



6:00 Executive Session – Police, PBA Contract & Personnel, Litigation

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 7:15 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Morrisville Municipal Building, 35 Union Street, Morrisville, PA for a Regular Council Meeting.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

All those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

The following Council members and Borough officials were in attendance:

Borough Council: Ted Parker, President
Bob Paul, Vice President
Helen Hlahol
Andrew Lubin
Kathryn Price Engelhard
Scott Robinson (via phone)
Nancy Sherlock

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

Not in Attendance: Carletha Murray, Councilwoman
Virginia Cyphers, Assist. Borough Secretary

3. Announcements and Presentations

- Mr. Holbert stated, prior to tonight’s meeting, Borough Council met in executive session where matters involving labor contract negotiations and personnel issues were discussed.

4. Public Comments

1. Don Rice – *Resident of the Borough*

He would like Council to rescind Resolution #1066 that declared Williamson Park to be part of the Certified Redevelopment Area, and gives the RDA ownership interest in the park. The Borough does not need the RDA to receive grants. The examples given by the RDA of park improvements were not valid, because they were a trailer park and an old abandoned area that was contaminated. He said if you want to preserve our park you need to remove the RDA from the park by rescinding your November 30th 2021 vote, Williamson Park does not belong



in the Certified Redevelopment Area. He said we cannot sub-divide the park to develop just a portion.

2. Mary Hrenda – *Resident of the Borough*

She thinks we should use the American Rescue Plan money to hire full-time police officers. Some Council members have not committed to preserving Williamson Park because they believe they should leave open the possibility for a future development opportunity, but we need to listen to the people, they want the park. All families use the park for many reasons like health benefits, exercise, fresh air, mind at peace and trees that shade and clean the air. She mentioned opportunities for community groups to do projects such as planting trees, making trails, replacing benches and picnic tables and maybe a community garden.

3. Joan Schwartz – *580 Rosemar Drive*

She spoke about the condition of 573 Rosemar Drive. It is in deplorable condition, with weeds, debris, tall grass, mice, rats, various other critters and even a stray deer or two in the front yard. They need help with this property it has been going on too long and it is an extreme health hazard to those of us living around the property. They were told by Borough Officials that nothing can be done because of not knowing the home's ownership. She also understands that the taxes have been paid on the property so how can this be? The residents of Rosemar Drive need help as soon as possible, this has been going on far too long.

4. Diane Alexander – *574 Rosemar Drive*

She also spoke about 573 Rosemar and its deplorable condition. She lives across the street and a stray cat continues to bring mice to her house. Please can we get help somehow? Can somebody come out there to look at it or do something about it?

5. Danielle Alexander – *574 Rosemar Drive*

She also spoke about 573 Rosemar and its deplorable condition. She shared a time line of the calls she made regarding this property: June 3rd she submitted a complaint online and sent pictures; June 10th she called the Borough and was told there is a process, the owner had to be given 30 days notice to respond; July 8th her neighbor came to the Borough and was told the grass would be cut on July 11th and that the owner would be charged \$250.00; July 12th she called the Borough and left a message that the grass still was not cut; July 13th she called the Borough and the inspector came to her house informed her that he did not know who owned the property. Her second issue is the traffic light at Trenton Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue, she believes it is dangerous.

John Later explained that he checked with PennDOT and that the traffic light is operating correctly and within the right parameters.

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

She thanked Ted for his services and wishes he and his family the best of luck. Regarding the motion to plant trees this evening, she is in favor and mentioned that the Church Trust by lease requires the Borough to replace any trees that are removed. This planting will only cost



the Borough about 15 minutes of John Later's time. The EAC has a solid plan in place to purchase, plant and water the trees. She would like the Borough to use the park for its intended use, and keep it a park as it has been for almost 100 years. She was hoping to be informed of the Borough's plans to address the need for police protection. She asked to use American Rescue Plan money to pay for police, and mentioned the rules to use American Rescue Plan always included law enforcement expenses. She inquired about the missing American Rescue Plan money that was discussed at the June Finance Committee meeting and the plan for the use of the unprecedented opportunity for the Borough.

7. Joshua Kuntz – 40 Union Street

He thanked Ted, and then spoke of the benefits of trees and hopes the Borough will plant them. He would like our future to be one of nature and peace not all concrete. Let's not over develop and make it right for our future. Help the carbon count by planting trees.

There being no further public comment, the President proceeded to the business portion of the agenda.

5. Approval of Minutes

5A. Motion to approve the Borough Council Regular Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2022 and June 21, 2022.

Motion made by Ms. Hlahol and seconded by Mr. Parker.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

6. Finance

6A. Treasurers Report

The President noted that the Treasurer's Report would be provided at a later date.

6B. Approval of the Bill List

Motion to approve the bill list and pay the bills.

Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Ms. Price Engelhard.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

7. Reports

7A. Mayor's Report

He stated, the NNO was successful, he thanked everyone who helped put it together and donated and looks forward to having it again next year. He spoke about the Morrisville Labor Day Picnic and mentioned some activities. He spoke about the importance of having police and said he has been working with the Chief, Manager and Council to make sure we have the police presence we need. He encouraged the public to submit an e-mail if they have more questions so that they can get answers rather than speaking at public comment where



they might not get an answers to their questions. He would be happy to talk to them. The Mayor spoke highly about Ted and thanked him and Wanda for their many years of service to the Borough by serving on Council and School Board and the many other boards they served on. He wished Ted and Wanda the best and said they will be missed.

Various Council members also offered their thoughts about Ted's resignation and wished him the best.

