



**6:00 Executive Session – Personnel and Litigation**

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 7:03 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  
                              Nancy Sherlock

Borough Officials:   Judith Danko, Borough Manager  
                              Gary Wallace, Mayor  
                              Adam Flager, Solicitor  
                              Scott Holbert, Solicitor  
                              Virginia Cyphers, Assist. Borough Secretary

**3. Announcements and Presentations**

There were no Announcements or Presentations this evening.

**4. Public Comments**

1. Peggy Walsh – *444 Stockham Avenue*

She stated I am here tonight to thank two people on Council, first Bob Paul, I'm so grateful for your vote to ensure that Gary Wallace will be our new Mayor I know that this was a difficult personal decision for you Bob and you could have chosen the easy way out but you voted in the best interest of our Borough by giving us a young, enthusiastic Mayor who's outside of the fray of the old politics that have kept this town from making progress for years. It's not often these days for people to do the honorable thing rather than the personally expedient thing so thank you Bob. I only hope that the members of Council will welcome Gary as a breath of much needed fresh air and a chance to start over. I also want to thank



Nancy Sherlock for her tireless dedication to Morrisville and its citizens. It's no secret that I'm not happy with the election results in the second ward especially since the outcome was achieved through a vicious, deceitful and vindictive campaign but I believe in democracy and must accept the results of the election. I know Nancy well enough to be assured that she will still work and volunteer to create activities to make our park a family friendly active hub for the community often using her own money and resources and her family for activities when Council and the Borough Manager balk at spending money. She will continue to try to get good people for the various committees in the Borough, deliver her meals to senior citizens, organize the Turn the Teal campaign for ovarian cancer awareness and continue volunteering at Holy Trinity. Nancy has always conducted herself with grace and dignity even when faced with false accusations and constant disdain and criticism from members of this board and borough management who to me seem only interested in self-promotion and character assassination. Meanwhile, I never see these people volunteering to do much positive for our community. I only hope that the new Council will turn a new leaf in the new year and work together with new members and the Mayor to tap the enormous potential of our gem of a town. Morrisville will miss you on Council Nancy but I know that you will continue to do your good work. Thank you very much.

2. Robin Reithmeyer – *335 Hamilton Boulevard*

She stated I just want to take the opportunity to thank Nancy for her tireless effort over the last 30 years you've worked. The people don't understand the amount of time that you put into this and how much effort you put into this, if only everybody would. I really wish you the best Nancy and I know you'll continue like Peggy said to do all of the things you've done to help the community. Thanks.

3. Paul Karsevar – *122 W. Palmer Street*

He stated I want to thank the board for their tireless effort. Bob, thank you for the four years I know you put a lot of effort into it and you went out on your own terms for that that's a good thing and Nancy thank you for all the years. I've only been here for a short period of time but you're always there texting, phone calls, knocking on doors, so I want to wish everyone a happy healthy New Year Christmas season just be safe and I look forward to seeing everyone out there in different places thanks.

4. Diane Marseglia – *27 High Road (Bucks County Commissioner)*

She stated I'm just here tonight on behalf of the Commissioners, I wanted to say also thank you Nancy, the sad part of you leaving is you're one of the people that's been maybe in office longer than me so now I'm going to have to feel like I'm one of the senior people here. Truthfully, I have worked with you many times over the years I could never deliver on things for the first few years I was in office but for the past four or five years I have been able to it's been a pleasure to work with you on trying to get Stockham to where it is right now, to work on the co-responder program, I thank you for last year when you worked with me and the Chief to get those police cars and I will miss being able to work with you but I know where to find you. I am also here because I have a Proclamation from the Governor that I would like to give to you tonight and I'll just read it, it's very brief. Dear Nancy, congratulations on 30



years of dedicated service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Morrisville Community. In true public service you spent your career bettering the lives of countless Pennsylvanians. You brought a sense of professionalism and expertise into everything you did and that will be missed by many. I wish you all the best in the future and in all your endeavors. All the best, Governor Josh Shapiro.

Mrs. Sherlock stated it's a little bit overwhelming, thank you.

