



6:00 Executive Session – Litigation – Williamson Park & Personnel - Police

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:39 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.

Ted Parker asked for roll call.

Those in Attendance:

Borough Council: Ted Parker, President
Bob Paul, Vice President
Helen Hlahol
Andrew Lubin
Carletha Murray
Kathryn Price Engelhard
Scott Robinson
Nancy Sherlock

Borough Officials: Judith Danko, Borough Manager
Brud Anderson, Mayor
Scott Holbert, Solicitor

Not in Attendance: Virginia Cyphers, Assist. Borough Secretary

Mr. Holbert stated, prior to tonight's meeting Morrisville Borough Council met in executive session for approximately one hour and thirty minutes where police, personnel and collective bargaining negotiation matters were discussed as well as litigation involving Williamson Park.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations this evening.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

1. Mary Hrenda – *343 Crown Street*

She stated, you all have a letter from Mr. Flager that he wrote in rebuttal to our lawyer Mr. Stratton. Mr. Flager states on the third page of his letter of May 3rd, 2022 to Judge Gilman that the RDA has the absolute purpose, power and authority to seek grants to improve Williamson Park based on Pennsylvania's Urban Redevelopment Law. Actually, as Mr. Flager quotes the law, it gives the RDA the power to do parks adjacent to or in connection with redevelopment areas. Williamson Park should not be in a redevelopment area because it's an actively used park and is not blighted. The Borough does not need the RDA to obtain grants for park improvements. All municipalities are eligible to apply for grants from the state agencies, organizations supporting parks corporations etc. on their own. Mr. Holbert gives an example that the RDA has worked with Warminster Township to obtain grants to create open space next to Warminster Community Park where he said no other redevelopment is occurring. After checking on Mr. Holbert's statements, it's clear that this open space project in Warminster is a redevelopment project. The project involves the demolition of navy housing called Shenandoah Woods on the former Warminster Naval Air Warfare Center, a hazardous waste site that is best known for contaminating the township's drinking water supply. Contaminants include the volatile organic compounds TCE, PCE, their breakdown products in the long live PFAS compounds or forever chemicals Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances. PFAS compounds are ingredients in firefighting foam used at the Naval Air War Station. The Naval Air War Station is closed and undergoing cleanup now since 1996. Shenandoah Woods was the site of a large waste disposal pit where paint solvents, scrap metal, aircraft parts, etc. were disposed of from 1955 to 1970. Shenandoah Woods housing was built in the 1970s and the base was closed in 1996. The homes in Shenandoah Woods have been found to contain asbestos. The work to be overseen by the RDA of the site includes removing of the existing homes, sewer system and roads then seeding and vegetating the site.

This is the redevelopment project of an extremely blighted and contaminated area, this is not Williamson Park, any comparison is inappropriate.

2. Deborah Colgan – *120 W. Hendrickson Avenue*

She stated, I'd like to comment on the blight report that was approved by Morrisville Council in 2021. This document still stands. Morrisville has declared Williamson Park parcels have blighted conditions. The report is the basis for including Williamson Park in the certified redevelopment area. So let's take a look at the veracity of this report, is it truthful, is it fact-based, let's remember who authored it, the RDA. Photos two, three, five and six show the northern parking area along Delmorr, this area serves as a link to eight different trails and designated routes but Morrisville is declared it economically and socially undesirable land use and deemed it a condition of blight. Photo seven shows the old pool snack bar, it's a well-used spot, but the report says it too is an undesirable land use and instead of painting it properly the Borough just patched over some graffiti then called it condition of blight. Photo eight includes the parking area along Delmorr Avenue at Union Street, the Borough sadly allows road repairs to be staged at this highly visible and cramped spot. The Borough has declared this illegal dumping and has called it a condition of blight. Photo 13 shows the southern end of the park, an area full of promise and that has been discussed in the open space plan, yet the Borough has described this open space as a vacant lot and declared it as an undesirable land use and a condition of blight. How can this Council allow these fallacies to stand? The justification to include Williamson Park within the redevelopment area is based on a contrived narrative by those pushing poorly designed notions. Now let's look at the claim that the inclusion of the redevelopment area will provide funding for park improvement. At the Planning Commission meeting when the RDA presented this report and I had the auto recording, I asked them specifically to provide examples of a park that they had improved, they said that they had rehabbed a three acre trailer park, not a park, a trailer park. As it turns out though, the truth is that they provided the support for remediation of the site by removing old structures. The township received DCNR grants for the improvements. When I asked them to give us examples of existing parks that they had rehabbed they would not respond. So what is the purpose of allowing the park to be declared

