



The Morrisville Borough Council met on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Morrisville Municipal Building, 35 Union Street, Morrisville, PA for a Budget Council Meeting.

Those in Attendance:

Borough Council: Ted Parker, President
Bob Paul, Vice President (via Zoom)
Justin Bowers
Helen Hlahol
Scott Robinson
Nancy Sherlock
Michael Yager

Borough Officials: Scott Mitchell, Borough Manager
Micah Heitz, Finance Director

Not in Attendance: Eileen Dreisbach
Dave Rivella, Mayor
Virginia Cyphers, Assist. Borough Secretary

ACTION ITEMS

There was a very lengthy discussion regarding the 2021 Proposed Budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m. with no action taken.



The Morrisville Borough Council met on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Morrisville Municipal Building, 35 Union Street, Morrisville, PA for a Special Council Meeting.

Mr. Parker stated, can we have a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance?

Virginia Cyphers took roll call.

Those in Attendance:

Borough Council: Ted Parker, President
Bob Paul, Vice President (via Zoom)
Eileen Dreisbach
Helen Hlahol
Scott Robinson
Nancy Sherlock
Michael Yager

Borough Officials: Scott Mitchell, Borough Manager
Dave Rivella, Mayor (via Zoom)
Scott Holbert, Solicitor (via Zoom)
Virginia Cyphers, Assist. Borough Secretary (via Zoom)

Not in Attendance: Justin Bowers
Micah Heitz, Finance Director

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Parker stated, 9C was a motion to adopt the 2021 Fee Schedule which resulted in a tie. I'll defer to the Mayor.

Mayor Rivella stated, so it's you're ready for me to call this, I guess no discussion.

Mr. Parker asked, Scott do we need discussion or is it just for the Mayor's attention?

Mr. Holbert replied, it's just for the Mayor's attention.

Mayor Rivella stated, thank you for clarifying. I will vote in favor of that then.

Mr. Parker stated, okay, that motion is approved.

Motion 9C - Motion to adopt the 2021 Fee Schedule.

Motion made by Mr. Bowers. *(at the October 19th, 2020 meeting)*

Motion seconded by Mr. Yager. *(at the October 19th, 2020 meeting)*

Discussion took place regarding the motion. (at the October 19th, 2020 meeting)

Mr. Parker stated, roll call. *(at the October 19th, 2020 meeting)*

Motion is a tie by roll call vote 4-4. (nay votes being Mr. Parker, Mr. Paul, Mr. Robinson and Ms. Sherlock) *(at the October 19th, 2020 meeting)*

Motion 9C carried by voice vote (Mayor Rivella voted yes)

Motion 9J - Motion authorizing the Administration to install GPS Tracking Devices on all Borough vehicles at an initial estimated cost of \$3,780 and an annual cost of \$7,200 and authorizing the Borough Manager to execute the necessary documents.

Motion made by Mr. Yager. *(at the October 19th, 2020 meeting)*

Motion seconded by Ms. Dreisbach. *(at the October 19th, 2020 meeting)*

Discussion took place regarding the motion. (at the October 19th, 2020 meeting)

Mr. Parker stated, roll call please. *(at the October 19th, 2020 meeting)*

Motion is a tie by roll call vote 4-4. (nay votes being Ms. Dreisbach, Mr. Paul, Ms. Sherlock and Mr. Yager) *(at the October 19th, 2020 meeting)*

Mayor Rivella stated, I would like to make a comment. Was it more appropriate to do it after or before, being this is a unique circumstance.

Mr. Holbert replied, it's appropriate to do it before.

Mayor Rivella stated, okay thank you. I would like to say for the record then that I agree with our Manager's that the GPS is not necessary and that this cost is something I don't believe our Borough can afford. Every vehicle is equipped with mobile police radio that is GPS tracked by the County every police officer has a portable radio on their person that is GPS tracked by the County. The Verizon wireless hotspot that connects to the mobile data terminal is also GPS track goes to the cell towers. It's my understanding very soon, sometime in 2021, the County will be introducing a new mobile data terminal system that will also be impacting the vehicles in GPS in real time. The cost is approximately \$10,000 with the annual fee for this GPS system and I'm sure our Council members as well as the public know that our Police Department does currently have body cams, but what they may not know is Corporal Bill Smith recently raised over \$14,000 to get new body cams that really the Borough couldn't afford. Body cams are essential in today's world and my point in bringing up the body cams is we have a Borough that's willing to entertain an idea of buying GPS that's non-essential and I believe there's other things more beneficial to our department as well as our community. So for those reasons, I'm going to vote against purchasing the GPS.

Motion 9J failed by voice vote (Mayor Rivella voted no)

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Mr. Parker stated, we're having a special meeting immediately after this at 6:00 p.m. to go through the 2021 budget anybody else like to add anything?

Mr. Yager stated, question, will that be televised?

Mr. Parker stated, yes.

Mr. Yager stated, I just wasn't sure if it was just for this, that's why I was asking.

Ms. Dreisbach stated, as I'm not voting, I will not be staying for the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Yager.

Motion seconded by Ms. Dreisbach.

Meeting adjourned 5:46 p.m.