5. Rosemary Wuenschel – *26 N. Lincoln Avenue (Chief of Staff at PA House of Representatives)*  
She stated I'm from Senator Steve Santarsiero's office and I'm here to present Nancy with a flag that has been flown over the Commonwealth in your honor and also for a citation from the Senate of Pennsylvania recognizing your years of service for Morrisville Borough. Unfortunately Steve could not be here so he asked me to present this in his stead. I also just want to say communities don't just happen and good communities don't just happen without strong public servants so Nancy you've done that part and I want to congratulate you on that and welcome everyone else on Council to the hard work that's involved in making this community strong. Nancy on behalf of Senator Steve Santarsiero and the Senate of Pennsylvania thank you for your service.

Mrs. Sherlock started, thank you.

6. Deborah Colgan – *120 W. Hendrickson Avenue*  
She stated I would like to thank all the council members for giving your time to Morrisville it's a hard job and it's a significant commitment and it is appreciated even when we don't agree. I'd especially like to thank Nancy Sherlock for her impactful work on Council. Nancy, thank you for your leadership, thank you for listening and responding to residents, thank you for always putting Morrisville's interest first. Nancy's been a strong supporter of Morrisville's environmental resources, understanding the many benefits that they provide. For example with Nancy's leadership as Council President the Borough was able to take advantage of County Open Space Program to protect and enhance our open space, our green spaces. She ensured cooperation at Borough Hall and among Council as the open space plan was developed. Grants were awarded and grant administration ensued. She supported and protected the protection of our riverfront through the creation of the Riverfront Preserve and when we were fundraising she was one of the very first people who reached into her own pocket to donate. When we hit snags Nancy cleared the way. Cooperation within the Borough on the open space plan allowed further access to funds for other projects like the Dog Park and the eventual acquisition of Patriots Park. Nancy uses her large network to keep people informed, share ideas and effectively act. Over the years as EAC chair I come home and I find copies of articles or brochures on my doorstep that alerted the EAC to opportunities or issues and help further our work. Promoting the arts, culture and history in Morrisville has been a constant for Nancy. The Sherlock Foundation's Jazz Fest, activities to support the library and interested in highlighting Morrisville's past are just a few of the many ways that she has championed the unique character of Morrisville. Nancy has always celebrated the contributions of volunteers recognizing the value that they bring to our community and she's a



role model for all of us giving her time, her energy, her knowledge and her muscle to all sorts of projects and events. Thank you Nancy for your service as a council member and for all of your work throughout the area that improves the lives of so many. I know that you will continue to be a strong force in Morrisville and I'm one of the many who'd like to see you back up on that dais in a few years. Thank you.

7. Barbara Bower – 505 Woodland Avenue

She stated I chair for the Morrisville Civil Service Commission. I'm here today regarding the Borough's need to fill vacancies for the position of full-time police officer. By the way of background on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Borough Council authorized the Civil Service Commission to develop and certify a list of eligible candidates for a full-time police officer. Utilizing the Bucks County Police Consortium testing process the commission attempted to develop a list requested, however the commission's most recent meeting due to the disqualification of the lone individual who submitted an application the commission was unable to certify an eligibility list because this candidate was disqualified. The next consortium is scheduled to take place in April 2024; however consortium testing is not a prerequisite in hiring a full-time police officer. In situations like this we have another way to handle it and in order to fulfill the responsibilities of developing an eligibility list the commission is prepared to conduct its own testing. Should Council desire the commission to pursue that course of action an option for such Civil Service Commission administer testing is the Civil Service to utilize the National Police Officer Selection Test known as POST. This is a highly regarded standardized test for entry-level written tests that have been utilized by other commissions in the area. The cost of the exam is approximately \$18.50 a test and the commission members would grade the tests. If we send it out to be graded it would be \$24.50 a test and that would take longer to get the results back. The option could result in the Borough hiring an officer much more quickly than if it chose to wait until the next round of the Consortium testing in April. Additionally, it is possible that qualified individuals who did not take part in the last round of the Consortium testing would be interested in the CSC Administer Testing, meaning there could be a larger pool of applicants from whom the eligibility list could be created assuming there are applicants for the proposed CSC Administered Testing such as an eligible list would be created much more quickly than if the Borough chose to wait until April. If Council wishes to suspend the eligibility list development process until April 2024 Consortium testing schedule the CSC will respect that preferred course of action. However, the CSC feels that administering the test itself is the best option. Importantly there are already vacant police officer positions and more vacancies may open in the coming months due to current officers choosing to retire or take other employment elsewhere. Having an eligibility list ideally with several candidates created as soon as possible could serve the Borough in filling both current vacancies and any future vacancies which may arise moving forward. Should Council want to proceed with the CSC Administer Testing the commission would prefer to make the necessary authorizations at its next meeting which is tomorrow night. Thank you.

