



6:00 Executive Session – Police, Personnel

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 7:15 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 asked everyone to remain standing in memory of Officer Justin Bickardt's son Gunner who passed away last week.

2. Roll Call

The following Council members and Borough officials were in attendance:

Borough Council: Bob Paul, President
Helen Hlahol, Vice President
Andrew Lubin
Kathryn Price Engelhard (via phone)
Scott Robinson (via phone)
Nancy Sherlock

Borough Officials: Judith Danko, Borough Manager
Scott Holbert, Solicitor

Not in Attendance: Carletha Murray, Councilwoman
Brud Anderson, Mayor
Virginia Cyphers, Assist. Borough Secretary

Borough Council Re-Organization:

Nomination for Council President

Bob Paul was nominated for Council President by Ms. Hlahol and seconded by Mr. Lubin.
No discussion took place regarding the nomination.

Nomination for Council President: Bob Paul carried by voice vote 6-0.

Nominations for Council Vice President

Helen Hlahol was nominated for Vice President by Mr. Lubin.
Kathryn Price Engelhard was nominated for Vice President by Mrs. Sherlock.
No discussion took place regarding the nomination.



Nomination for Council Vice President failed by roll call vote 3-3.

(3 votes for Helen and 3 votes for Kathryn)

Motion to table nominations for Vice President and Pro Tem made by Kathryn Price Engelhard and seconded by Mr. Paul.

Motion failed by roll call vote 3-3. (nay votes being Ms. Hlahol, Mr. Lubin and Mr. Robinson)

Second round of Nomination for Council Vice President: Helen Hlahol carried by roll call vote 4-2. (Helen votes being Ms. Hlahol, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Lubin and Mr. Paul)

Nominations for President Pro Tem

Kathryn Price Engelhard was nominated for President Pro Tem by Mr. Paul.

Andrew Lubin was nominated for President Pro Tem by Ms. Hlahol.

No discussion took place regarding the nomination.

Nomination for President Pro Tem failed by roll call vote 3-3.

(3 votes for Kathryn and 3 votes for Andrew)

Mr. Lubin withdrew his name for nomination.

Second round of Nomination for President Pro Tem: Kathryn Price Engelhard carried by voice vote 6-0.

3. Announcements and Presentations

- Mr. Paul stated, we had an executive session tonight but I also wanted to announce that we had executive sessions on August 30th and September 7th at 6 pm each night regarding Personnel matters and Police. He added item 8T to the agenda which would be a call for a motion to retain Jeff Elliott of Kozloff Stoudt, as Special Counsel Investigator for Personnel matters and to authorize the Borough Manager to execute an agreement with the firm.

Motion to retain Jeff Elliott of Kozloff Stoudt as Special Counsel Investigator for Personnel matters and to authorize the Borough Manager to execute an agreement with the Kozloff Stoudt.

Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Lubin.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion carried by voice vote 6-0.

- Mr. Paul stated, I want to note a couple of other modifications to the agenda. At the end of the action items we identify appointments, vacancies on the Library Board and Morrisville Municipal Authority and as pointed at the bottom of the page we also have an opening on the Civil Service Commission. We've gotten a couple of letters of interest for the Library Board, one for the MMA, I was told another one came in today, but considering that Mr. Parker just left last August we're slowly getting our act together here. I'd like to leave open until the next Council meeting the opportunity for any other residents to express interest in any of these appointments: Civil Service Commission, Library Board, Morrisville Municipal Authority or the Planning Commission. I urge any resident who's interested in the local government and in civics to consider joining because unfortunately we have the same handful of people that are volunteering for every position because of a lack of volunteerism here, so please give some



serious thought to joining one of these organization and we will vote on it at the next public meeting. Thank you.

4. Public Comments

1. Kathryn Panzitta – *401 Hillcrest Avenue*

She asked when Council would be getting their financial records. She wanted to know what the problem was. She also asked when the next Finance Meeting is and who is on the committee. She thinks Council needs to work together. She thinks Council should have held over the re-org until next month.

2. Don Rice – *Resident of the Borough*

He stated that Sam Stratton the Attorney for SWP (Save Williamson Park) requests the opportunity to give a presentation to Council on the legal issue involving Save Williamson Park lawsuit against the Borough. He read from some past remarks regarding the setting up of the McGrath escrow account and believes it was done illegally because the previous Borough Manager, Scott Mitchell set it up May 3, 2019 but it wasn't approved by Council until many months after. He stated that at one point Mr. Flager said the SWP lawsuit was a scandalous and impertinent matter.