blighted and included in the redevelopment area, there is no logical or rational explanation. Williamson Park is not contaminated, it is not a Brownfield site, it is not blighted it needs attention as this community has been begging for. Declare Williamson Park as public land to be used solely for the purposes of recreation. Remove Williamson Park from the certified redevelopment area, provide potential investors in our town and accurate pictures that we have to offer and a real vision for our community. Thank you.

3. Done Rice – *343 Crown Street*

He stated, I want to review the Council's actions that resulted in our legal action. The Donated and Dedicated Property Act prohibits park development unless improved by Orphans Court. Morrisville Borough's Resolution #1066 expanding the certified redevelopment area to include Williamson Park without Orphans Court approval violated the DDPA because it provided "ownership interest in the park". John VanLuvanee, Select Morrisville's attorney explained it clearly in his November 2020 presentation to Council when he said Select Morrisville needs the RDA to have ownership interest in the park in order to submit its development application. You can't develop what you don't own. Now Select Morrisville no longer has Council support but the RDA ownership interest remains, why? There's no legitimate reason for the RDA to maintain any presence in the park. The RDA has no ability to get any grant that the Borough cannot, none. Its presence in the park discourages park improvement grants? Who wants to give such a grant to the Borough when the Borough can attempt to have the park developed? The RDA presence in the park hurts the park and the Morrisville residents it serves. I've heard the excuse that resolution #1066 cannot be rescinded because that would bind the hand of future Councils. Future Council's hands are bound all the time. Relevant examples are Graystone, the Dog Park, Patriots Park and the Riverfront Nature Preserve. Binding the hand of Council has a specific legal meaning which involves contracts. For example, suppose Council decided to get rid of Republic Services because they didn't pick up trash last Monday on Crown Street, said Council decides to replace Republic with Waste Management, Council can't do this because their hands are bound by the previous Council that signed a contract with Republic Services. Binding the hands of future Councils occurs when a contract agreed to by a previous Council

prevents them from taking action. Rescinding Resolution #1066 cannot bind the hands of future Councils because there are no contracts involved. It is an excuse that is insufficient on the face of it, that's all I really have to say. One more thing, I know how much you all enjoy my presentations when I come up here and I have an offer to make you. If you rescind Resolution #1066 you've seen the last of me coming up here and complaining about it. That's all, thank you.

Mr. Robinson stated, it just wouldn't be the same Mr. Rice, when this is all settled and done he can come up and just give us a weather report, it doesn't matter. We'd love to hear from you.

Mr. Rice replied, Sam our lawyer was involved in Carlton Park in Downingtown, that case took 10 years, so I could be coming here for a while.

4. Jane Burger – *90 W. Maple Avenue*

She stated, I just want to congratulate our newest member of Council I wish you well and much success. I was able to see the Mayor, you'll be posted on Facebook, the swearing in, I appreciated that but I must have missed the post to let us know it was going to happen because believe me many of us would have come down to be here in person to congratulate you and wish you well. You're smiling tonight and there will be some nights because of your job up there that you may not have as big as a smile but as long as you do the right thing the right way for the right reason you will be successful and that way Morrisville will be a win-win situation. Thank you.

Ms. Murray replied, thank you very much.

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 April 19, 2022.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lubin.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote 7-1 Abstention (abstention being Ms. Murray).

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Parker stated, due to May 2022 meeting being rescheduled the Treasurer's Report for April 2022 will be provided at a later date.

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

Motion made by Mr. Robinson.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lubin.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, roll call please.

Motion carried by roll call vote 8-0.