There being no further public comment, the President proceeded to the business portion of the agenda.



Mr. Paul stated, before we move on I just want to add my thanks to Nancy Sherlock for her 30 years of service to the community. I also want to recognize our other departing council members Carletha Murray and Jason Manness who both stepped in in the middle of the four-year terms on Council and they've served for the last couple of years with great energy and distinction and conscientiousness and they've been very fast learners we would have been lost without them they really ended up being kind of the key figures because a lot of us brought a lot of baggage to the table and still carry a lot of baggage around and they were kind of the honest brokers to get us through a very difficult couple of years that's included we lost our previous Borough Manager to cancer unfortunately, we went through COVID for a couple of years, we've lost our Mayor, we've had our issues with the Police Chief, it's been a really tough year for everyone on Council and in addition to Jason and Carletha and Nancy I want to thank everyone else I want to thank Kathryn, Andrew, Scott and Helen. We've had some pretty volatile meetings, we seldom agree on anything but I applaud the goodwill and willingness of everybody to come to the table and at least hammer things out and nobody shirked their duties nobody shirked their responsibilities, it wasn't pretty, it got pretty ugly at times and pretty prickly but through it all all eight of us stuck with it and I think that the Borough is in a little better shape because of it but I can assure you that we did the best we could. Thank you to all of you.

## 5. Approval of Minutes

**5A-5F.** Motion to approve the Borough Council Special Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2023, Borough Council Budget Special Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2023, Borough Council Budget Special Meeting Minutes of November 20, 2023, Borough Council Regular Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2023, Borough Council Budget Special Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2023 and Borough Council Budget Special Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2023.

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

*No discussion took place regarding the motion.*

**Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.

## 6. Finance

### 6A. Treasurer's 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 Mr. Lubin.

*No discussion took place regarding the motion.*

**Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.

Mrs. Sherlock stated Mr. Paul to give the total of the bills paid this month \$582,563.60.



## 7. Reports

### 7A. Mayor's Report

Mayor Wallace stated good evening Council and beloved community. I am thrilled to share my first Mayor's Report with you all just one month into this incredible journey. Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude to the Council for entrusting me with the significant responsibility of serving as your mayor. I also extend my heartfelt thanks to the residents for welcoming me with open arms the warmth and support I've received have made my transition into office truly remarkable. In my short time as Mayor I've dedicated myself to understanding the intricacies of my role and developing into the heart of our beloved community. One of my primary concerns is your safety and wellbeing and I am pleased to report that our police department is operating smoothly. I commend all the officers for their dedication in ensuring our streets are secure. A special appreciation goes to Corporal Smith for his exceptional leadership during this transition period. I am actively engaging with each officer to gain a comprehensive understanding of our police department and to provide guidance for its forward progress but I do ask that everyone please ensure that your property is locked and secured, do not leave valuables in your vehicles and make sure they're locked at all times. As part of our commitment to enhancing police operations we have recently hired Chief Simpson as a Consultant and Director of Police Operations. I'm excited about the prospect of working closely with Chief Simpson learning from his experience and furthering my knowledge of the police department, a warm welcome to Chief Simpson. Secondly, I would like to express my gratitude to our beloved community for the overwhelming support I have received in this short time. The countless emails and phone calls as well as the joyous Winterfest parade have left an indelible mark on me. The annual story with the Mayor and tree lighting ceremony at Borough Hall especially with our youngest residents was a delightful occasion. I extend my thanks to everyone who participated in the festivities. I encourage all residents to remain engaged and not hesitate to reach out. You can find all my contact information on our Borough website and you can also connect with me on Instagram and Facebook, both are at Gary E Wallace on both platforms. Tuesdays I call my Borough day because I'm here all day, so if you are around stop in and say hello or schedule some time for us to sit and chat. Your input is invaluable and I look forward to hearing from each one of you as we work together to make Morrisville an even brighter community. Thank you Morrisville for your warm welcome and continued support, together let's build a stronger more vibrant future for our town. Happy Holidays to you all enjoy your time with your family and loved ones. Thank you.

