

# Borough of Morrisville

## Resolution No. 1022

**WHEREAS**, Troop 3 was established in 1911 by William Burgess, Jr. and is the oldest Troop in Bucks County. He also later became The Burgess (Mayor), of Morrisville. William Burgess, Jr., is known as the "Father of Morrisville Scouting". Their first Charter on file is from December 20<sup>th</sup>, 1928.

**WHEREAS**, There have been many prominent community leaders which have been Scout Masters, Assistant Scout Masters and committee members over the past 107 plus years. Without these hard working and dedicated leaders, Troop 3 couldn't exist.

**WHEREAS**, When Scouting was first organized it was for the purpose of training youth to take care of themselves, to be better citizens, and to have fair competition in outdoor events. Their objective is to teach and mentor young boys to become good hardworking members of society and to instill life skills.

**WHEREAS**, Troop membership over the years has been as low as 12 and as high as 60 Scouts. They keep a fairly busy schedule between weekly Monday scout meetings, community service projects and camping. They try to camp at least once per month at different camps. These outdoor experiences are critical to Scouting.

**WHEREAS**, Their community service projects are many. Beginning with the Rotary Club Breakfast at UMC, Thanksgiving Breakfast at MHS, participating at Pennsbury Manor for Holly Nights, Annual Canal Clean Up, Morrisville Rotary Egg Hunt, Flag Placement at the Morrisville Cemetery, Mail Carrier Food Drive, Scouting for Food which is donated to the MPC Food Bank.

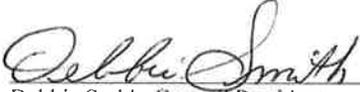
**WHEREAS**, A few of their Eagle Scout Projects consisted of: Refurbishing the ceremonial area at the Morrisville Cemetery, building two ticket booths at the Pennsbury Falcons Football Field, building 22 bird houses and installing them at the Silver Lake Reserve, and they built a closed-in porch where the VNA use to operate, an outdoor classroom at Holy Trinity and many more.

**WHEREAS**, There are only 2% of all Scouts who achieve the rank of Eagle. Their first Eagle Scout was Thomas Pursell in 1933. Their newest Eagle Scout is Patrick Getty in 2018. To date they have a total of 101 Eagle Scouts.

**WHEREAS**, Morrisville's Troop 3 should be proud of it's record in Scouting as the oldest continuous recorded troop in Bucks County and one of the oldest in the United States.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Morrisville Borough Council, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, hereby recognizes this 22nd day of January 2019 in honor of Troop 3.

**RESOLVED** this 22nd day of January 2019 in Council Chambers.

  
Debbie Smith, Council President

ATTEST:

  
Scott Mitchell, Borough Manager