and actually number one in Pennsylvania since 2019 -- 2009 I passed my building on 20 North Pennsylvania Avenue and recognized the history in town. As a contribution to town I thought it'd be my duty and active in the local community to purchase the building. I purchased one of the more historic buildings in town even though it was not occupied for five years it sat vacant and fell into a point that I could actually afford it in 2015 with my own money despite the fact that the repairs to the building cost two and a half times the purchase price I invested my life savings to restore the building downtown within the smallest detail of Trenton Tiles Plaster Ceilings to preserve the history in town in Morrisville. I put my money where my mouth is and I contribute over \$25,000 a year in taxes every year since. I did so against the advice of all my local business associates who told me that long stories of long time Council members some still on this very board that ushered in blighted surrounding buildings, pawn shops, tobacco stores, tattoo parlors and cash for gold, fireworks stores and everything else. They let this historic Stockham Building sit in disrepair but I did it anyway because I thought it was the right thing to do. With few exceptions on the EDC I was assisted with parking but no members of the board ever visited my business at that time when we were number

one fastest growing company in the state of Pennsylvania. A business whose products have sold tens of millions of products all around to Target, Walmart, 55 countries around the world, every single one that carries the Morrisville address on the name on the product. When I sold my business in 2018 one of the conditions would be that I left the building would be remaining Morrisville until 2026 to allow I thought for sure by then the board would open up to the Council would open up to a place that would allow the world the change around it just like it did the rubber plants and come to the senses of maybe making some progress in town. The fact that I renovated the landmark building and invested my life savings in town does not give me the right to separate my building or parcel from the greater downtown community for the sake of avoiding a redevelopment designation. My building with over a million dollars put into it is in the redevelopment zone and I have no problem with that because it is part of the greater community and greater community stands together to making sure that this should be fixed. I hate to be the one to inform everyone here but the park is blighted it requires investment. At minimum the park should promote the entire community just like my building which was an old stone building here left to fall apart from the inside I should have been offended that my building is in the RDA Redevelopment Zone or should I focus on the politics of rounding up everywhere in here so I could stop any potential problems in town. I stand by the people basically I just want to say that there should be no reason why the RDA should not be able to continue into the park and into the surrounding downtown area in Morrisville.

17. Joshua Kuntz – *40 Union Street*

I was originally just going to come in and kind of show for practice I wasn't going to say anything but that changed because I was rude accidentally and trying to figure out what was going on with the lock door stuff and seeing where the sign in thing was but then people started speaking so I started thinking and I'm going to speak as well which I probably shouldn't. I was reading Reddit what a great source of

information that is and a really depressing thing happened I saw somebody from Russia talking on the anti-work sub-Reddit about how man American workers have it worse than them in Russia which is hilarious and depressing. I bring this up because I think that there's a context that we need to keep in mind in the states and in Morrisville. The issue between saving the park and having this idea of economic prosperity I think is kind of a misframing of the actual dynamic. We're not people of power, nobody here is somebody of power. We live in an oligarchy we could say a pseudo-oligarchy if we wanted to with extreme corporate interests which is the driving force behind economics in America. We don't own Coca-Cola right, McDonald's is not housed here, there's no iphone manufacturers here right, so we don't have power. Building a services thing for residents and restaurants that's not going to make us the centerfold of some corner of the economic market. So intrinsically any sort of like eyes in the sky, dollars in the eyes thinking about this is going to be fundamentally inaccurate in the context of Contemporary American Civilization but we are trying to defend the stopping of something that is immoral which is the destruction of more land and so it is sadly kind of a thing where it's like we are people who are starving and depressed and overworked and underappreciated talking to people who are similarly so in positions of power kind of but not in America, no offense to you guys but none of you are going on talk shows on to CNN or something like that I don't know what constitutes being a celebrity, but obviously I have nothing but empathy for the position that you're in because you're kind of the straw that people are grasping for to try to make change in what is ultimately the cesspool of economic extrapolation and exploitation of most of us. So it is a difficult thing I am sorry that you are having to try to keep us alive and making these decisions and the thing that is being pitted against that idea of prosperity and sustainability is destruction, destruction of something that is sacred and destruction that on a human level we all instinctively know should not be destroyed and so I am sorry for that. I do and I've lived much my life trying to do what ultimately is not best for my status

in society but is best for ideally my soul or something like that I don't know, anyway thank you guys.