### 7B. Police Chief's Report

Corporal Bill Smith stated the situation with our body worn cameras is under control now. Officer Mitchell August had contacted WatchGuard he secured new batteries at no cost to the Borough that will at least stabilize our situation into 2024 where I have discussed with the Mayor and the Manager about pursuing a grant to try to pay for a new system. Staying with the topic of technology I wanted to briefly explain the item on the agenda 8F currently we have three aging mobile data terminals in the police cars they're the computers that the officers use. I have two spare Motorola XP 6500 encrypted police radios that we are not



using. Our upfitter SKD Trion in Bristol Township has agreed to exchange at no cost to give us two brand new fully functional and installed mobile data terminals in exchange for that one radio. I'm hoping everybody takes that into consideration and approves that that would save the Borough approximately \$8,846. Item A on the agenda is a motion to hire a part time police officer Joseph Perell who is present tonight. I ask that you do please consider hiring him during his background investigation I received nothing but positive feedback about Joe as a person, a police officer and a volunteer firefighter. He has 10 years experience as a police officer and he is present and ready to begin working for us immediately. Officer Halas completed his Motor Carrier Enforcement Training, he completed the 32 mentor inspections that were required he is now officially on his own and allowed to conduct inspections. I'd like to thank Sergeant Matt Killeen of the Falls Township Police Department for mentoring him for all 32 inspections at no cost to the Borough. The investigation into the commercial motor vehicle accident in the 800 block of South Pennsylvania Avenue earlier in the week is almost complete. Officer Halas conducted a mechanical inspection on that truck today. I cannot release what he has found yet at this time we do consider that a portion of the accident appears to have been caused by driver error. As of today I still have not received the financial proposal for the cost to replace the truck scale. I've been in communication with Fairbanks who is the one that maintains our scale the reason he's giving me for not having that proposal is because there's some dynamic concrete work that needs to be done so before he give me the proposal he wants to make sure it's a solid number where it won't the cost would only decrease during the project if we find other things don't need to be done. Lastly, the Hookah Lounge at 630 Crown Street I work every other weekend sometimes every weekend depending on the schedule I'm well aware of the problem there I've been in contact with Mr. Lubin on email, the Borough Solicitor and also the Manager. The problem is being addressed and it will be taken care of but we need to have a little bit of patience part of our plan is to work through the Solicitor, the Manager and Council and then there's a portion of this project that I can't discuss in public because it's going to be a police operation and obviously we won't want to give anybody the upper hand or a tip what's going to happen if anything. That's all I have for tonight unless anyone has any questions.

*Discussion ensued regarding truck enforcement officer.*

#### **7C. Manager's Report**

Manager Danko stated I would like to thank everyone here this evening, it's been a trying year and everyone put their best foot forward and did the best work that they could possibly do in gaining all of the things that we were able to accomplish so I would like to thank everyone for the year 2023. I would also like to jump up and say yes we did it we did it we finally completed the Bridge Street Project which the photos are over here, construction is complete the final inspection was December 14<sup>th</sup>. It was wonderful we had probably at least 35 Representative at the bridge that day doing the inspection and the walk through the work is wonderful it's now open for use so I encourage everyone to please go out there and look at this wonderful project and please use it it's very unique with the solar lights that we have for the crosswalk again it was a wonderful project that started and it's finished. We would like to have a ribbon cutting ceremony take place in early spring we talked about working with