REPORTS

Mayor's Report – Brud Anderson – He stated, just a couple quick things coming up that I'll be doing, of course the Memorial Day Parade is coming up a great tradition here, I've been marching in that for years, I'm proud to do it again this year so I'm looking forward to that. Another place I'll be coming up is June 18th at 50 North Pennsylvania Avenue in the parking lot across the street from the Compass Fellowship Church, there will be an event put on by the Single Parent Fellowship this is also something that's been done quite often here by a woman her name is Crawford and she's been doing this for years there's going to be speakers, games, prizes, free

clothes and other surprises so I'll be there as well. On another topic, I just wanted to thank both our Chief, George McClay and our Council for their due diligence on getting some new part-timer officers hired since I've been here it's really appreciated and something that I'm looking forward to more in the future, but I specifically want to thank Council for doing the two conditional hires last month so we could get these people started and signed in. We've already signed in one officer and we hope to do another one very soon so thank you everybody for that I really appreciate it, it means a lot to our public that we're looking out for their safety. I also would like to welcome Ms. Murray over here. Congratulations, welcome up here to Council. I'd like to point something out that I'm very proud of here tonight, if you look to both sides of me you can see for the first time in a very long time there's no empty chairs up here so that's good to see thank you everybody.

Police Chief's Report – Chief George McClay – He stated, Council we've had a large amount of catalytic converters being stolen. They first started over in the Manor and it's now moved across the Borough. We're not alone in this catalytic converters are a huge theft problem all across the Country. I'm trying to get a task force together across our County to do something about it, but just a theft tip, if you do have a large truck anything over an F-150, try to park it near a light, try to park it into your driveway, the catalytic converters are removed within 30 seconds, people crawl underneath with a battery-powered saw all and they just walk away with them. This is every day all across the County. We've been lucky, this has just started to hit us it went bad for about three or four days and it hasn't stopped. We did lock up one person but this is a problem that everybody's going to have. Enforcement of truck traffic, I hope you've noticed the increase down on South Pennsylvania Avenue, we've been writing tickets the trucks coming off Route 1 not stopping for the stop sign, you've also had the Pennsylvania State Police, they've been stationed on the other side of Post Road because that's really the only place they can set up and stop traffic and bring the trucks in for inspection. I did send the Mayor the statistics. Did you send them across to everybody else?

Mayor Anderson replied, no, I did not, but we can do that tomorrow first thing.

Chief McClay stated, yeah statistics on how many tickets they've given out to the truckers. They have promised me that they're going to try to be there once a week. Everybody knows the police vehicle did get delivered it'll probably take about three months before it's marked up and put out on patrol.

Ms. Hlahol stated, Chief thanks for your efforts for the trucks down on South Pennsylvania Avenue.

Manager's Report – Judith Danko – She stated, as you can see the Bridge Street Project with PennDOT, the drawings that were approved that are over here to the left of me. The bids were approved they came in line with the budgeted amount through PennDOT so work should begin shortly. It's very exciting because not many times do the bids come in line with the budget amount with such a large project such as this so we're excited to see some progress. I've been reviewing current grants and possible grants. I had sent an email to Gilmore and I have some information that I had just received that I'm going to be forwarding to Council with some flood mitigation, some greenway trails, things of that nature. It was said by Council that we need to not work with any grants that require matches right now due to the fact of our budget issues so we'll be looking at those if there's anything that would not be detrimental to our budget we certainly wouldn't propose anything of that nature but we'll have a list of things to go over with Council, I'm hoping to be able to do that shortly. As you can see, down the line of some of the administration and finance items I don't know if anyone has any questions regarding them.

Ms. Sherlock stated, Mr. Parker I was just wondering with regards to the EIT, have we actually made an official motion, who is actually going to be doing the collecting? Have we determined between Keystone and Berkheimer?

Ms. Danko stated, I'm going to let you take that.

Mr. Holbert stated, that's a County level decision so under the State Law, under the LTEA, Local Tax Enabling Act, a tax collection committee in each case basically

every County sets up for the entire county so that's decided, that's taken out of each individual municipality's hands so it's an easier transfer so ours will be Keystone.

Ms. Sherlock replied, okay.

Ms. Danko replied, yes and the tax collection committee information that I had provided to you we should see that on a monthly basis.

Ms. Sherlock stated, okay and then the American Rescue Plan that was reported, can we get a copy of that?

