



6:00 Executive Session – Personnel and Litigation

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 7:00 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.

Mr. Paul stated before we commence a roll call of the Council I also want to point out that there's going to be a change in the order in which we address the agenda specifically the Mayoral candidates instead of speaking near the beginning after the Winterfest presentation I'm moving that down until after the presentation of the committee reports that way the Mayoral candidates will be able to speak right before Council votes on them so it'll be fresh in our minds. Some of our memories are not what they used to be so I want to put those next to each other timewise.

2. Roll Call

The following Council members and Borough officials were in attendance:

- Borough Council: Bob Paul, President
 Helen Hlahol, Vice President
 Andrew Lubin
 Jason Manness
 Carletha Murray
 Kathryn Price Engelhard
 Scott Robinson
 Nancy Sherlock
- Borough Officials: Judith Danko, Borough Manager
 Scott Holbert, Solicitor
 Virginia Cyphers, Assist. Borough Secretary

3. Announcements and Presentations

- 3A.** Winterfest 2023 – Donna Wilson. (Crowning of Mister and Miss Winterfest 2023, Little Miss Winterfest, Aubrey Lynne Wilson; Junior Miss Winterfest, Olivia Muckin; Miss Winterfest, Mackenzie Muckin and Mister Winterfest, Hunter Covert.



4. Public Comments

1. Israel Valez – *622 Barclay Avenue*

He stated that he is a renter who is retired from Human Services in New Jersey and he came back to his hometown to retire. He stated that he ran into a discrepancy with the place that he is renting and has to leave due to a certain document that he feels was falsified which got him into his rental unit and now he has 10 days to find a new place to live. He is asking Council to look into the situation further regarding the falsified U&O document that he has that has led him to his current situation. He would like it investigated. He stated that his wife is sick and the situation has exacerbated her condition and he feels it has merit. He feels he is not alone and that it will help out other renters who are possibly dealing with the same situation.

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 October 17, 2023 and the Borough Council Special Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2023.

Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mrs. Murray.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

6. Finance

6A. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was provided in the Council packets.

6B. **Approval of the Bill List**

Motion to approve the bill list and pay the bills.

Motion made by Ms. Price Engelhard and seconded by Mr. Lubin.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion carried by voice vote 7-1. (Nay vote being Mrs. Sherlock)

Mrs. Sherlock stated, for the public's knowledge the total bills for this month are \$492,751.00, a lot of that was the towpath project that you see and it includes some of the money for the sewer, the roof, architect and the electric panel which are the improvements that we are doing that are all positive.

7. Reports

7A. **Mayor's Report**

Mr. Paul reported that as the acting Mayor he has no report tonight. He stated we've got a lot going on and most of my time has been spent getting things ready for the next Mayor which will be the next item of business. He stated that we don't have a Police Chief currently but



we have Corporal Bill Smith who is the officer in charge of the department right now and I've asked him to come to give us a status report on the police department.

7B. Police Chief's Report

Corporal Bill Smith reported that yesterday he submitted the monthly reports to the Manager for distribution to the Council members the numbers are fairly consistent with the previous months we've had really no difference in crime. Halloween night was a success there were a few disturbances during the trick-or-treat hours we had additional three officers in marked police vehicles and the Police Chief on a bike. I believe that one of the keys to reducing the problems during Halloween night was the fact that years ago we instituted the trick-or-treat curfew which drastically reduced the number of people being outside after 8:00, 9:00 at night. Moving on to motor carrier enforcement, Officer Halas has 10 more mentored inspections that he is currently doing with the Sergeant in Falls Township the inspections should be completed by the second week of December. Once he is certified I will assign him to inspection details when manpower allows but I can assure you that the program will be successful. As the holidays approach I'd like to remind everyone to lock their cars especially if you're leaving items in there after shopping. If there's any suspicious activity I urge everyone to call the police immediately it's important that these things are reported to us as they are occurring it's easier to apprehend someone when they're actually committing the crime versus when we're trying to review video to identify them. The last note that I have is that the police department is stable, it's running efficiently even after the departure of Chief of Police. My philosophy at this point is to continue operating business on the business as usual philosophy. All the officers who are scheduled and working have continued to do their jobs with no issues and that's all I have. Thank you.