the MEAC and PEC, Patrick Starr has confirmed that they're willing to take care of whatever the costs are to have a ribbon cutting ceremony party so I'm hoping that maybe what we can do is group together out in that area and get something together to do in the early spring and have a celebration it's important to celebrate the positive things that have been taking place in the Borough, so everyone involved with this project thank you it's finally finished. We were supposed to talk about a sketch plan this evening it had gone to the Planning Commission 225 Plaza Boulevard is proposing a brand new car wash where the old car wash was they're planning on demolishing that and putting up a new car wash so we will probably see a presentation regarding this in the future but it's just information for everyone to know that you will have a new car wash in place of the old one which is very positive. I also wrote and submitted a grant for two public works vehicles one F550 dump truck with a salt spreader and plow and one F250 pickup with a plow, we're still awaiting the first grant that we had gotten for a dump truck we should be getting that any day so that was taxpayer dollars for free which was a wonderful thing that we were awarded. I also attended the Morrisville Business Association meeting and we just discussed with Bucks County, RDA and Commissioner Bob Harvey on future projects we spoke briefly about Stockham properties and so forth and we look forward to having meetings regarding the Clover Leaf in the upcoming 2024 year. We also had a kickoff meeting with Snyder Hoffman that meeting was for the emergency electrical panel here in the Borough we're awaiting the panels and as soon as they come in the work will begin in the new year. The roof status we're proud to announce that is almost complete we are hoping that the material for the flashing comes in shortly and as soon as that takes place we'll be moving along. I would also like to say that we worked diligently with our budget this year we have a lot of things that are taking place and it's very positive we have a lot of things that are taking place in the Borough Office downstairs with payroll and finance and things that are being looked into that have not been correctly processed in the past so we're working on all of those items. We have a team that we've put together an accounting team and a legal team and we're working on all of those issues and items and we'll be prepared to really get a lot of things done in the 2024 year. Are there any questions from Council?

Mr. Paul stated that he wanted to thank Judith for her tireless efforts over the last two and a half years she hit the ground running came into a very difficult situation with the passing of Scott Mitchell and the backlog that that created we had all the other issues that we've dealt with in town as I mention earlier COVID, losing the Mayor, etc. and Judith has been working 24/7 for the better part of most of those two and a half years and I really appreciate her efforts and her ability to get things done. Thank you Judith.

*Discussion ensued regarding the light at Bridge Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.*

#### **7D. Committee Reports**

- **Finance Committee**

Mr. Lubin reported that the budget is balanced and looking down the dais I want to thank Nancy, Kathryn, Judith, Helen and Scott for coming in we had some very interesting very



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spirited discussions about the budget. We are a medium-sized business biggest budget Morrisville ever had approximately \$6.8 million it's balanced, we have a positive cash flow. I'm going to let Judith go through the details but basically we have a decrease in real estate taxes thank you for the EIT. We have a capital reserve fund and we have money to start rebuilding roads. We have been able to refund everything that's been taken away the last few years. If you get a copy of this sheet that was up on the table it gives you details but again we have a good budget for 2024 much of thanks to Judith. Judith let me turn this over to you.

Mrs. Danko stated, thank you Andrew and thank you everyone who attended budget meetings we had a lot of great input and I believe that we have a good guide for 2024. We have a balanced budget with a decrease in real estate tax of 5 mills in the capital reserve fund due to the new EIT revenue so when we had enacted the new EIT revenue this now allows us not to have to go to the court because we are now at an allowable real estate millage which will be 30 mills instead of having to go to court every year and asking for five extra mills of real estate taxes so that though is a decrease of approximately \$291,000.00 in real estate revenue so that revenue gets replaced with the EIT so we now have a new line item of income for 2024 of \$1.4 million. The trending is continuing because we don't know because it's newly enacted and we'll continue to watch the trending. We also have a contribution that we do get from the MMA every year for \$450,000 the future contributions for that was unknown so we'll have to be reviewing that in 2025 because the potential loss we'll have to dip into the capital reserves that we've just created that could put us at an unacceptable number. We've saved a lot of money in reference to grants we've gotten three police cars in the past couple years and one dump truck with a salt spreader and plow and we're working on other grants. Some of the expenses that we talked about are in the budget the \$100,000 for the police truck weight scale that is in the police budget this year so that's a positive thing we normally would not have the funds to do something of that nature. Our pensions are fully funded the revenues are an incoming revenue and an incoming expenditure when it comes to those items. We also have a mandatory \$4,830.37 added to our library budget because this is something that we must do for the replacement of their PCs. The library program line was increased for \$1,000 last year we did get \$2,000 worth of donations we're hoping to get the same thing for that, the YMCA was one of the donors and very graciously because they do bring the children over so we're happy to hear that you know that takes place. We also have an allocation of \$75,000 towards matching grants for the playgrounds so if anything does transpire with grant applications that there's a match we have some funds put aside so we can pay to have that match so that's a wonderful thing. We won't have to ask well could you donate this or we can't do this grant because we don't have the matching allocated funds so we're proud to announce that also. We're no longer utilizing liquid fuels to pay our payroll with that that means that the \$250,000.00 a year that we do get for liquid fuels can be utilized for future roads so we plan on putting a road program together again and we hope to do at least two roads a year and I think that's very positive if we can stay on track to do that depending on how the EIT goes we could certainly do more roads in the future if that's something that the next council is willing to or interested in doing. We're happy to also announce that sanitation will only be an \$8 increase for residential and only a \$15 increase for commercial in the 2024 fee schedule. Those are some of the items that are on our synopsis which we'll have available online for everyone to see and if you'd like a hard copy please stop into the Borough office. We also did some projects with our ARPA funds we spent almost \$22,000.00 on a new Gasboy fuel system which was much needed we spent almost \$20,000.00 on the sewer here at the Borough Hall which was much needed. We spent approximately \$18,000.00 on plumbing within the building we'll