18. Ecco Debnam – *220 W. Palmer Street*

She stated, I just moved here a year ago I'm just finding out about the SWP signs so I was asking around what they meant. My question in listening to everyone is I'm an empty nester we have three grown children but we're empty nesters here. As the shareholder in the city of Morrisville which we all are part of so we do have power, we do, we really don't use it. My question is that the only piece of development that's here were there more pieces that was put in? Did the community know anything about this? These are my questions. Having something built such as what I'm looking at now what happens to the bridges and the crossings with all the traffic? I came into Pennsylvania I'm from New Jersey but I'm coming into Pennsylvania. Everything is new to me so I just found out about all of this and I'm really surprised. Were other bids put on the table regarding what other kind of spaces could have been used and not as massive, whereas a smaller amount of space could be used were bids offered to the community to say I'm listening to some of the people that were speaking that have businesses that could come in and be part of an associate, associate their businesses with what's going on in Morrisville. They said that they're having a failing school system, why isn't all of this being part of things that can change the whole community so that you benefit but so do the people on this side of the phone connect all the pieces so that everybody benefits some kind of way. Why is there so much of the park being taken away? Why is so much being taken away for taxes and if it's illegal why is it even being discussed? I'm brand new here I just moved here I came here because I moved from New York my husband still works in New York City so we moved here for a nicer quieter community and not for more. I moved away from New York to be able to come to a quieter place but I think that we should all be included in this because your decisions will be

better listening to these ears, we're part of what you are we should be a team working together. So that's my thought okay. Thank you.

19. Karen Kane – *42 Union Street*

She stated, I have been a resident of this quaint river town of Morrisville for 48 years. Came here as a bride moving into a starter home which eventually became my forever home, strategically placed in walking distance for all our needs from a drugstore steps away to other amenities and in proximity to all major crossroads like I-95 and 295 and cities New York to Maine. I have served on several committees 13 years on Historic Summerseat, 12 years on the Economic Development, 13 years on the Environmental Advisory Committee. I am a self-employed businesswoman and parent to two grown children educated in the Morrisville schools. Tonight you are elected and appointed representatives who will be voting on a very important issue of redevelopment to proceed, you will be making a decision based on a promise of a brighter future and a major overhaul of our town. You were all selected and chosen to make a monumental decision that would affect not only us the residents but our children and our grandchildren, our future. I really want you all to think about this further. The litigants in this lawsuit and their lawyer have done their homework, this is called due diligence. I'm asking that Council do the same. In talking to knowledgeable people in the construction business some startling facts came to the forefront, this huge project will not take one but two to three years tying up the Borough's major roads not to mention approximately 100,000 tons of fill will be shipped in. Where's this dirt coming from truck after truck on our roads? Imagine this, when all our streets are backed up from a car accident, construction in town, now all the traffic will be diverted through our quaint little river town. I've seen this firsthand, all of our infrastructure will be under tremendous wear and tear. Delmorr is not built to be under this heavy traffic. Many existing homes are built extremely close to the road some come out of their door and they're right there on the sidewalk. I believe it was a former Mayor

Mr. Wisnosky who reminded us that we have always said no. Well in the 80s the Bridge Commission wanted to demolish the Calhoun Street Bridge and put in a four-lane highway which would be Trenton Road. Many of our citizens turned up in the high school auditorium to protest, it was at full capacity, we said no. In 2008 the Morrisville School Board proposed a K-12 new school costing 30 to 40 million dollars. We all know even though a brand new school would be appealing we would have a significant higher tax bill. Both projects have been not only cost prohibited but would have impacted us negatively on our lives in unforeseen ways. In closing, when you leave here tonight I want you to look up the hill, look at our highest building in town the Presbyterian Towers consisting of 99 residents. Now keeping that in mind imagine a building or buildings five times bigger, 562 condos and also potentially two vehicles for each condo. A comment on Facebook I saw was this is Morrisville's last chance at the brass ring, well I say Morrisville was presented with the Trojan horse look past all that glitter and hype. What will this truly cost us all? Don't let this be your legacy, vote no. Thank you.

