



6:00 Executive Session – Personnel, Real Estate and Litigation involving Blighted Properties in the Borough

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 7:00 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.

2. Roll Call

The following Council members and Borough officials were in attendance:

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

Borough Officials: Judith Danko, Borough Manager
 Brud Anderson, Mayor
 Scott Holbert, Solicitor

Not in Attendance: Virginia Cyphers, Assist. Borough Secretary

3. Announcements and Presentations

- Mr. Paul stated, as we embark upon the holiday season we are pleased tonight to announce the crowing of Mr. and Miss Winterfest 2022.
- Donna Wilson announced the 2022 Winterfest Court: Miss Junior Winterfest, Aubrey Wilson, Miss Junior Winterfest, Olivia Muckin, Mr. Winterfest, Hunter Covert, and Miss Winterfest, Mackenzie Muckin.
- Mr. Paul announced that Council had an executive session before this public meeting to discuss some personnel and litigation matters.



4. Public Comments

1. Vytautas Kertenis – *631 Rutland Road*
He talked about the utilities lines and the electrical distribution line on his property. He talked about Borough Code and how utility lines are supposed to be on the right of way, if not they're supposed to be on the easement. My property has an easement zone but when they ran the poles many years ago they missed the easement and made a mistake and now there is a conflict between my setback lines and where the utilities companies violate my setback.
2. James Schwartz – *580 Rosemar Drive*
He asked what the Borough's policy is on Council getting back to constituents when they reach out. He talked about the house on 327 Prospect, a resident told him that it is overgrown and abandoned. He also stated that he is noticing a lot more undesirable people roaming the neighborhood and asked the Chief about it. He asked the Ward 4 Council representatives what their plans are to support their Ward. He inquired about the progress of the budget.
3. Joan Schwartz – *580 Rosemar Drive*
She thanked the Mayor and the Public Works Department for coming out and cleaning up the property at 573 Rosemar. Thank you very much.
4. Diane Alexander – *574 Rosemar Drive*
She thanked Mayor Anderson and the Public Works Department for taking care of the property at 573 Rosemar. She wants to know how long it is going to last and who is going to take care of it when it snows.
5. Danielle Alexander – *574 Rosemar Drive*
She talked about 573 Rosemar Drive and spoke about all her correspondence regarding the property. She stated that Mayor Anderson took the initiative to care about the residents of Rosemar Drive and they are very grateful for his efforts in getting this issue resolved. She stated that without the Mayors intervention they would still be complaining to people like Council who turn a blind eye and a blind ear to those who were elected to serve on this Council. This collective body, Democrats, Republicans, First, Second, Third and Fourth Ward Members represents every resident of Morrisville Borough, it is not a given right that you serve, it is a privilege and every one of you need to take a look in the mirror and figure out why you ran for this seat in the first place.

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 October 18, 2022.
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mrs. Murray.
No discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.



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 Ms. Price Engelhard and seconded by Mrs. Sherlock.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

7. Reports

7A. Mayor's Report

He thanked everybody who had kind words tonight. He wants everybody to know that taking care of 573 Rosemar was not a single effort by him, there were efforts by the Public Works Department, the Manager and Council people. He thanked Donna Wilson for the Winterfest presentation. He stated that Winterfest is a long-standing tradition which is great for our town and out neighboring towns. He thanked Donna Wilson, Solid Rock Youth Center, Compass Fellowship, the Senior Center and everybody who goes out of their way. Imagine Morrisville will be running their event for the second year on December 4th, the day after the Winterfest Festival. He stated that budget season is starting tomorrow and he plans on being at the meetings and they are open to the public. He stated that he has gotten at least two dozen complaints including a half dozen today and he is asking Council to revisit Republic's contract. He stated that the office of Attorney General Josh Shapiro reached out to him and asked for a list of what he would like the State to help Morrisville with and he is welcoming any suggestions that they'd like to add. He talked about doing a documentary on the Summerseat building with a lifetime friend of his and asked people to reach out the Summerseat Board if that's something they'd like to see happen. He wished everybody a safe and happy holiday season.

Mrs. Danko announced that a vendor was looking to come to town and provide some sweet treats, popcorn, cotton candy and so forth for the parade and she would like to make it happen if everyone is in agreeance. Donna Wilson and the Morrisville Business Association would like to see it, the Mayor would also like to see it, so we will proceed with this and the proper paperwork. They also offered to make a 20% donation of all the proceeds.

7B. Police Chief's Report

He spoke about the Trunk or Treat and Movie night with Solid Rock Youth Center, they both went very well and he looks forward to doing more events with them. Nine years ago there were robberies on Halloween night, we increased our patrols and will continue to. We had no issues and it was a very nice night for all the children. This department has come a long way in the past nine years, it was going down but it is a professional Police Department and



he credits his officers with that.

7C. Manager's Report

She reported that they are continuing to work diligently towards the Bridge Street Project, at this time the project is on hold and we have applied for two grants for the rest of the engineering monies that are needed. Patrick Starr from PEC and his staff have been phenomenal in helping us. She announced that it's posted on Senator Santarsiero's website that the Borough had written a grant regarding a new police vehicle and the police vehicle is outside, it's wonderful to know that it was paid for by grant funds. We also have a grant in for a new dump truck with a salt spreader and plow. We will be having our first budget meeting tomorrow evening.