Ms. Danko replied, there's a one page sheet that just says I did it, that's all that takes place now everything is online and that's all I get at this point. So I'm hoping to be able to get some type of a response as to it's completed and done. I've been checking in and I haven't gotten anything.

Ms. Sherlock stated, my question more was about what was filled in like did you just put all zeros because we didn't do anything with it yet or –

Ms. Danko replied, correct. You have an option to take several different ways of reporting items because of the fact that we were eligible to report in the manner that has been newly provided to us as of April 1st, that's how I reported that we have not spent anything to date and that we're going to take that one-time exemption and because of the fact of the population that we have and the amount that we were provided and as I was saying because the rules did change that's why we were waiting because the changes took place April 1st. So I'm again waiting for something to come as a report. You have to physically check in. It's all online, you go into a portal. There is no physical copies anymore that's how it is, so I'll be checking just to make sure that the reporting that was done prior to my being here was done correctly because there was some prior reporting done and as soon as I get some sort of reporting back to me then I'll be meeting with Council as to some of the things that we would like to be able to do with the funds.

Ms. Sherlock stated, one last question, part of this was investigating a payroll company and I was just curious, we have this on our agenda this evening, can you give us any more details with regards to that?

Ms. Danko replied, certainly, what I did was I sent an email to the Bucks County Consortium that was with all of the managers in Bucks County and your question virtually goes to all of them and then anybody in a municipality that would like to respond back to me is able to do so. I did receive three responses back from three different managers informing me of the payroll companies that they were utilizing, the amount of employees they have, the costs and so forth, so that's how I was able to put a generic number on the agenda this evening. I had also reached out to two different companies probably about six months ago trying to see if that was something that would be viable for the Borough and I'll again be reaching out to those companies.

Ms. Sherlock asked, those that responded were they comparable communities?

Ms. Danko replied, one of them was, the other two were not, but when we talk about comparable one was a larger municipality with more employees, one was a smaller municipalities with less employees, although all of them needed the quarterly taxes done, they all needed the yearly W-2s, they all needed the W3s and so forth so those are some of the things that I'm looking for, so that was comparative.

Ms. Sherlock replied, okay thank you.

Ms. Danko replied, you're welcome.

Mr. Parker asked, anyone else have a question? All right, thank you Judith.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Price Engelhard stated, I have a report for the Morrisville Parks and Recreation meeting that was held on April 26th in the Borough Hall. In attendance was Nancy Sherlock, Committee Member, Andrew Lubin, Committee Member and Brud

Anderson, Mayor. Along with that was Debra Colgan, Mary Hrenda, Jane Burger and Noel Sperry, was representing Imagine Morrisville. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Nancy Sherlock. The chair, me, Kathryn Price Engelhard was not in attendance. Motion was approved, the minutes by Andrew and seconded. I'm not going to read every little line item because I'll be here too long but Noel Sperry representing Imagine Morrisville it's a volunteer civic group gave a presentation on a one-day event they would like to have in July this year. It's a giant slip and slide proposal to be held at Williamson Park in the area of the sledding hill. That sounds like so much fun. The group is in the process of applying for a 501(c)(3) status it's not complete yet. They are not an insured organization and are hoping that the Borough would sponsor and assist with the insurance. They have a vendor and will contact them to see if the vendor carries insurance. I can say they probably will. They're looking to have a couple food vendors and vendors will pay the vendor fees and they're working out the details and they're considering charging a fee of like \$5.00 for five rides or something like that. There was a question regarding too much water and on the ground safety other things to consider before it's okayed. Nancy talked about the Borough looking into liability insurance. Noel also mentioned that the Morrisville-Yardley Rotary would like to take a project on updating the stage in the park, this would involve relocating the ramp in the front of the stage, painting and possibly electrical and lighting. There was a miscommunication with the Borough Manager but that seems to be corrected on giving permission for fundraising. The Williamson Park Grant that had been mentioned in the past. Nancy said her conversation with Judith Danko involved Judith asking for everyone to be patient at this time and she hopes to see this through. Members present would like the Borough to use rescue money for the match. Nothing had been decided yet and Judith mentioned at the last Council meeting that \$15,000 had already been drawn down on the grant, but we didn't have the details. The dog water fountains, the Borough has not been involved with repairing them at this time. The Dog Park committee is handling that and there is some dispute with the pump plumber for the work to be done. I actually talked to John tonight and at least one of the water fountains has been repaired. General discussion, Nancy asked if this committee would work on getting all the memorials in the park organized or assembled in one place because they're currently throughout the park. Andrew said his son works for Home Depot and can