20. Mike Barkan – *751 Gordon Drive*

He stated, you'll be relieved to know that I'm not going to talk directly about the park. What I do want to talk about is the bigger picture the underlying bigger picture which is financial. It all comes back to the dollar okay and I understand and appreciate the fact that whoever did it or it doesn't really matter at this point, the Borough is in a financial distress right now I get it. I was watching the news tonight and one thing that the Borough Council wants is a lifeline that's the way they see the park as a lifeline. I realized after watching the news tonight there's another lifeline out there with a lot of money attached to it, 1.4 trillion dollars was released today by the Federal Government for Councils, for Representatives, for Senators to request the money for things like improving a water plant, for things like improving roads or infrastructure, things that could relieve the Borough Council of some of

their financial obligations. All that has to be done is you have to kick the can up to request the money now before it's gone. Steve Buttigieg, Secretary of Transportation said basically they're taking applications for it. Why is the Borough not pursuing all options to obtain other finances? That's what I want to know. Why is this the only solution, that's a rhetorical question, but there's 1.4 trillion dollars which is hundreds of millions of dollars that could be dedicated to the State of Pennsylvania and its Municipalities. You just have to ask for it. Thank you.

21. Jim O'Brien – *1000 University Drive, Pres. of Morrisville Little League*
He stated, first I want to thank council for hearing me tonight I appreciate you taking the time. I am here to ask for you to vote no on motion 8F, the Amendment to the Certified RDA. Before I get to that though, I do want to mention a couple of recent events to share with you. First, Morrisville Little League completed our park cleanup, part of our winterization process a week and a half ago. I had a really great turnout 70 volunteers all came down and really helped clean up the park and we're going to continue to do that probably later this month once the leaves all fall down. Second, this coming Thursday we're hosting our Night of Champions Award Dinner, we're celebrating five District Championships which is really unheard of in this area. All of our baseball teams won their qualified Districts and had a very very successful year. Thank you to the kids on their behalf. If any of you are interested and you'd like to see what Morrisville Little League is as far as part of the community I'd welcome any and all of you who'd like to participate in that event it's being held at the Elks Lodge Thursday night at 7:00 so please consider that an invitation. Thirdly, we're very excited to be participating in the Morrisville Winterfest Parade that's coming up this Saturday, we have lots of kids that come out looking to throw candy to folks that are out in the parade route and thank you for allowing us to participate in that. Morrisville Little League is a big part of this community and we hope to be so for many many years ahead. As it relates to the issue at hand motion 8F, I came here last time to the

meeting to speak on why I felt like this proposal was really a lie of omission, 44 acres of proposed expansion of the RDA's area of which 15 exhibits show less than 2 acres all taken from the roadside. The blight that was basically claimed in the park it's not representative of the park it's represented of the side of the road along the park, that's less than 5% so I do ask you again to say no to that. Lastly, a year ago I came to Council and I listened in as you guys voted unanimously to proceed with listening to the development of the proposal from Joe McGrath and I didn't like the outcome right, Morrisville Little League didn't like the outcome because it opened the door to more possibility of the park being developed but I understood the logic the logic from talking with Council folks and listening in the community. We need to learn more. We need to learn more to understand what this option would give to us. The vote for you tonight the same thing, this is not something that needs to happen for the Council to learn more for the community to learn more about this development. I don't believe and I could be wrong but I don't believe Council has been given answers to the questions, the very legitimate questions that you all have raised to the developer about what the tax revenue would be that would be developing, what the cost of the infrastructure change that would need to happen, those answers are not predicated on a vote yes tonight. You can vote no, you can get those answers. Anyway thank you very much I appreciate the time.

There being no further public comment, President Ted Parker moved to the business portion of the agenda.

MINUTES

Motion 5A - Motion to approve the Borough Council Regular Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes of October 26th, 2021 and Special Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2021.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Bowers.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion 6B - Motion to approve the bill list and pay the bills.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Bowers.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, roll call please.

Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

REPORTS

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

Police Chief's Report – Chief George McClay –He stated, my report's gonna be very short and I'm sorry to talk about the budget but we have to. Looking back at the 2016 budget 1.95 million dollars, looking at the 2022 budget 1.96 million dollars. My budget has been taken down so badly, the thing I ask every year what's our plan for next year now? Now you've taken everything out of this budget what's our plan going into next year? Where are we going to be this time next year, what's there left to take? We have to come up with ideas. Ms. Hlahol you're the one that really is very vocal about taking so much money out of my budget do you have a plan going into 22 into 23, where do we go?

Ms. Hlahol asked, I'm sorry is this your police chief report?