7C. Manager's Report

Manager Danko stated it's very nice to see the room filled with people. On my managers list this evening we do have the Bridge Street project that we've talked about for a long time we're coming to a final closing of that project in December. Originally the final inspection was scheduled for December 4th we're still waiting for some railings so that may move to December 14th, they'll certainly inform Council and everyone as soon as we hear that but it's due to the railing delay but we're happy to see the progress that has been made anybody that goes in that area you can see really what the full potential of the trail will be leading to that area. The other item that I wanted to discuss I had on my last manger's report some misinformation about the Clover Leaf property so please accept this as a clarification of misinformation that I was provided. The RDA and the Clover Leaf property the RDA has not started on the implementation of the cleanup plan date the RDA is working through the permitting currently and also Bob White has no role with the RDA I believe he may be in consultant for the redeveloper. I just wanted to let everybody know that was a misstatement that was on my report because I was provided with incorrect information. We did have a kickoff meeting last week with Snyder and Hoffman Associated regarding the electrical panel work that's going to be taking place we're very excited about that. The roof is about 90% complete at this time thanks to John Later he noticed there was an issue with the flashing and I contacted the contractor and we're getting that fixed as soon as possible. The



other items that we have is we have been working on a policy and ordinance committee we've been working on reviewing noise ordinance and alarm ordinance so anyone that sees that information listed on the website and you're interested in coming to the meetings please do so. The blight procedures that took place at 327 Prospect Avenue there's been some questions as to what's going on with the property at this time the property is sold and the developer is correcting all of the issues at the property and going to clean the property up and of course resell that property and that's all I have at this time Council President.

7D. Committee Reports

- **Parks and Recreation**

Ms. Price Engelhard reported that due to the budget meeting there won't be a November meeting. She stated that at the last meeting they did a recap of what they've done this past year and between cleanups and tree planting and cleaning up the benches and painting the tables and benches, painting the pool shack house we kind of felt like we'd really done quite a bit, plus the Preserve so were very proud of that. Last weekend we planted eight trees just to be clear the money was donated anonymously so nothing came out of the Borough coffers. We had nearly 30 volunteers come out last Saturday and it was very well organized thank you Gary and Debby and the rest of you did a really nice job I was part of it I think mostly I just picked up rocks but then Jason would give me more rocks

Mr. Manness stated, to be fair they were pretty cool rocks.

Ms. Price Engelhard stated, they were pretty good rocks and it was very well organized, a fun day, there are several people in the audience that participated and thank you so much it looks really nice, I can see that those trees in a couple of years it's just going to be beautiful, it's going to be stunning, so thank you. We also talked about the Girl Scouts and their bench program and so the Council accepted that and so save your plastic grocery bags because we're going to make them into benches there's more to it than that but save your shopping bags. You can take them to Twisted Root on Bridge Street then they get mushed and put together and make benches. We did the cutting of the cherry tree with George Washington so that was great. We also had Bucks County TMA which you see we're going to approve being a membership of and they've already located a place and we've kind of set a date for next spring, I'll take it to Council and have it voted on but to do a popup bike trail. This is going all over the state of Pennsylvania they're temporary we do it for four days and they do all the work and it costs us nothing but we also do a lot of safety education and stuff that day with kids and people and everyone involved. Thank you so much.

- **Finance Committee**

Mr. Lubin stated this is budget season as many of us know we've had quite a few of our residents attending our meetings. Our next meeting is going to be Wednesday night 7 p.m. here. Here is the budget in a nutshell we are now a \$6.2 million Borough I believe the highest budget the Borough has ever had we are solvent so things have changed between ARPA money and the EIT we are using the money carefully conservatively. We are putting



money in a reserve fund because for example the tax revenues between November, December and May and June are very slow but this is how we pay bills the tax money comes in then the fund that fund gets reimbursed gets repaid. We have money for the major infrastructure problems that we've had at Borough Hall between the ARPA money and some EIT. The roof is being fixed, sewage pipes downstairs and outside have been fixed, our electrical box is in the process of being repaired, and we have a new Gasboy. Many small projects are being address and all the committees and all the things that were cut last year are being restored to last year's levels or as close as possible. It's going to be a conservative budget we're going to keep it that way but again the next meeting is Wednesday night 7 p.m. here you're all welcome to attend.

