



MEETING MINUTES
MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019
7:00 P.M.

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Morrisville Municipal Building, 35 Union Street, Morrisville, PA for a Regular Council Meeting.

Ms. Smith stated, if you'll all please stand for a moment of silence and our Pledge of Allegiance.

Virginia Cyphers took roll call.

Those in Attendance:

Borough Council: Debbie Smith, President
Danielle Larison, Vice President
Justin Bowers
Eileen Dreisbach
Corryn Kronnagel
David Nay
Ted Parker (by phone)
Michael Yager (by phone)

Borough Officials: Mayor Rivella
Scott Mitchell, Borough Manager
Michael Levin, Solicitor
Virginia Cyphers, Assistant Borough Secretary
Micah Heitz, Finance Director

Not in Attendance: Junior Councilperson: Garrett Foy

Motion 4A – Motion to pass Resolution #1022 for Troop 3 Boy Scouts.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers.

Seconded by Ms. Dreisbach.

Ms. Smith asked all in favor? Opposed?

Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Troop 3 was presented with a resolution to recognize them for all the great things they do and for how long the organization has been in existence.

Ms. Smith stated that there will be an executive session at the end of the meeting before we adjourn for the labor negotiation for the police contract.

Kurt Schroeder from Gilmore and Associates, the Borough Engineer, gave a presentation. He gave a report on the grants that they have been working on. He gave an overview of the last year and where they are with the grants and gave recommendations for 2019.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

1. *Kathy Panzitta – 401 Hillcrest Avenue*

She liked the presentation from Gilmore & Associates and feels it ties into the budget. She thanked Public Works for helping with the recent fire in town. She feels the road in front of her house was never engineered correctly and she always has water and then ice in the winter.

2. *Holly Harman – Hillside Avenue*

She liked the report from Gilmore & Associates. She wanted to know how much of the legal fees last month were due to routine stuff and how much were for the veto at the end of the year.

3. Kurt Holthenrichs – *300 Melvin Avenue North*

He wanted to recognize Troop 3, his son used to be in it. He spoke about the projects that Gilmore & Associates reported on. He talked about the veto from Christmas Day and said it was a waste of time and funds.

4. Josh Gradwohl – *419 Clymer Avenue*

He wanted to thank Councilman Nay for agreeing to take on Bridge Street North for the canal cleanup. He wanted to lodge a complaint against the Canal Laundry property due to the trash that goes into the canal. He would like Morrisville to consider banning the sale of individual beer cans due to the littering issue at the canal.

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

She spoke on behalf of the Morrisville Environmental Advisory Council, they urge council to reappoint Janet Rivella to the EAC. She has been a member for over a decade and has played an important role. They also encourage council to appoint Mary Hrenda to the EAC, who served as a member for years. She was concerned with the removal of trees in Williamson Park.

6. Susan Krushenski – *16 Lenora Avenue*

She spoke on behalf of the Morrisville Senior Servicenter and she wanted to thank members of Borough Council for their contribution to the Senior Center for the year 2018. They have a lot of improvements happening at the Senior Center.

There being that no one else wished to speak, public comment portion was closed.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion 6A – 6F - Motion to approve Special Meeting minutes of Tuesday, November 13, 2018; Regular Meeting minutes of Monday, November 19, 2018; Special Meeting minutes of Tuesday, December 11, 2018; Regular Meeting minutes of December 17, 2018; Emergency Meeting minutes of Thursday, December 27, 2018 and Agenda Meeting minutes of Tuesday, January 8, 2019.

Motion made by Ms. Larison.

Seconded by Ms. Dreisbach.

Ms. Smith asked, all in favor? Opposed?

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0. (Dave Nay stepped out of the room)

Motion 7B - Motion to approve the bill list and pay bills.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers.

Seconded by Ms. Dreisbach.

Ms. Smith asked, any questions or comments on the motion?

Motion carried by roll call vote 8-0.

REPORTS

Mayor's Report – Dave Rivella – The Mayor clarified his position on his veto of the 2019 Tax Levy Ordinance and provided historical background related to the Police Department.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion 9A - Motion to approve the Annual Winterfest Parade using the previously approved parade route. The Winterfest Parade is to be held on Saturday, December 7th, 2019 and to be sponsored by Hot Rides, LLC. of Morrisville.

Motion made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Seconded by Ms. Larison.

Ms. Smith asked, any questions or comments on the motion? All in favor? Opposed?

Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

Motion 9B - Motion to approve Morrisville-Yardley Area Rotary Club utilizing Williamson Park on April 20, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for its Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Motion made by Ms. Larison

Seconded by Ms. Kronnagel.

Ms. Smith asked, any questions or comments on this motion? All in favor? Opposed?

Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

Motion 9C - Motion to authorize the Borough Engineer to solicit bids for 2019 Road Repaving Projects subject to PennDOT Liquid Fuels Funds.

Motion made by Ms. Larison.

Seconded by Mr. Yager.

Ms. Smith asked, any questions or comments on this motion? Roll call on this please.

Motion carried by roll call vote 8-0.

Motion 9D - Motion to appoint Environmental Advisory Council: Two 3-year appointments to expire on 12/21/21. (FYI: Bill Setzer expired 12/21/18 and Janet Rivella expired 12/21/18.)

