



The Morrisville Borough Council met on Tuesday, February 19, 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 (by phone)
David Nay
Ted Parker
Michael Yager

Borough Officials: Scott Mitchell, Borough Manager
Michael Levin, Solicitor
Virginia Cyphers, Assistant Borough Secretary
Micah Heitz, Finance Director
Steve Ware, Zoning Officer

Junior Councilperson: Garrett Foy

Not In Attendance: Mayor Rivella

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Mitchell stated that the Chair of the EDC and Chair of the Planning Commission were present to observe the presentation and ask any questions they may have.

Jeff Darwak, Executive Director and Bob White, Consultant of the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority gave a presentation regarding the Bucks County Enterprise Zone, LERTA Program, Vacant Property Review Committee and the Stockham Building.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

1. Holly Harman – *Hillside Ave*
She was glad that they took down the diseased tree down at the tot lot. She wanted to thank the Morrisville Borough Staff for participating in the cleanup at the YMCA. She mentioned that she called 911 to report an accident and they referred her back to a non emergency number.
2. Kyle Bruot – *430 Harper Ave*
He talked about how the trash company has missed either trash, recycling or both for the past 6 weeks. He feels they need to be held accountable.
3. Robert Butcher – *810 S. Pennsylvania Ave*
He talked about the walkway under the railroad bridge near Green Street and Washington Street where the stones were falling. He said he contacted Dave Nay about it and he got it taken care of.
4. John DeWilde – *94 W. Maple Ave*
He stated that regarding the trash issues, Council should bill them every day, they owe us money. He would have liked to been able to see tonight's power point presentation and suggested that our IT people be standardized.

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

ACTION ITEMS

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

Motion made by Mr. Yager.

Seconded by Ms. Dreisbach.

Ms. Smith asked, any questions on this motion? Can we have a roll call on this please?

Motion carried by roll call vote 8-0.

REPORTS

Junior Councilperson – Garrett Foy – He stated that his school is practicing for Spirit Night. The beginning of the month was Catholic Schools Week full of activities. He thanked Council for letting him represent his school community and the teenagers in Morrisville.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion 9A - Motion to enter into an agreement with the Bucks County Planning Commission for the ten year update of the Morrisville Borough Comprehensive Plan at a cost not to exceed \$17,000.00.

Motion made by Ms. Larison.

Seconded by Mr. Yager.

Ms. Smith asked, any questions on this motion? Can we have a roll call on this please?

Motion carried by roll call vote 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion 11A - Motion to approve the Morrisville Business Association request to hold a Car Show on Bridge Street on May 11th, rain date May 12th, and to authorize the Borough Administration to submit the permit paperwork to PennDOT.

Motion made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Seconded by Mr. Yager.

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

Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

Motion 11B - Motion to approve the Annual Opening Day Parade for the Morrisville Little League, Saturday, April 6, 2019, rain date being Saturday, April 13th.

Motion made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Seconded by Mr. Yager.

Ms. Smith asked, any questions? All in favor? Opposed?

Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

Discussion ensued regarding proceeding with several grant applications.

Motion 11C - Motion to authorize the Borough Engineer to proceed with grant applications #1 through #4 as specified in their letter.

Motion made by Ms. Dreisbach.

Seconded by Ms. Larison.

Ms. Smith asked, any questions or comments on the motion? We'll take a roll call on that.

Motion carried by roll call vote 8-0.

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Ms. Smith stated that she wanted to thank the Borough staff and Borough Manager for the Community Service Day yesterday at the YMCA.

Mr. Bowers stated that the Policy and Ordinance Committee met last Wednesday and reviewed the short-term rental lodging Ordinance that was sent to Council and they have some small changes they are going to have the Solicitor review and then send back to Council. They will be working throughout the year they will work through a proactive program next year to be able to administratively handle the properties in the database for short-term rentals, rental inspection program, fire inspection program and changing the soliciting ordinance to include a no solicitation list. He stated that he received complaints via emails, phone calls and messages regarding the trash issues and he would like to see the solicitor review the contract to see what could be done.

Discussion ensued regarding the trash hauler and looking into their contract.

Mr. Nay stated that he forwarded an email to Mr. Mitchell from the Friends of the Delaware Canal regarding the trash situation at 111 W. Bridge Street and along the canal. He wanted to know if there was an enforcement activity.

Mr. Mitchell replied that code enforcement is well aware of it and they have had several discussions. He stated that the property owner is correct in saying that his property is a collection point for trash blowing all down the street and that it is a serious problem and it's not going away and that unfortunately somebody is going to have to deal with it and at the end of the day he feels it will be the property owners.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.