- **Community Choice Aggregation**

Mr. Manness reported over the course of the last several months the Community Choice Aggregation Exploratory Committee; we've been tasked with validating the claims of CCA for PA to see if that is right for this Borough to join in with Community Choice Aggregation. A brief thing it's basically like much like a union, collective bargaining can lead to more specific outcomes their claims where that cost savings to the average consumer are possible and again I will have a more comprehensive formal report for the December meeting but overall I'm feeling very positive that we were able to validate a lot of the claims that CCPA made and I'm looking forward to more clearly expressing that. I apologize that is currently what I have thanks.

- **Morrisville Business Association**

Ms. Hlahol reported that mine is actually a request, the MBA and actually goes out to all residents as well as the MBA will be putting up the Christmas decorations up at the plaza right after Thanksgiving. They have been tasked with decorating the Robert Morris Plaza so November 27th through 29th is when the anticipation is last year Jane and I we spent a lot of time and we got a lot of free ornaments and we have a 12 foot Christmas tree that we got so Judith is there a way that public works could help put down that 12 foot tree, last year it kind of got blown in the wind and we need a little bit of help.

Mrs. Danko stated, yes I had spoken with Jane and John Later and we're already engaged in making sure that happens.

Ms. Hlahol stated, okay great so we actually got a lot of donations from some businesses Big Lots gave us a blow up snowman, Hope Depot was very generous for only \$20 we have a Santa Claus in a motorcycle, so I'm looking actually forward to seeing what it turns out to look like. The other thing that happened was Toll Brothers was here last month and they were talking about putting up right outside of Green Street a Do Not Block Box so I've been talking to Toll Brothers and I also gave a call to the Bridge Commission in order to try to figure out how to do that without giving an expense to the Borough so in talking with the Bridge Commission they had mentioned that they're going to start doing a study to see that whole area of where the ramps are and they asked me some questions like what would we like to see there so one of the things one of the officers told me was to put flashing stops



instead of just a stop. I gave them a little bit of a list of what Morrisville would like to see but hopefully they can rearrange that whole area. I did ask them if we could put up signs on their ramp saying please continue on to Route 13 for the trucks but they didn't answer me on that but I'm definitely going to keep working on that so that's all I have. Thank you.

Mr. Lubin stated, speaking of December 2nd and the Morrisville Business Association the MBA and British Cars of Bucks County falling on Donna's December 2nd Winterfest event we're doing a Toys for Tots toy collection over at Morrisville Shopping Center between 10:00 in the morning and 3:00 in the afternoon. We're looking for donations of new and unwrapped toys and books for boys and girls. We'll have a few Marines from the local Toys for Tots Reserve Group appearing. We've got some of the politicians from Doylestown our VIPs are Bob Harvey and Diane Marseglia, Brian Fitzpatrick has promised he's going to show up but what we really need is not publicity we need donations of toys so whatever you can bring in. Judith, we're going to put a drop box downstairs, we discussed that yesterday?

Mrs. Danko stated the drop box has been there for about a week.

Mr. Lubin stated, super thank you very much. I'd like to say I'm tied up on budgets but not entirely. Bring them on that Saturday, bring them down to Borough Hall and finish our event.

- 7E.** Mayoral candidates public speaking opportunity. Jackie Bergevin, George Dodig, Diane Lanahan, Shawn Ratti, Benjamin Louis Strauss, Gary Wallace and Tom Wisnosky.

Jackie Bergevin – She stated, I am not prepared to say anything. I don't know what to say honestly. I'm a nurse and one thing with being a nurse is you care for people and that besides being a wife and a mother I care about my neighborhood, my neighbors, family, whatever and when we first moved to Morrisville about 6 years ago we came from Philadelphia and when we moved here the second we pulled up outside the house I'm like this is it. Our neighbor that has since passed away lived behind us he is the one that really sold us on the neighborhood his father had a big part of the development of Morrisville way back, his family had a big part of it and he just sold us on the neighborhood and how friendly it was, how friendly everybody was and how it was a small community and that's what we were looking for and we fell in love with it and I think that being the type of person I am, being a nurse, integrity and responsibility and things like that which go hand in hand with being a nurse being a good person in general would benefit Morrisville. I'm a people person I don't know what to say right now because I was caught off guard but I'm a people person and I genuinely care about people and that's just me that's all I have to say so thank you.