help arrange some materials from our local Home Depots. There was a mention that the railroad ties and other debris left by the railroad workers near the preserve and can we have the Borough contact them to get that removed. Would it be possible also for various equipment and materials that are being staged in the parking lot at Union and Delmorr to be staged in a larger northern part of the park? Currently, the materials are falling down onto the hill and the park trees in that location. There's more room from the northern location on a flat surface and Nancy will contact the Borough Manager. Informational, Jane Burger said that the Morrisville Business Association would like to have their annual car show in October and Andrew suggested that they do either the 17th or the 24th because of larger shows in the County beginning that month. Mary Hrenda said there are two large groundhog holes in the levee and they are in an area in the most northern baseball field and Nancy said she would also contact the Borough on that. Debby said that Judith and Ted are working on a plan to be able to plant trees in the fall they've missed the opportunity of the last two cycles and we'd like to get back on track. Discussion ensued regarding what's known as the pig lot on Delmorr Avenue, it seems to be wetter and wetter at this time, is there a leak or is the canal causing that and we're going to look into that. No other business was discussed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55. Thank you Nancy, for taking the minutes and running the meeting for me.

Mr. Robinson stated, I have a real quick question, the stage -- what was the part of the report about, the stage?

Ms. Sherlock stated, the Rotary is looking to raise some money to rehab the stage apparently and one of the things that they mentioned was putting the ramp in the back I suggested maybe the side because the back does have parking and so forth, that was a goal of theirs.

Mr. Robinson stated, I am in no way knocking the Rotary and I don't want to sound like a Debbie Downer or negative saying this right now, but in this world that we live in right now, that is not a stage, that is an elevated picnic area for picnic tables, okay. We would have to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to make that a stage to make that something viable that actual real talent is going to come to perform on to

draw people or we're going to have the same events we're going to have 15 people show. Acoustically it's atrocious and I know that because I've done plenty of sound on that stage. There's no lighting. Stage lighting is number one for like when you need lighting. The halogen bulbs that come on at sunset, that's not stage lighting. There's no restrooms, there's no dressing rooms, so I mean I get you could call it a stage because it kind of -- but as far as for a performance venue there and again this is nothing against Noel, I know Noel loves this town and Noel wants nothing but good and so does the Rotary, but that is going to cost a lot of money to make that a stage versus -- it's an elevated picnic area. The only difference between that and the other pavilion is one's up in the air and one's not. It's not a stage right now.

Ms. Sherlock stated, it's more of just a pavilion, that's really what it is and I think they know that.

Mr. Robinson stated, moving a handicap ramp that's not creating a stage.

Ms. Price Engelhard stated, I was just saying yeah we understand that. The controversy was Noel was under the impression that they the Rotary could raise money for this and I just had voiced some concerns about that because what if they raised \$10,000.00 but only spent \$5,000.00 and then people are going to think that the Borough -- I'd rather it be something different than that if they're going to fundraise it comes directly to the Borough just so that we can be open about all money that comes in and there's no question about it but I think that they probably understand that.

Ms. Sherlock stated, I think they also understand about sound and lighting that's a huge issue.

Mr. Robinson stated, and a restroom and a dressing room.

Ms. Sherlock stated, yeah, and actually the backdrop. Like Noel wasn't familiar with the fact that the students at the high school will be -- I mean it's part of the mural project but it's not really, because it was already in place but the students at the high

school should be able to present us with a design soon about what to do for the backdrop. That alone will make it a little bit –

Mr. Robinson stated, if it's going to be a stage like with the way it's set up now then for a jazz concert yeah, if we're going to do a play about Queen Elizabeth that's not really a good background.

Ms. Sherlock stated, it was a challenge when the theater did The Man Who Bought A Country.