3. Mary Hrenda – *Resident of the Borough*

She stated she is here to help get Council right with the law. She stated that Council is violating the Dedicated and Donated Act and that the previous Council and previous Borough Manager acted illegally to try to take Williamson Park from the public and give it to a private developer to turn this well used park and green space by the river into concentrated suburban sprawl. She mentioned the re-certification of the park and that it leaves us open to development for someone who wants to build. We need to rescind the motion that certified it. She also seconds Kathryn Panzitta's comments.

4. Tom Manning – *Robertson Avenue*

He spoke about a friend who suffered a stroke recently and wants to commend the Police Officers and the EMT's that responded. They did a great job and he is very thankful.

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 July 19, 2022 and August 16, 2022.

Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Paul.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion carried by voice vote 6-0.



6. Finance

6A. Treasurers 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 Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Lubin.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion carried by roll call vote 6-0.

7. Reports

7A. Mayor's Report

There was no Mayor's Report this evening.

7B. Police Chief's Report

He spoke about a grant, where he asked for casino money. He spoke that they are still short-handed, we need officers on the street. We need a 5 year strategic plan. He recognized the name for the motion this evening and he has a feeling his name is involved.

- Mrs. Sherlock asked him to explain radio calls and other listed on his report. She asked for clarification.
- Ms. Hlahol asked him about the officer that Council is considering hiring this evening.

7C. Manager's Report

She mentioned she would like to do something different with the drop box. She would like to send out the financial and bill list separate from the larger packet.

- Mrs. Sherlock asked that Council get a draft agenda. She stated that Council gets their packet and agenda on the Friday before the meeting which puts Council at a disadvantage.

Mrs. Danko mentioned the canal project on Bridge Street is on hold right now and might not be done until next spring.

7D. Committee Reports

- **Parks and Recreation Committee**

Ms. Price Engelhard summarized the last Park and Recreation meeting minutes and spoke about the Fall Fest on October 9th from 11-4 pm and the activities there will be.



- **Vacant Property Committee**

Mr. Paul summarized the last meeting minutes and said there were no new vacant properties on the list.

8. Action Items

8A. Motion to approve a conditional offer of employment as a Part-time Police Officer to Owen Eiler.

Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Lubin.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion carried by voice vote 6-0.

8B. Motion to accept Officer Chris Reardon's resignation as of August 28, 2022.

Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Lubin.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion carried by voice vote 6-0.

Council took a short recess for an executive session to discuss personnel.

8C. Motion to provide a conditional offer of employment per Act 57 to hire Full Time Officer Mitchell August.

Motion made by Mr. Paul and seconded by Mrs. Sherlock.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion carried by roll call vote 6-0.

8D. Motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Police Association and the Borough regarding the implementation of a temporary sick bank.

Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Ms. Hlahol.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion carried by voice vote 6-0.

8E. Motion to ratify authorization of Chief McClay to begin PCCD Grant application process, while providing Council with grant information and if any required monetary match.

Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Ms. Hlahol.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion carried by voice vote 6-0.

8F. Motion to request a temporary waiver of the 60-hour limit for PT police officers through November 22, 2022.

Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Paul.



Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion to amend the motion with the date being December 1, 2022 made by Ms. Hlahol and seconded by Mr. Lubin

Motion to amend the motion carried by voice vote 6-0.

Original Motion with amended date carried by voice vote 6-0.

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- 8G.** Motion to approve MB Police Department in conjunction with Solid Rock Youth Center to host a Halloween Movie and a Trunk & Treat at Williamson Park on October 28, 2022 from 7PM to 10PM. (Free event for all)

Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Lubin.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion carried by voice vote 6-0.

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- 8H.** Motion to acknowledge receipt of the annual Minimum Municipal Obligation Forms (MMO) for both the Police (Uniformed) and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System by October 3, 2022, and authorizing the Borough Manager to execute the necessary documents.

Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Lubin.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion carried by voice vote 6-0.

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- 8I.** Motion to approve a millage payment in the amount of \$48,000* to the Morrisville Fire Company, as per the 2022 Fire Fund Budget. (*contingent upon receipt of payment in full for gas and diesel invoices.)

Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Ms. Hlahol.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion carried by voice vote 6-0.

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- 8J.** Motion to approve a millage payment in the amount of \$25,000* to Capital Health, as per the 2022 EMS Fund Budget. (*contingent upon receipt of payment in full for gas and diesel invoices.)

Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Lubin.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion carried by voice vote 6-0.

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- 8K.** Motion to award the annual 2022-2023 Consortium Salt Bid (as bid through the Bucks County Consortium) to: Morton Salt, Inc., \$67.76 price per ton (delivered) and \$67.00 price per ton (undelivered); contract to run to September 30, 2023.

Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Lubin.



Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion carried by voice vote 6-0.

- 8L.** Motion to adopt an ordinance of the Borough of Morrisville, Bucks County, Pa, Amending Chapter 370 (Stormwater Management Ordinance) to be consistent with updates to MS4 guidelines.

Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Lubin.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion carried by voice vote 6-0.

- 8M.** Motion regarding letter from the Teal Tea Foundation to allow the Foundation to plant a tree and place a bench along with a memorial plaque in Williamson Park in memory of the late Jean Shipos, at no cost to the Borough.

Motion made by Mr. Lubin and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion carried by voice vote 6-0.

- 8N.** Motion to approve entering into a one-year agreement with Hough Associates to collect and submit the 2022 in 2023 Recycling Performance Grant data for \$4,000.

Motion made by Ms. Hlahol and seconded by Mrs. Sherlock.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion carried by voice vote 6-0.

- 8O.** Motion to send Borough Solicitor on behalf of Council to Zoning Hearing to oppose use variance request for 70 E. Bridge Street property.

Motion made by Ms. Hlahol and seconded by Mrs. Sherlock.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion carried by voice vote 6-0.

- 8P.** Motion to ratify execution of PennDot Pedestrian Hand/Man Countdown signal improvements, no municipal match required.

Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Lubin.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion carried by voice vote 6-0.

- 8Q.** Motion to ratify execution of letter of support regarding RCAP grant for Stockham Building.

Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Ms. Hlahol.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.



Motion carried by voice vote 6-0.

- 8R.** Motion to approve First Annual Williamson Park October Fest, October 9, 2022 11AM to 4PM sponsored by Parks & Recreation Committee.
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Paul.
Discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 6-0.
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- 8S.** Motion to consider appointment of Jason Manness to fill 4th Ward vacant Council position to complete a term expiring 1/2/24.
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Ms. Price Engelhard.
Discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by roll call vote 5-1. (nay vote being Mr. Lubin)
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- 8T.** Motion to retain Kozloff Stoudt as special counsel for personnel matters and authorize the Borough Manager to execute an agreement.
Motion made by Mr. Lubin and seconded by Mr. Paul.
No discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 6-0.

Council Committees/Board & Commission Appointments:

Mr. Paul noted that Council will leave appointments open until next month's Council meeting.

9. Other Business

- Ms. Hlahol spoke about South Pennsylvania Avenue and that the speed limit should be changed to 25 mph very soon. She also stated that PennDOT will be doing crosswalk striping in the spring at the Cleveland Avenue intersection.
- Mrs. Sherlock asked if we could address the noise coming from Snipes Farms concerts. The music goes on until after midnight, as well as fireworks. She was told that it is located in Falls and we have no control and that the residents can contact Falls. She inquired about the procedure for the PSAB courses and conference and invoicing.
- Discussion took place regarding the PSAB Conference next month and the procedure.
- Ms. Danko instructed Council to turn in their receipts to be reimbursed. She stated that the procedure would be discussed at the next finance meeting on September 28th.



- Ms. Hlahol asked what the status of the budget was and when Council would be starting the process.

10. Borough Officials

- Mrs. Sherlock asked if we could paint slow school ahead on North Pennsylvania Avenue by Holy Trinity, she has been told no in the past Council was told they had to get permission because it is a State Highway, but maybe since they are doing South Pennsylvania, they could do North Pennsylvania. Also the flashing school light when traveling northbound does not work so no one is slowing down.
- Mr. Later was asked about the experiment that Public Works is trying with painted crosswalks versus the thermal plastic paint.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Hlahol and seconded by Mr. Lubin.
Motion carried by voice vote 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

<https://www.morrisvillepagov.com/meeting-videos/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D6rS9pBassg>