George Dodig – He stated, ladies and gentlemen, Morrisville Borough Council good evening thank you for allowing me the opportunity to address you today. My name is George Dodig I stand here before you as a proud resident and someone deeply invested in the future of our remarkable town. I am seeking your support to become the next Mayor of Morrisville because I believe in the tremendous potential that lies within our community. Having called Morrisville home for only a short time I've had the privilege of witnessing the resilience, the spirit and the strength that defines us. I'm not a stranger to the challenges we face I myself was born in Lehigh



MEETING MINUTES
MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023
7:00 P.M.
morrisvillepagov.com

Valley during the Bethlehem Steel Era. I watched my town struggle and steadily revive itself through small businesses and supporting each other in the community. It's my firm belief that with the right leadership, dedication and a collaborative approach that we can overcome any challenges and propel Morrisville to new heights. If entrusted with the role of Mayor I'm committed to fostering the inclusive and transparent government by actively seeking the input of our residents ensuring that their voices are not only heard but also incorporated in decisions that shape our Town's future. Community engagement is not just a campaign promise for me it's the bedrock of my vision for Morrisville. I envision a town where local businesses thrive, where our schools are beacons of education and innovation and where every resident feels safe and supported. By working together we create policies that promote economic growth, enhance the quality of education and ensure the safety and well-being of our community. I also pledge to maintain open lines of communication with each one of you fostering collaborative relationship between the Mayor's office and the Borough Council together we can achieve more and I am eager to work hand and hand with you to address the issues that matter most to our constituents. In closing, I stand before you not just as a candidate but as a fellow community member who is deeply invested in the prosperity of Morrisville. I am ready to bring fresh ideas, a collaborative spirit and a dedication to service to the role of Mayor. I respectfully ask for your support and I am more than willing to engage in further discussions about my vision of Morrisville. Thank you for your time and I look forward to the opportunity to serve the wonderful residents of Morrisville as their Mayor. Thank you.

Diane Lanahan – She stated, good evening everyone. In case you aren't fully aware of who I am and what I can bring to the position of Mayor I wanted to share a few things about me. My name is Diane Lanahan I've been a proud resident of Morrisville for 10 years tomorrow. I don't like to just talk about problems I encounter, I'm a doer. When I saw the state of our school district and the need for people to act I stepped up to be a member of the Morrisville School Board. During my years as a school board director, I provided passionate advocacy for the children and taxpayers of Morrisville. I even spent some time as Morrisville mascot I was the Bulldog for the football team. Because of my role as a as a school board director I'm aware of the government processes which are different at the municipal level but in some ways also the same. It requires advocating for our Borough with the same state and federal government representatives with whom I'm already familiar. I would bring my hardworking and dedicated work ethic to this position. On the school board I had the opportunity to work cooperatively with other members of the board regardless of their politics. This is also something I would bring to the office of Mayor, a spirit of unity, cooperation and respect for differing opinions. I ask the Borough Council to seriously consider and act upon my appointment to Mayor of Morrisville. Thank you for your time.

Shawn Ratti – He stated good evening everyone. There are many in this town who probably know who I am or at least have heard my name and that's because I've always strived to tie myself together when it comes to the community of Morrisville through various means since I came here two decades ago. I came here as a teenager to the high school because I knew that there was potential and benefits to this town and this community that didn't exist anywhere else. I find myself returning here again and again looking for more opportunities to improve and have