Ms. Danko stated, if I may clarify, I think that's a part of this, I had overheard a conversation that there was going to be the fundraising regarding this and that the Rotary Club was very interested in pursuing this. My response to that was I can't stop you from fundraising but the best thing to do is put a plan, a written plan together, go to Parks and Recreation, go to Council, get approvals and then move from there. So there was a misunderstanding from what I understand that I approved this plan which there is no plan, and I did not. So again, what I continue to tell everyone is put a written plan together, come to Parks and Recreation, bring it to the Borough Council, bring it to myself so I can provide it to Parks and Recreation or to the Council so we have an idea of what you really want to do so we don't just have people fundraising and collecting money for things that we really don't even know what they're for. Thank you for the opportunity to clarify that.

Ms. Price Engelhard stated, Scott I disagree, I've seen some nice talent up there.

Mr. Robinson stated, no I'm not disparaging the talent that we've had there, like last summer I saw a couple shows at Mercer County Park, people from Morrisville post on Facebook every week in the summertime that they're going to the amphitheater in Bensalem. The talent, the acts, the performers that are going to perform at Mercer County Park or they're going to perform at the amphitheater in Bensalem or any other they go up all the time wouldn't happen here.

Ms. Price Engelhard stated, I agree, I understand what you said.

Mr. Parker asked, all right can we move on please?

Ms. Sherlock stated, I have one more question about committees though, this would be for Judith, this was in the report that we got from Mike from Zoning it was a question about the cell towers at the Stockham Building, he did mention that he wanted to make sure and I don't know if this is something we pass on to our attorney or not but he said he did find it interesting the only place an antenna is allowed is by special exception in the RN Zoning we have to be careful to review act 50 of 2021 so that we're not in violation so we may have to adopt an ordinance or two is what he said and I'd really like to make sure we get on that so that we're in compliance and don't get challenged, particularly since that's a challenged building. So where do we go from that?

Ms. Danko stated, Mike is continuing to review things. What we're doing is we're looking for some files, we're looking for in some old documentation is really what we're looking for at this time. We've found some more current items as I reported to you but we're looking for some of the older information and once we find that I was going to be reaching back out to Council and then the solicitor to see if Council wanted to entertain the idea of updating the ordinances.

Ms. Sherlock replied, okay thank you.

Ms. Danko stated, you're welcome.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion 8A – Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$110,000.00 to the Morrisville Fire Company, as per 2022 Fire Fund Budget, contingent upon receipt of their 2021 Financial Statement, Schedule of Events, Current Roster and 2021 Audit.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lubin.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, roll call.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion carried by roll call vote 7-1 Abstention (abstention being Ms. Murray).

Motion 8B – Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$59,000.00 to Capital Health EMS, as per the 2022 EMS Fund Budget, contingent upon receipt of their 2021 Financial Statement and Audit. The payment amount of \$44,000.00 reflects the deduction of \$15,000.00 for the 2022 annual fee due from Capital Health System, Inc. for leasing the building located at 139 North Washington Street, Morrisville, PA, per contract.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, roll call.

Motion carried by roll call vote 7-1 Abstention (abstention being Ms. Murray).

Motion 8C – Motion to approve the Resolution establishing a new account with PNC Bank in accordance with the terms of the Police Vehicle Grant.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Robinson.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

Motion 8D – Motion to approve Chief McClay’s request for permission to investigate damage to a vehicle, an administrative investigation according to Police Directive #113.

Motion made by Ms. Hlahol.

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 8-0.

Motion 8E - Motion to approve the update to Borough Manager Danko's contract pertaining to the Pension section 8.1.

Motion made by Ms. Hlahol.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lubin.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

Motion 8F - Motion to approve entering into an Agreement with Vijay Kapoor with a fee rate of \$225.00 per hour, not to exceed \$16,500, to complete an Act 111 Study and present hearing testimony as needed.

Motion made by Ms. Hlahol.

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 8-0.

Motion 8G – Motion to accept the resignation of Micah Heitz, per letter dated 5/2/2022.

Motion made by Mr. Robinson.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lubin.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

Motion 8H – Motion to authorize Borough Manager to contract with a temp agency for Borough office temporary staffing needs.