be putting in some new plumbing fixtures in the police department this year we have that included. We installed a new HVAC system in the ambulance building which is right across the parking lot that was \$10,300.00. The roof came to \$232,250.00 we have not closed that out yet we don't know if there will be any extras with that and the electric that we have planned that must take place in the Borough building downstairs comes to about \$104,000.00. We put together quite a few projects we have some incoming projects for the new year that we'd like to do but at this time we have a balanced budget with a contingency fund of \$750,000.00 that we'll need to utilize and that's something that I wanted to talk about what takes place is we did use last year with funds that came in for example we had \$2,335,000.00 worth of monies that needed to be spent from December through May when we do not get our tax dollars so we are constantly utilizing the funds on a revolving basis and that's just for the accounts payable that doesn't even include the payroll items that we have so I'm hoping that gives everybody a good insight as to what we're dealing with with some of the things that take place and again in the budget there aren't any frivolous items these are all necessary things for within the Borough. We did increase Parks and Recreation in several areas events and so forth so we're hopeful that we can accomplish some positive things in the future for that in the year 2024 but again I'm proud to announce that we have a very good budget. Thank you.

- **Parks and Recreation**

Ms. Price Engelhard reported that in November we didn't have a meeting because I'd been asked by Judith to keep it open in case we needed it for the budget so we didn't have one but I am going to have one in December it's the day after Christmas I know, but I will be here so I hope some of you will show up. One of the things I want to talk about is the schedule for next year because I'd like to present that to the new Council as soon as possible and just some things that are going to be coming up some possible grants and stuff to move forward but as far as the end of the year we had a fabulous year in the Parks we had great events we worked harder this year in getting the benches and the tables looking good and you just drive by and it's like a whole new park and a lot of the trees that were planted and just making it really a beautiful place to be and we've got a great response from the public for it so thank you very much and thank you for your continued support on what we're doing and what we're trying to do. Thank you.

Mr. Paul stated, thank you Kathryn for all that you and your committee did to put all those events on throughout the year, really appreciate it.

## 8. Action Items

- 8A. Motion to hire Joseph Parell as a part time police officer.  
Motion made by Ms. Hlahol and seconded by Ms. Murray.  
*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*  
**Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.

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*Officer Joseph Parell was sworn in by Mayor Gary Wallace.*



Mr. Paul stated before we move further into resolutions I wanted to introduce the audience to Gerald Simpson who just started working here this week as our Director of Police Activities to oversee the police department while we're going through this transitional period looking for a new Police Chief. Gerry's got an incredible background he's going to help guide us toward better management and greater transparency with respect to the operations of our police force. You want to just stand up and say hello.

Mr. Simpson stated, good evening everyone I hope you can hear. My name is Gerry Simpson I am a retired Police Chief actually about a year ago this time. I've been in the field for about 40 years and I look forward to working with the community, working with the Council and the Mayor's office. I've only been here a couple days, I want to thank Corporal Smith and the administrative staff, the police department, and the officers I've driven around with over the last couple days they've been very cooperative. I'm sincerely looking forward to working with you over the next couple months. Thank you.

**8B.** Motion to adopt the 2024 Final Budget.  
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Lubin.  
*No discussion took place regarding the motion.*  
**Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.

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**8C.** Motion to adopt the 2024 Tax Levy Resolution.  
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mrs. Murray.  
*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*  
**Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.

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**8D.** Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$58,000 to Capital Health as payment per the EMS Fund as of 12/31/23. (\*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 8-0.