an impact on this township. As a student I worked on projects with the school to improve the student body. I sat on the school board a rep to listen to the concerns of citizens. I actually was even part of the original program that used to shadow this very council to learn the process of government here in Morrisville in order to build relationships between the town leaders, the students and the citizens. As a person who works in the school district I have a working relationship with the students of this town, the parents who have come to know me, the teachers and administrators who help improve things for our students and even the community groups that do projects through our school. My job at the school I go to where I'm needed to teach, to adapt, to think critically on my feet and to face new challenges every day a skill that I thrive and I very much consider that one of my best values to pride myself on and something all leaders should at least be to some degree well versed in. As a member of the community I help where I can with community projects from working on the concert for the public for Winterfest, to bringing back the book fair to the schools and working with the 21st Century to encourage reading, to also being able to do the Mega Sports Camp here in town that my wife and I run with our church community and volunteers from here to give a free camp every summer for the kids to have something to give back to our community. Do I know everything I need to know going into this, no, unlike others I have no problem admitting that I don't always have the answers up front but I will always take the time to learn, work, research and gather whatever information I need to get back for the best decision not just looking to answer what people want to hear. As a researcher by training I know the importance of listening to all sides of a dispute before rendering an impartial judgment giving equal credence to all involved and impacted knowing that no one side will have all the answers that is my vow to listen to all those call Morrisville home. As a former business manager I know the struggles of making important and often difficult decisions how to choose the best course of action that impacts the community as a whole and not just my own selfish needs that is my vow to put the needs of others before myself. As an educator I know the importance of teaching and leading others, guiding them to understanding to why we do what we do and the importance of cooperation for a singular goal. It's my vow to work towards understanding and work towards uniting rather than fracturing those on different sides of issues. The role of Mayor of Morrisville may be a small one in what makes this whole town work but I think it's an influential one. Having a Mayor who's a part of many aspects of this community who can work towards the betterment of many people and see the desire to grow with others and impact the town in a way that's more that title is the key reason why I'm here today. Thank you.

Benjamin Louis Strauss – He stated, hello, my name is Benjamin Strauss as in Levi Strauss the jean creator or Strauss as in the engineer of the Golden Gate Bridge, Joseph Strauss. I've lived in this town for almost two years but I've called this area home for all of my life. I believe in business growth, smart schools and pedestrian travel when possible. If I was elected to be your Mayor I would focus on attracting new businesses such as the Garden Farm Market, Bella Sicily, Jules Tires and Automotive Repair, Ben's Deli, Cunningham's Hardware, The Good Taste Chinese restaurant, Bitchin Kitten, Delmorr Lanes, 7-11 and Nick's Pizzeria. I would also focus on improving our school system by introducing a new motto. That motto is smart, strong and safe. Finally, I would start to think about a new construction project. One idea I had was a pedestrian path linking the levy path with the Morrisville Riverfront Preserve going behind the self-storage center. So in conclusion, if I was elected Mayor I would support business growth,



MEETING MINUTES
MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023
7:00 P.M.
morrisvillepagov.com

improve our schools and build a new pedestrian path, so please vote for me, Benjamin Strauss for the remainder of this term.

Gary Wallace – He stated, good evening Council. I stand before you, my family and our beloved community deeply honored and with a profound desire to serve as our Mayor. As a son of a United States Marine and a brother to a dedicated federal agent, my family values of discipline and public service draw my commitment to bringing people together in Morrisville Borough. Actively engaging with our residents through organizations like the Environmental Advisory Council and coordinating successful community events such as the recent tree planting in Williamson Park has provided me with valuable insight into our communities unique needs and aspirations. While my resume may not boast the title of Mayor it does show 17 years of customer service leadership which equipped me with the essential skills in team management, budget optimization and relationship building which are crucial qualities for guiding our community forward. Serving as a multi-regional director I navigate complexities of collaborating with various departments within our organization. Despite occasional challenges I work tirelessly each day to mend and strengthen those partnerships recognizing that working together brings a stronger better unity and a stronger collective experience. I believe in fostering an environment where diverse perspectives are celebrated irrespective of differences. I'm committed to ensuring every resident feels valued, included and heard in the shared journey of making Morrisville a better place. My leadership skills will extend beyond the traditional executive roles encompassing the vital responsibility of leading our police force a cornerstone in our community safety and wellbeing. I'm committed to equipping, supporting and assisting the training of Morrisville Police Department to meet the evolving needs of our community. Sitting down with our new Chief to discussing the department's needs and planning how to move forward are integral parts of this commitment. I believe in community oriented policing where officers actively engage with residents to build trust and foster collaboration within the community. I'll work tirelessly to implement innovative strategies that enhance the public safety while respecting the rights and dignity of every individual. By creating an environment where the police force and the community work hand in hand we can address shared concerns, prevent crime and create a safer more together Morrisville. Challenges will arise but as mayor I am here to stay and navigate through those tough times. My vision is to unite our residents, foster a sense of belonging and promote greater community involvement. I aim to harness the collective wisdom of our community in addressing challenges and making Morrisville Borough the best it can be for all residents. I firmly believe that strong community engagement is the key to success for small towns and Boroughs. Fostering a sense of belonging and celebrating our community will enhance our quality of life, attract new visitors and entice new businesses to call Morrisville home. Thank you for considering my intent to serve as Mayor. I'm here to represent and champion the interest of the entire community make Morrisville Borough a place we can all be proud to call home. Thank you and thank you to our residents.