Chief McClay replied, yes ma'am that's what it is. I have to fight for the Police Department, I have to fight for the citizens, our department is being depleted

financially and I'm not happy. So if you don't want to answer the question I'm fine with that ma'am, thank you but 2016 budget they still have and that's where we're going back to the 2016 budget, I don't know how we did that. Thank you.

Manager's Report – Judith Danko – She asked, are there any questions from Council?

Mr. Bowers stated, I just have a quick one. Can you provide an update on the couple projects that were slated to start or be underway right now the library roof, the road program and water and the basin?

Ms. Danko replied, yes the library project that is the roof which we have CDBG grant funds and Keystone grant funds for, that is slated to begin this week the materials were being delivered so we're happy to say that hopefully within the next several weeks we should have a brand new slate roof on the library and it was all accomplished by grant funding. The road program this year will be postponed until next year. I'm sorry the other project you asked about?

Mr. Bowers stated, the Melvin Avenue Basin.

Ms. Danko stated, the Melvin Basin will also be postponed until next year due to supplies, being able to get the supplies and so forth. The Melvin Basin will be hopefully immediately as soon as we can in the new year we'll be working on that.

Mr. Bowers replied, thanks.

Ms. Danko replied, you're welcome.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion 8A – Motion to approve the Borough 2022 Holiday Schedule.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers.

Motion seconded by Ms. Sherlock.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

Motion 8B – Motion to approve the Borough 2022 Meeting Schedule with the Reorganization Meeting listed.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Bowers.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

Motion 8C – Motion to approve the Public Library 2022 Holiday Schedule.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Bowers.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

Motion 8D – Motion to approve the Public Library 2022 Meeting Schedule.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Bowers.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

Motion 8E - Motion to adopt an Ordinance Amending the Borough of Morrisville Animals Ordinance, specifically prohibiting owning Roosters within the limits of the Borough of Morrisville.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Paul.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, roll call please.

Motion failed by roll call vote 3-4. (nay votes being Mr. Bowers, Ms. Hlahol, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Yager)

Motion 8F - Motion to adopt a Resolution of the Borough of Morrisville, amending the boundary of the Morrisville Borough Certified Redevelopment Area.

Motion made by Ms. Hlahol.

Motion seconded by Mr. Yager.

Motion to table made by Mr. Paul.

Motion seconded by Ms. Sherlock.

Mr. Parker stated, we have a motion to table and a second. Can I have a roll call please?

Motion to table failed by roll call vote 2-5. (nay votes being Mr. Bowers, Ms. Hlahol, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Yager and Mr. Parker)

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, roll call please.

Motion carried by roll call vote 4-3. (nay votes being Mr. Paul, Ms. Sherlock and Mr. Parker)

Motion 8G - Motion to approve the sale of 38 Hillcrest Avenue, Morrisville, PA 19067, to Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County in the amount of \$80,000.

Motion made by Mr. Paul.

Motion seconded by Mr. Bowers.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, roll call please.

Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion 8H - Motion to execute CDBG 2021 Curb Ramp Grant Agreement in the amount of \$264,845.00.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers.

Motion seconded by Ms. Hlahol.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, roll call please.

Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

Motion 8I – Discussion of two Proposed Preliminary Budgets; option “A” and option “B” for the 2022 fiscal year.

Motion to accept option “B” made by Mr. Yager.

Motion seconded by Ms. Hlahol.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion 8J – Motion to accept option “B” for 2022 fiscal year.

Motion made by Mr. Yager.

Motion seconded by Ms. Hlahol.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, roll call please.

Motion carried by roll call vote 4-3. (nay votes being Mr. Paul, Ms. Sherlock and Mr. Parker)

Motion 8K – After discussion, Call for a possible Motion to pass a Resolution of Borough Council of the Borough of Morrisville authorizing the Borough Solicitor to petition the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas to allow the Borough to Levy a Tax Exceeding 30 Mills in order to balance the General Fund.

Motion made by Mr. Yager.

Motion seconded by Ms. Hlahol.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, roll call please.

Motion carried by roll call vote 6-1. (nay votes being Mr. Parker)

Motion 8L - Motion to suspend Officer Aspromonti without pay for a period of five 12-hour shifts to be administered by the Chief of Police on or before February 28, 2022.