7D. Committee Reports

- **Parks and Recreation Committee**

Ms. Price Engelhard stated that the October meeting was cancelled and they are cancelling the November and December meeting partly because we're having budget meetings and we need time to be able to do that and it's so close to the holidays. On November 19th at 10 a.m. we're planting trees at Williamson Park and we need lots of volunteers and people with shovels to help. At the January meeting we're going to talk about having a special permit to serve alcohol during special events at the park and before a decision was made she would like to have the communities input. She encourages the public to attend the Park and Recreation meetings.

8. Action Items

8A. Motion to approve the Borough 2023 Holiday Schedule.
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mrs. Murray.
No discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

8B. Motion to approve the Borough 2023 Meeting Schedule.
Motion made by Ms. Price Engelhard and seconded by Mrs. Sherlock.
No discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

8C. Motion to approve the Public Library 2023 Holiday Schedule.
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mrs. Murray.
No discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.



8D. Motion to approve the Public Library 2023 Meeting Schedule.
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Paul.
No discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

8E. Motion to adopt a Resolution of Morrisville Borough, Bucks County, Pennsylvania implementing the Provisions of Act 57.
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mrs. Murray.
No discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

8F. Motion to approve the advertisement of an Ordinance of Morrisville Borough, Bucks County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, electing to amend its Police Pension Plan administered by Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System Pursuant to Article IV of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law; agreeing to be bound by all provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law as amended and as applicable to member municipalities.
Motion made by Mrs. Murray and seconded by Mrs. Sherlock.
No discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

8G. Motion to approve the advertisement of an Ordinance of Morrisville Borough, Bucks County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, electing to amend its non-Uniform Pension Plan administered by the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System Pursuant to Article IV of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law; agreeing to be bound by all provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law as amended and as applicable to member municipalities.
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mrs. Murray.
No discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

8H. Motion to correct Borough Manager's pension plan enrollment effective the first day of her employment; 8/9/2021; manager required to enroll in PMRS 09-072-3 N plan and make contributions to that plan per the plan document, borough shall contribute same PMRS contribution rate to 457 plan for manager.
Motion made by Mrs. Murray and seconded by Mr. Lubin.
No discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.



- 8I. Motion to approve the Borough Manager's execution of engagement agreement to hire Barsz, Gowie, Amon & Fultz accounting firm to assist with borough accounting corrections. Motion made by Ms. Hlahol and seconded by Mr. Lubin.
No discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.
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- 8J. Motion to approve the advertisement of the 2023 Tax Ordinance. Motion made by Mrs. Murray and seconded by Mrs. Sherlock.
Discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.
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Council Committees/Board & Commission Appointments:

Planning Commission: One appointment for the remainder of a four-year term expiring December 31, 2025. (Letters of interest from Bruce Stevens and Peter Berkin)
Nomination of Bruce Stevens by Mrs. Sherlock.
Nomination of Peter Berkin by Ms. Hlahol.
Discussion took place regarding the nomination.
Vote to appoint Bruce Stevens for Planning Commission.
Vote carried by roll call vote 5-3. (nay votes being Ms. Hlahol, Mr. Lubin and Mrs. Murray)

9. Other Business

Mr. Paul announced the special budget meeting is tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.

10. Borough Officials

- Ms. Hlahol asked when council would get the recap of the PSAB conference that two councilmembers attended recently.
- Mrs. Sherlock stated that her expectation will be very soon.
- Ms. Hlahol reported that she is still working with PennDOT and they are still working on the 25 mile an hours signs in the First Ward. They will be sending document regarding the plan to Mrs. Danko and the Borough will need to agree to own and maintain the 25 mile per hour signs, painted legends and wayfinding signs after the initial installation is completed by the department.
- Mrs. Sherlock inquired about the Planning meeting that will be discussing the Bridge Street project that's considering 40 residential units.



- Mrs. Danko encouraged anyone that was interested in the Bridge Street project to come to the meeting. She also noted that there is a copy of everything at the Borough front desk for anyone who is interested in viewing it.
- Mrs. Sherlock asked about the Barry Isett report that talks about developers that are interested in developing retail as well as homes. She asked if we are communicating with the MEDC who works on development.
- Mrs. Danko replied that Barry Isett is letting some of the developers know the vacancies that we have, the open buildings and so forth. She stated that she has been encouraging them to do that because they have contacts with a lot of the developers and it's important to get the word out that Morrisville is interested in businesses coming to the Borough and that we do have vacant buildings.
- Mrs. Sherlock asked if the Borough ever got on the County's list of communities open retail spaces and if not could we find out about it. She also mentioned the Borough roof and that she'd like to see solar panels if they can hold it and if not then consider free standing solar panels on the property. She inquired about the status of the donor regarding the Manor Park monies. She asked Mr. Paul if the former Manor Park property was discussed at the last Joint School Board meeting.
- Mr. Paul replied, as some of you may know there was a contract for the sale of the Manor School but that is no longer and it's back on the market.
- Ms. Price Engelhard stated that she has been attending the meetings at the high school regarding a merger and there have been a lot of positive things. It's very evident that the Superintendent of the Pennsbury School District and the Morrisville Superintendent really think that this is a positive thing along with many teachers and parents on both sides. The study won't be done until mid-December.
- Mrs. Sherlock thanked all the workers who worked at the polls this year and thanked the public for coming out to vote whether they voted online or in person. There were no incidents in any of the Wards. The poll workers work hard and I appreciate their time.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Sherlock
Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Council went into Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation matters after the meeting adjourned.



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MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

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7:00 P.M.
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