Tom Wisnosky – He stated, thank you ladies and gentlemen for the opportunity to speak in front of you tonight. Is there anyone here that's an Eagles fan show hands please, what were you thinking Sunday at halftime, if you're like every other Eagles fan you were thinking that I can do that job. I can coach that team better than that bone Sirianni get him out of there. So let me ask



MEETING MINUTES
MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023
7:00 P.M.
morrisvillepagov.com

you what would happen if I was put in to replace Nice Sirianni as the Eagles head coach at halftime on Monday, unmitigated disaster absolutely but you know that the Eagles would never put in an inexperienced head coach in the middle of a game that was in crisis right? The issues facing Morrisville right now are way more important than any football game public safety, and public well-being the number one job of any local government. Now I mean no disrespect to our police officers and Corporal Smith who have a very difficult job I have nothing but admiration for our police force they are my heroes they really are but our department is in crisis we're without a head coach, we're without a Mayor, we're without a Chief of Police, we're trying to steer a ship that doesn't have a rudder we need leadership, we need direction and we need it right now. So it's important that our new Mayor hits the ground running that he has the experience to show up tomorrow morning and get to work. I agree completely with the idea that new faces are good in borough government, in fact I didn't run for a third term because I believe in term limits I believe in government turnover and there's a lot of great new faces here interested in being Mayor I think that's wonderful but now is not the time for that but here's a question for you we just had the municipal election and in the third ward where I live we only had one person on the ballot even in the primary thank goodness it was a good one appreciate that but some of the applicants here tonight are from the third ward, where was the interest then, where were they, where was the desire to make positive change then, why all of a sudden now? For we all know that if one really wants to make a difference Council is where you need to be not the job of Mayor, because the Borough Code gives all the power to the Council not the Mayor. Now there are two members of Council that were appointed to fill unexpired terms thank you for stepping up and doing your civic duty really do appreciate that. One of the things that you have learned is that it takes a while to learn to be a Councilperson it's not intuitive and I will tell you from personal experience that it takes a year to learn to be the Mayor because the job is not defined in the Borough Code so the million dollar question roll the dice with public safety to train a new Mayor or go with someone with the experience. Thank you very much for your most kind consideration.

Mr. Paul stated, thank you to all of you for your presentations, very inspiring. I just want to say before we move on to the action items I encourage all of you all seven of you to stay involved, please stay active. As Mr. Wisnosky pointed out we need a lot more candidates for Council that's really where a lot of the hard work is done. It's embarrassing that we have seats that go vacant with nobody running or only one person running unopposed and I encourage all of you to tell your neighbors and friends to please volunteer we have lots of things going on. Mr. Wallace has already been very active in the short time he's been in town. There's plenty to do around here and please join a committee, help out, find out what you can do to help we need all the help we can get around here, we're doing the best we can we've worked very hard to try to turn the corner but there's a lot of work left to do so please stay involved we really appreciate your commitment. With that I want to move on to the action items and I'll call for a motion to appoint an individual to the office of Mayor to complete the remainder of the unexpired term which expires January 5th, 2026 and before I ask for that motion I also want to point out that when former Mayor Brud Anderson submitted his resignation on October 17th which I announced at the last regular public meeting of Council we were not in a position to accept the resignation because it would have started a 30-day clock within which we needed to appoint the new Mayor knowing that we were going to be trying to do it at this meeting which was unfortunately 34 days later we thought we would hold off to officially accept the resignation. By appointing



a new Mayor tonight we will effectively be accepting that resignation I just want to make that clear for you legal beagles out there that are worried about those niceties. In any case I'll call for the motion.