Motion made by Ms. Hlahol.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lubin.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

Motion 8I – Motion to authorize Borough Manager to contract with a best suited payroll company for the Boroughs needs not to exceed \$8,000 annually.

Motion made by Mr. Robinson.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lubin.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

Motion 8J – Motion to authorize Borough Manager to advertise for “Financial Officer/Assistant Treasurer”.

Motion made by Ms. Hlahol.

Motion seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote 7-1. (nay vote being Ms. Sherlock)

Motion 8K – Motion to approve Payment #1, for the Melvin Avenue Basin Retrofit Project for \$147,328.65 to G&B Construction Group, Inc.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lubin.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote 7-1 Abstention (abstention being Ms. Murray).

COUNCIL COMMITTEES/BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Motion 9A – Environmental Advisory Council: One 3-year appointment to expire on 12/16/2024. *Letter of interest from Deborah Colgan.

Motion to nominate Deborah Colgan made by Ms. Sherlock.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, we have a nomination for the position, do we have another? We have a nomination, do we have another? We have a nomination, do we have another? Going once, going twice, we have a nomination, do we have another? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

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

Motion to nominate Deborah Colgan carried by voice vote 8-0.

Mr. Parker stated, we're going to do announcements for the Council Committee Appointment openings before we do anything else. We have one Civil Service Commission appointment that is open, it's a six year term, remainder of the term and it expires on January 21st, 2026. We also have a Library Board one position remaining for two years of a three-year term to expire on March 1st, 2024. We have another Library Board position it's a one three-year term position to expire on March 1st, 2025. We have a Planning Commission opening it's a one four-year appointment to expire on December 31st, 2025. Those are all the openings if anyone's interested they can send a letter of interest to the Borough Manager.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Hlahol stated, I just wanted to let everyone know that the picnic tables arrived and they are currently being assembled and they will be delivered to the Borough at the end of this week and John Later has been notified. I will connect him so that he can work with the company and get everything all squared away and secured.

Ms. Sherlock asked, where are they going to be placed, Helen?

Ms. Hlahol replied, they are going to be placed, two of them will be placed on South Delmorr and Philadelphia Avenue in the open space field and one will be placed at the Manor Park playground.

Ms. Sherlock stated, thank you.

Ms. Hlahol stated, I guess I can say it's courtesy of Waste Management so I'm going to give a thank you to them for helping us and getting this done.

Mr. Parker asked, anyone else have anything?

Ms. Sherlock stated, yes, I just wanted to announce with regards to the openings on the committees, the Library Board met this evening and I know there's someone who's interested, hopefully that will produce this gentleman's letter of interest after this evening. Also, regarding the Library they have a very large and inclusive Waves of Summer Fun program that I'd like everyone to check out there's quite a bit and they still have the story time and so forth and so on and some virtual programs as well. I'd like to comment with regards to -- well actually I should have done this under the committees, I'm sorry. The School Board and Council Joint meeting was Wednesday and there were just a few things that took place there. The closing of the sale of Manor Park School is expected the week of May 16th and all the funds will go to their capital funds. They're looking to do an Instagram page for PR, they're looking also to do a new Facebook page. Their Health and Safety Plan is not complete but they haven't really made any changes except that masks are recommended but not required. There are two positions available, one is the School Board vacancy and they're also looking for one position of a resident to be on their Tech Board, they meet quarterly, they asked if we could advertise that on our social media page as well once they get the ad to us so that's forthcoming.

Ms. Danko replied, I just wanted to let you know yes Nancy, as long as they get the information to us we will certainly put it on our social media sites.