Motion to nominate Janet Rivella made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Motion to nominate Peg Mongillo made by Ms. Larison.

Motion to nominate Marlene Burns made by Mr. Yager.

Ms. Smith asked for a voice vote for Janet Rivella.

Roll call vote 6-2. (nay votes being Mr. Bowers, Ms. Dreisbach, Ms. Larison, Mr. Nay, Ms. Smith and Mr. Yager.)

Ms. Smith asked for a voice vote for Peg Mongillo.

Motion to nominate Peg Mongillo carried by roll call vote 6-2. (nay votes being Ms. Kronnagel and Mr. Parker.)

Ms. Smith stated, we're going to do the second seat now.

Motion to nominate Marlene Burns made by Mr. Bowers.

Motion to nominate Mary Hrenda made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Ms. Smith asked, any other nominations? Voice vote on Marlene Burns.

Motion to nominate Marlene Burns carried by roll call vote 6-2. (nay votes being Ms. Kronnagel and Mr. Parker.)

Motion 9E - Motion to appoint Economic Development Corporation: One 3-year appointment to expire on 1/19/22. (FYI Janet Rivella expired 12/21/18.)

Motion to nominate Helen Hlahol made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Motion to nominate Jennifer Holthenrichs made by Mr. Yager.

Ms. Smith asked, any other nominations? We will do a voice vote for Helen Hlahol.

Roll call vote 6-2. (nay votes being Mr. Bowers, Ms. Dreisbach, Ms. Larison, Mr. Nay, Ms. Smith and Mr. Yager.)

Ms. Smith stated, next will be Jennifer Holthenrichs, a voice vote.

Motion to nominate Jennifer Holthenrichs carried by voice vote 6-2. (nay votes being Ms. Kronnagel and Mr. Parker)

Motion 9F - Motion to appoint Municipal Authority: One 5-year appointment to expire on 1/5/24. (FYI Roy Snare expired 1/5/19.)

Motion to nominate Roy Snare made by Ms. Kronnagel.

Motion to nominate Debbie Smith made by Ms. Larison.

Ms. Smith asked, any other nominations? We'll ask for a voice vote for Debbie Smith.

Motion to nominate Debbie Smith carried by voice vote 5-3. (nay votes being Ms. Kronnagel, Mr. Nay and Mr. Parker)

Motion 9G - Motion to appoint Zoning Hearing Board: One 3-year appointment to expire on 1/6/22.

Motion to nominate Rafael Persico made by Ms. Larison.

Ms. Smith asked, any other nominations? Any questions or comments on this motion? We will do a round for Rafael Persico.

Motion to nominate Rafael Persico carried by roll call vote 8-0.

At this time Council went into an executive session to discuss police contract negotiations.

Meeting resumed at 8:55 p.m.

Ms. Smith stated, we are adding a motion.

Ms. Smith opened up public comment for the new motion that was added.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

There being that no one wished to speak, public comment portion was closed.

Motion 9H - Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Morrisville Borough and the Morrisville Police Association for a three-year contract extension.

Motion made by Mr. Nay.

Seconded by Mr. Parker.

Ms. Smith stated, roll call on this please.

Motion carried by roll call vote 8-0.

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Ms. Kronnagel stated that career day is coming up next month, February 21st if anyone would like to present their career or their career path to Morrisville High School students, they can contact me or the school directly.

Ms. Dreisbach stated, the Recreation Advisory Board met on the 10th of January and we have decided to buddy up with the Rotary Club on April 20th to have an Easter Parade. We also discussed a Halloween event where we plan on having pumpkins available if anyone wants to come up to the park we will have paint or any other accessories there if you want to decorate a pumpkin and that may be in conjunction with something else that the MBA will also be having in October.

Ms. Smith stated, that the beautification committee has been working the past couple of months on the benches at the Morrisville Senior Center. They were installed, they are beautiful benches if anybody has had a chance to go by and see them. We have ordered the Memorial Plaques, it will take about four to five weeks for them to come in, they are very nice, they are by Bry Mar Trophy. When they come in, they will be mounted on the benches. The Senior Center will assist along with us to do a formal

dedication for the benches. One is for Mr. Solt, and the other one is for the Honorable Judge Burns.

Ms. Larison stated, the Beautification Committee was supposed to meet this month, however I need to cancel the meeting and have it next month. We are going to do February, the last Wednesday of the month. I apologize, my daughter is receiving an award at school.

Mr. Nay stated, he had a couple of people ask him why Chief McClay is not allowed to give his reports anymore monthly and they would like to see him give that report as he used to.

Ms. Smith stated, he's been asked to give a written report like all the other heads of the departments and he doesn't do that. As far as public safety, we've always said to him if it's something that pertains to public safety he's more than welcome.

Discussion ensued with regard to Chief McClay giving his verbal report at the meetings.

Mr. Mitchell stated, before we adjourn, may I just ask a question. Does Council at some point wish to discuss further or think about the engineer's presentation before you give him direction on how you wish for him to proceed in 2019 with our grant endeavors? I know he presented you with a lot of information, is this something you want to decide tonight or the next meeting or what?

Discussion ensued regarding proceeding with grants in 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Mr. Nay and seconded by Ms. Dreisbach.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.