8. Action Items

- 8A.** Motion to appoint an individual to the office of Mayor to complete the remainder of the unexpired term, which expires January 5, 2026.
Nomination of Tom Wisnosky made by Mr. Lubin.
Nomination of Gary Wallace made by Mr. Manness.
No discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion failed by roll call vote 4-4. (Yea for Tom Wisnosky: Mr. Lubin, Ms. Hlahol, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Paul. Yea for Gary Wallace: Ms. Price Engelhard, Mr. Manness, Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Sherlock).
Motion 2nd Round failed by roll call vote 4-4. (Yea for Tom Wisnosky: Mr. Lubin, Ms. Hlahol, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Paul. Yea for Gary Wallace: Ms. Price Engelhard, Mr. Manness, Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Sherlock).
Motion 3rd Round carried by roll call vote 5-3. (Yea for Gary Wallace: Ms. Price Engelhard, Mr. Manness, Mrs. Murray, Mr. Paul and Mrs. Sherlock. Yea for Tom Wisnosky: Mr. Lubin, Ms. Hlahol and Mr. Robinson).

Mr. Paul stated congratulations Mr. Wallace and thank you Mr. Wisnosky and thank you to all the applicants for coming tonight for offering your services and please stay involved. We have Judge Corryn Kronnagel here to sear in the new Mayor.

-
- 8B.** Motion to approve payment to Benjamin Franklin in the amount of \$16,579.00 for a new 80 gallon electric water heater (\$3,789.00), single handle tub & shower faucet (2,590.00) and Police Department jail cell toilet sink combo (\$10,200.00) in Borough Hall.
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Ms. Murray.
No discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

-
- 8C.** Motion to approve payment to TMA Bucks (A Transportation Management Association) in the amount of \$1,002.30 for the 2024 annual dues. (Public Sector Membership; municipalities \$.10 per resident annually).
Motion made by Mrs. Price Engelhard and seconded by Mr. Lubin.
Discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 5-3. (Nay votes being Ms. Hlahol, Mr. Lubin and Mr. Robinson).

-
- 8D.** Motion to approve the Borough 2024 Holiday Schedule.
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mrs. Murray.



No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

- 8E.** Motion to approve the Borough 2024 Meeting Schedule.
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mrs. Murray.
No discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.
-

- 8F/G.** Motion to approve the Public Library 2024 Holiday Schedule and the Public Library 2024 Meeting Schedule.
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Manness.
No discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.
-

- 8H.** Motion to approve the 2024 Fee Schedule.
Motion made by Ms. Hlahol and seconded by Mrs. Murray.
Discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 7-1. (Nay vote being Mrs. Sherlock)
-

- 8I.** Motion to approve the advertisement of the 2024 Tax Ordinance.
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Manness.
No discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.
-

Environmental Advisory Council: One 3-year appointments, remainder of unexpired term, expires 12/22/25. (Letter of interest from Ms. Catherine (Rina) Cicco)

Nomination of Catherine (Rina) Cicco for the term expiring 12/22/25 made by Ms. Price Engelhard.

Vote to appoint Catherine (Rina) Cicco to the EAC carried by voice vote 8-0.

9. Other Business

- 9A.** There was no other business this evening.

10. Borough Officials

- Ms. Sherlock stated that there were some woodchips that were left over on Saturday it was a very large pile, it's down half of them are gone already but they're still open to the public if they wish to come down and pick them up at the park area near Central Avenue.



Mayor Gary Wallace was sworn in by Judge Corryn Kronnagel.

11. Adjournment

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

Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

<https://www.morrisvillepagov.com/meeting-videos/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILzQ8A2Ct2A>