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**8E.** Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$78,601.47 to Morrisville Fire Company as payment per the Fire Fund as of 12/31/23. (\*contingent upon receipt of payment in full for gas and diesel invoices.)  
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Robinson.  
*No discussion took place regarding the motion.*  
**Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.

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**8F.** Motion to approve the trade of a spare Motorola XP 6500 mobile police radio in exchange for two Dell mobile data terminal systems that would be installed in police patrol vehicles. Motion made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Ms. Hlahol.  
*No discussion took place regarding the motion.*  
**Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.

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**8G.** Motion to approve Gilmore & Associates, Inc. recommended contractual payment #1 for the total amount of \$219,545.02, including change order #1 in the amount of \$8,339.57, to James D. Morrissey, Inc. (To be paid out of State Highway Fund.) Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Lubin.  
*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*  
**Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.

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**8H.** Motion per request of the Civil Service Commission, to consider and approve the Commission conduct its own testing in order to develop and certify the Eligibility List expeditiously. Motion made by Ms. Price Engelhard and seconded by Mrs. Murray.  
*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*  
**Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.

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**Library Board:** One 3-year appointment, remainder of unexpired term, expires on 3/1/24. (Alicia Law resigned in Sept. 2023; we were notified on 11/16/23) \*Letter of interest from Maura Walsh.

**Nomination of Maura Walsh** for the term expiring 3/1/24 made by Mrs. Sherlock.

**Vote to appoint Maura Walsh** to the Library Board carried by voice vote 8-0.

**Environmental Advisory Council:** One 3-year appointment, expiring 12/15/26. \*Letter of interest from Nicole Rahman.

**Nomination of Nicole Rahman** for the term expiring 12/15/26 made by Mrs. Sherlock.

**Vote to appoint Nicole Rahman** to Environmental Advisory Council carried by voice vote 8-0.

**Economic Development Corporation:** One 3-year appointment, remainder of unexpired term, expires on 3/1/26. \*Letter of interest from Joseph McGowan.

**Nomination of Joseph McGowan** for the term expiring 3/1/26 made by Ms. Price-Engelhard.

**Vote to appoint Joseph McGowan** to the Economic Development Corporation carried by voice vote 8-0.

## 9. Other Business

**9A.** There was no other business this evening.



Mr. Holbert stated, Flager & Associates want to wish everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year and thank this board for your trust for the last year and the people who are leaving they are going to be missed Nancy, Bob, Carletha and Jason your service to your town should be appreciated. I've done this for 10 years in different places I know all the ins and outs of different localities, different municipalities, you guys do really do a thankless job as the nearest politicians who are looking over your town you're really volunteers we can say you're compensated but you guys are not compensated for the amount of work you do you are volunteers you are interested in your town, you're taking care of your town and you guys should all be commended for your service.

Mr. Paul stated, thank you Scott I want to return that and wish Flager & Associates both you and Adam Flager who's here in the front row and his father Randy Flager who unfortunately is suffering with COVID it's been a tough year for the Flager family but they've represented us faithfully and steadily throughout and we appreciate their support and advice and goodwill. Thank you.

## 10. Borough Officials

- Ms. Price Engelhard stated I'd like to say that there is cake in the back.
- Ms. Sherlock stated I would like to make a statement please. First I'd like to express a heartfelt thank you to this community for the privilege and the honor to be able to serve for these last four years and many years prior. In particular I'd like to thank my family and friends because without their assistance and help all along the way it's not done by one person. I am sad that I won't be serving in the capacity as a council person but that will not stop my desire to continue to do what I'm currently involved in. Congratulations to the newly elected officials and I wish them all the best. I believe Morrisville is in a much better place and has a very good future of rising up because of the American Rescue money we received and the new EIT which is now in place we will be able to provide many new changes that should benefit the Borough so and for that I'm grateful. I wish everyone a memorable holiday season. Thank you all. Now let's eat cake.
- Mrs. Murray stated I just want to say it's been a pleasure. This is not for the faint of heart; I'm telling you this is not for the faint of heart so if you do not have a heart to do this you do not need to do this. These past two years I've worked with some wonderful people and I've learned a lot about this Borough and I just want to say Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and blessings to everyone. Thank you.
- Mr. Manness stated, look I'm bad at doing homework to begin with like this has been a lot but you know happy to help hope I did.

## 11. Adjournment

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

**Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023**  
**7:03 P.M.**  
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Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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