7B. Police Chief's Report

He stated that the National Night out was a very nice night for all the citizens and next year will be bigger and better. He stated that there is a man named Derek Coleman that is currently being sought by the Mercer County District Attorney's office, they hope to apprehend him shortly. He also mentioned an arrest that took place on Harper Avenue recently that was done with the Bucks County District Attorney's Narcotics Task Force. They apprehended narcotics and numerous weapons and guns. He told us about a Trick or Treat night in the park that will be an effort of the Police Department and the Solid Rock Youth Center. There will be a movie and other activities. The Chief gave a report about the Bridge Street Project and said that 2 lanes will always be open and there will be no parking from the 7-Eleven to the Deli, but you will be able to access all the businesses.

7C. Manager's Report

She stated that the Bridge Street Canal Project is a great project and started some 10 years ago. She stated that they hope to have a celebration of sorts to kick it off, although there is no opportunity to have a shovel in the ground picture. She stated that they have a continued collaboration for a possible donor with the engineering for the resurrection of the Manor Park Grant. She thanked Ted for his years of service and said she has enjoyed working with him for this past year. She also thanked Wanda, because often times spouses are not thanked enough for their sacrifices. She wished them the best. She presented her report and if there are any questions please let her know.

7D. Committee Reports

• **Parks and Recreation Committee**

Ms. Price Engelhard read the minutes from the July Parks and Receptions report. She apologized she didn't get it out in time for the delivery.

• **Joint School Board Borough Council Meeting**

Mrs. Sherlock mentioned that the last Joint School Board Borough Council Meeting was cancelled and a new date will be set. The only question at the time that was asked and answered was, "Does Morrisville have a teacher shortage at this time?" She was told there is a shortage but it is not causing an impact at this time, because we are a small district.



8. Action Items

8A. Motion to award the contract for the 2022 CDBG Design/Build Curb Ramp Project to T. Schiefer Contractors, Inc., for the Base Bid plus Alternate Bid #1 for a total contract amount of \$202,400.00, to be paid from CDBG funds.
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Parker.
No discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

8B. Motion to approve payment #2 to G&B Construction Group, Inc. in the amount of \$59,166.88 for the Melvin Ave Basin Retrofit project, to be paid from grant funds.
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Parker.
Discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

8C. Motion to advertise PA DEP amendments to the Act 167 Stormwater Management Ordinance for adoption of Ordinance at 9/20/22 council meeting.
Motion made by Mr. Paul and seconded by Mr. Lubin.
No discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

8D. Motion to ratify Borough Managers execution of PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resource Letter of Authorization dated 7/25/22 regarding the Bridge Street Crossing Project.
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Lubin.
No discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

8E. Motion to approve and accept the Civil Service Commission Eligibility List (approved date 3/28/22, expiring 3/28/23) For Entry-Level Full-Time Police Officers.
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Lubin.
Discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

8F. Motion to approve Chief McClay to investigate a police vehicle accident. According to Police Directive 113 Internal Affairs.
Motion made by Ms. Price Engelhard and seconded by Mr. Parker.
Discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.



8G. Motion to approve special event road closure of a portion of the 200 block of Stockham Avenue (205 through 227) for Holy Trinity School's 6th Annual Food Truck Friendly to be held from 4:30 pm to 9:30 pm on Friday, September 9th 2022.
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Lubin.
No discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

8H. Motion to approve MEAC request for support to move forward with Williamson Park Tree Proposal at no cost to the Borough.
Motion made by Ms. Price Engelhard and seconded by Mr. Lubin.
No discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

8I. Motion to regretfully accept Ted Parker's resignation from Morrisville Municipal Authority effective August 22, 2022.
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Parker.
Discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

8J. Motion to regretfully accept Councilmen Ted Parker's resignation from the Morrisville Borough Council effective August 22, 2022.
Motion made by Mr. Parker and seconded by Mr. Paul.
Discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

8K. Motion to advertise a vacant Council position in the 4th Ward to complete a term expiring 1/2/2024.
Motion made by Ms. Price Engelhard and seconded by Mr. Lubin.
No discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

Council Committees/Board & Commission Appointments:

Morrisville Municipal Authority: One 5-year appointment to complete unexpired term through 1/6/25.

*Letter of interest from Andrew Lubin.

Nomination of Andrew Lubin by Mr. Parker.

No discussion took place regarding the nomination.

Vote to appoint Andrew Lubin for Morrisville Municipal Authority.

Vote passed by voice vote 7-0.



9. Other Business

The President noted that there was no unfinished or new business to discuss.

10. Borough Officials

10A. Motion: Council President Ted Parker is re-creating a “Business Outreach Sub Committee” appointing Councilwoman Hlahol as the Chair of the Committee.

Motion made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Lubin.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

- Mr. Parker appointed Helen Hlahol as Chair of the Business Outreach Committee and talked about former Councilwoman Kronnagel had this position and worked with the businesses with success in the past. It was an open forum and he hopes to see it be successful. Ted said that anyone interested should contact the acting president to express interest.
- Mrs. Sherlock spoke about the Jazz Fest which is on September 10th from noon to 7 pm. She encouraged everyone to attend with their tents, chairs and picnics.
- Mr. Parker suggested that the Parks and Recreation Board pick up the Jazz Fest as a Borough event which started out as a Borough event 19 years ago.
- Mrs. Sherlock asked about the progress on the Borough roof and if there was any thought about the possibility of putting on some solar panels.
- John Later replied that the roof needs engineering review.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Sherlock.

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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