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 7-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion 9A - Acknowledgement of Resignation Letter of Michael Cooper.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Ms. Hlahol.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Ms. Hlahol stated, I have one thing. I have been in contact with PennDOT regarding the traffic study that was requested over a year ago they're in the process of concluding that study but one of the things that they were able to let me know is that while the study is still underway PennDOT has determined that they will be lowering the speed limit and that speed limit is between Philadelphia Avenue and Post Road. They haven't decided what that new speed limit is but I'm assuming that it'll be 25

miles an hour instead of the 30 it currently is but with any luck maybe it'll even be lower. They should be having that study out shortly so as it is I will share more information with everyone.

Mr. Yager stated, I want to make a quick one if that's okay. So I've heard a lot of people say that there's no one thing that's gonna help this town that's 100 correct. Development alone will not help this town I mentioned it in the past that we need to look to not only regionalize the schools but we look to regionalize our Police Department. I mentioned that this was something that was looked at quite some time ago August 23th, 2013 received by the Borough August 30th, 2013. Ma'am you said you didn't know about this you were on Council at the time so I'm not sure and it's also in box for you to read as well but it's not a new idea, it's not a new thought, it's something that happened in Central Bucks and really something Lower Bucks needs to take seriously and consider, thank you.

Mr. Bowers stated, Mr. President one comment. I believe on Saturday there is Winterfest I don't have the details in front of me right now but I know they are on the Borough website and the TV station and the Facebook page for anyone interested.

Ms. Sherlock stated, it's the parade this year but they're not going to the school. They can get a hold of Donna Wilson or the person that's sponsoring it which is Hot Rides. If you wish to be in the parade just show up at 9:00 down at Post and Ohio. Summerseat Remembers is December 4th from 11:00 to 1:00 which will be after the parade, they have the Christmas Choral music and that's when General George Washington arrives at 12:00, depiction of. I'd also like to mention on that particular day is when we'll be pulling the ticket for the portrait of the library that we've been selling raffles for. Maybe the Borough Manager would like to speak to this, I would just like to mention again residents, please do not blow your leaves into the street. Regarding leaf pickup I know there was a little faux pas last week, I'm asking people to be patient with regards to the trash pickup, when they're out here and they're short-handed or the truck is full their main concern is to get the garbage out of the road so garbage and then they'll come back for the leaves. If that is something different please let me know.

Ms. Danko replied, no Ms. Sherlock you're correct, that's a correct statement. We ask that the residents please be patient the sanitation will be picked up first and then the leaves second, if they have room some roads may be picked up at the same time sanitation and leaves. The other time of contention was the utilization of brown bags the paper bags, this is an allowable item to use the paper brown bags. We will be working again to put something on the social media sites for the Borough. Apparently some residents had called Republic and they told them that brown paper bags were not acceptable and we had contacted Republic to make sure that for Morrisville Borough that that is an incorrect statement and that they need to correct what they're stating. Some other municipalities are not allowing them although Morrisville Borough is and Republic is picking that up so we thank you for your patience. I have spoken to other Managers in the area and they're all experiencing sanitation issues whether it's Republic or other companies at this time they're having a hard time with finding employees and so forth so again, we thank you for your patience. Our office staff has been diligently working with the sanitation company and the residents along with our Public Works Superintendent, we've all been working towards the best solutions that we can possibly find for Morrisville Borough, but thank you again for your patience.

Ms. Sherlock stated, Mr. Parker one last comment please. I just managed to review this letter. This letter was in August of 2013, it came from Mr. Vic Cicero, former Police Chief. This was during the time we had an interim Police Chief and things were really in an upheaval and that gentleman sent out a scathing letter of what position our Police Department was in at the time. In fact, he only stayed I think 60, 90 days tops and so it was at that time that I think Mr. Cicero thought that things were in peril and that was his suggestion, he said to regretfully I urge you to at least give serious consideration to this disturbing option. So I mean, it never went any further than that Mr. Yager.

Ms. Hlahol stated, I'd like to correct you. That letter from the person came in September so Vic Cicero's letter came in August.

Mr. Yager stated, there's two letters.

Ms. Sherlock replied, okay, all right, well thank you. I knew it was around that time.

Ms. Hlahol stated, and I also believe that there were some Council people that were using the attorney. I don't have the bills, but I'm happy to come into the office and find them that we're talking to the attorney about regionalizing.

Ms. Sherlock replied, I don't know who they would be.

Mr. Paul asked, currently?

Ms. Hlahol replied, no back in 2013.

Mr. Paul asked, why are we talking about 2013? Don't we have enough problems today?

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn, made by Mr. Bowers.

Motion seconded by Mr. Paul.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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