



MEETING MINUTES
MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022
7:00 P.M.
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The Morrisville Borough Council met on Monday, November 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Morrisville Municipal Building, 35 Union Street, Morrisville, PA for a Special Council Meeting.

This was a joint meeting with the Morrisville Municipal Authority. (The MMA continued their meeting of November 17th to attend this joint session)

1. Attendance

The following Council members, Borough officials and MMA members were in attendance:

- Borough Council: Bob Paul, President
Helen Hlahol, Vice President
Andrew Lubin (also MMA Board Member)
Jason Manness
Kathryn Price Engelhard
Nancy Sherlock
- Borough Officials: Judith Danko, Borough Manager
John Later, Public Works Superintendent
- MMA Members: John Warend, MMA Executive Director
Chris Harris, Superintendent of Water Treatment Plant
Beth Haws, MMA Executive Administrator
Jane Burger, MMA Board Member
Debbie Smith, MMA Board Member
- Not in Attendance: Carletha Murray, Council Member
Scott Robinson, Council Member
Brud Anderson, Mayor
Roy Snare, MMA Board Member
Robert Perry, MMA Board Member

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Borough's agreement with the MMA, in order to present a Borough Budget for 2023.

2. Discussion

- Mr. Warend spoke about the fact that the MMA eliminated the mechanic position in January of 2022, which is cause for a reduction in the agreement amount.
- Mrs. Danko was asked to explain what the true expenses are to the Borough, the monthly financials are broken down with water costs accounted for but does not address some of the other expenses,



such as use of space, employee benefits, use of equipment, copier, phone, lighting, postage machine, she feels there are expenses not listed.

- Mr. Warena became Director in 2009 and explained the \$50,000 obligation that the MMA absorbed regarding the garage. He spoke about the streets that the MMA has paved and equipment they purchased such as the backhoe, the current agreement of \$725,000 is too high for the services received. Right now \$350,000 is on the table.
- Mrs. Smith can agree to \$350,000, because they no longer use the Borough employee. She feels the Borough allocates too much money for employee salaries, plus they will be moving.
- Discussion ensued about work orders, when the list was presented the MMA felt the list was short and doesn't represent a large expense to the Borough. Mr. Later explained that one work order can include multiple days of work.
- Mr. Warena said a line needs to be drawn. The MMA wants to use their own employees for the work and their goal is to have 2 MMA employees and 3rd party contractors when necessary going forward. A question of shoddy workmanship was referenced and Mr. Later mentioned sometimes it is the product that causes the problem.
- Mr. Warena said the obligation has doubled in the last five years and feels the math is wrong. He would like to come to an agreement that would be for 3 to 4 years so they don't have to address this every year. Mr. Warena feels that a public service agreement model does not work right now.
- Mr. Warena said there are 3 major districts they cover, Falls, Lower Makefield and Morrisville, Falls Sewer Service and Keystone Service.
- Mrs. Danko discussed the uncertainty of the Earned Income Tax, there is no way to trend it right now. There may be an influx and then a drop, it is too unpredictable at this time.
- Some discussion ensued regarding the dissolution of the MMA or the Borough running MMA. Mrs. Danko shared a story about where she used to work that had a MMA and their Borough received 1 million dollars a year of the 7 million dollar budget. Mr. Warena said he was going to follow up with Mrs. Danko and the Borough in question.
- Ms. Hlahol feels that the MMA belongs to the Borough and the residents have paid for all of it, it would have been possible to charge for piping if we didn't give it away for \$1.00.
- The MMA is looking to take the sewer out of town, a possible solution would be a host fee or franchise fee until such time that they move.



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- How do we move to a compromise? The MMA will meet with their attorney to see what can be done legally. The MMA will meet on November 29th. Borough Council will have another budget meeting on Wednesday, November 30th.

3. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.

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