Ms. Sherlock stated, okay there was a lengthy discussion involving North Point project and how can the School District and Council work together to put some positive messages out to the community, possibly having some sort of brainstorming session with all the stakeholders and or even a survey and what is it that people like about Morrisville, what makes it great, how do we involve the community and work together? Hopefully we can do something with regards to that and have a start within our own groups, Council and School Board and then maybe amongst us submit some ideas, offer these ideas to the public, see if we can get grants to help with marketing. The suggestion is don't wait for the committees to be formed, gather all the information all along and just keep it moving and then set up a meeting with a State Rep and our Senator maybe sometime during the summer to share this information. We could have it at the high school and listen to all ideas and be prepared to accept the growth of North Point and possibly now is the time to restart the Business Outreach Committee which was formed. Just make sure that everybody has a voice. Now those are all the positive things that can happen to town but I will say the negative parts of this is going to be the truck traffic but there's no denying it and I don't know necessarily know how to combat it, we try at every turn but I know we'll just have to keep plugging away and we'll see and when we meet with the Senator and the State Rep we can only encourage those new companies to have their trucks take a different route, we can't force them but we can encourage them.

Ms. Hlahol stated, so I've been talking to all the companies down there. I've been talking to North Point, I've been talking to Waste Management, I have been talking to every single company along South Pennsylvania Avenue on the Falls side, they are all very receptive and they have been telling their truckers to take Tyburn Road. Now a lot of them have outsourced trucks so they can't really control them they can only suggest to them the route that they need to take. However, their trucks are taking Tyburn Road and I have noticed a difference, it's not great but there is a slight difference and I think with the Chief's help in getting this done and if we could get that Motor Carrier Officer I think that we'll probably be in better shape than if we just let them do whatever they want. The companies are very receptive to getting the phone calls and the complaints, so if the residents notice a certain truck that is going by I know that some of them have been calling me and telling me the names of the

trucks but you can't look at the trailer you need to look at the cab to see what the company is and if you call them they will talk to those trucking companies and tell them that they should be taking Tyburn Road. I've also been talking to Steve Santarsiero and his office in getting better signage put up in order to direct people or I should say trucks not to continue down to take the Route 1 exit but to get actually off on Route 13, that will entail talking with PennDOT but I am talking with them and I am pushing it and hopefully something will come of it.

Ms. Sherlock replied, thank you. With regards to what you just said which trucking companies have agreed to this so that the people know which ones to call on? Now we know Waste Management has been very adamant about their trucks and said call us in a heartbeat. If we're going to have the residents call on these companies, which ones would they be?

Ms. Hlahol stated, whatever name is on the truck.

Ms. Sherlock stated, okay so any of them is what you're saying, right? I don't know, I'm asking.

Ms. Hlahol replied, if they see a name then they should call or they can call me and I will handle it. I mean I can't give you 50,000 trucking names, they have to look at the truck and they have to figure out who it is, but you have to look at the cab and not the trailer because the cab is the name of the trucking company not the trailer.

Ms. Sherlock replied, thank you okay. I'm going to continue with this school one for a moment please. They're having a book drive this summer. Graduation is June 20th, they will be having a parade with the same route that they had last year, I don't know if they've contacted you yet Chief. Also, they mentioned there was an issue with the MMA, their issue it was not the MMA's issue. There was an issue with regards to the flushing and some miscommunication and the late notice but I talked to Mr. Warena about that and they're working that out. On Council side I did mention to them about the Box with a Cop event on May 20th from Friday 6 to 8 p.m and this is in cooperation with the Sheriff's Department of Bucks County, so I don't know, I know

our officers aren't going to be there but you're not – no, okay. I did mention about the Bridge Placement Project, North Pennsylvania Avenue, I know it's far off but before we know it, it'll be here and it will be a detour for all vehicles and pedestrians. The project start time is still a year and a half away. Mrs. Bauer, the art teacher is working with the students regarding the mural at the pavilion/stage. Also, Summerseat received a grant for their boiler. We really didn't have anything to do with it but someone had called me about it to see if the Borough would sponsor or help sponsor or write a letter, but as it turned out we didn't have to do that, but they did get the grant which is great. I think that is it. Thank you very much for your time.

Mr. Parker stated, thank you. Is there anyone else?

Ms. Danko stated, Council President, I just wanted to let everyone on Council know that I did provide grant info needed that I had gotten from Mr. Schroeder from Gilmore and I was hoping you could read through that, that was part of the update that I wanted to provide. I just want to make sure everybody saw that. Thank you.

Mr. Parker asked, anyone else?

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn, made by Ms. Hlahol.

Motion seconded by Mr. Parker at 8:46 p.m.

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