



**1. Pledge of Allegiance Recited**

**2. Roll Call**

**Elected Officials:**

Helen Hlahol, President  
Scott Robinson, Vice President  
Melissa Johnson  
Marie Kelso  
Dennis Kinney  
Andrew Lubin  
Luke McKee  
Kathryn Price Engelhard  
Gary Wallace, Mayor

**Borough Admin/Officials:**

Jim Dillon, Interim Borough Manager  
Randy Flager, Solicitor  
Rich Ciampa, Chief of Police

Mr. Flager stated we had a lengthy executive session prior to the council meeting in which we discussed police matters, police negotiations, personnel matters, matters under litigation and contract matters.

**3. Community Announcements/Presentations**

- a. Ivy Rehab/John Jemison
- b. Penn Dot: "Do Not Block Box" striping and fine signage at Washington and E. Bridge St.
- c. Penn Dot: "Do Not Block Box" striping and fine signage on E. Bridge St. and Central Ave. as well as E. Bridge St. and Park Ave. (not scheduled yet).
- d. 2025 Road program: Bid Advertisements 12/20/24 and 12/27/24, Bid opens 1/30/25 with the Bid awarded in February.
- e. Zoning Board approved the 50 Penn (Manor Park School) variance request.
- f. Reminder: Borough Hall hours are 8:00am to 4:30pm starting 1/1/25.
- g. Reminder: PECO to work on gas lines in the next 2 years.
- h. Thank you to Solid Rock Youth Center pancake breakfast, Audrey McNulty, and Hot Rides Winterfest Parade, Summerseat and Historic Morrisville Society, Imagine Morrisville's A Very Morrisville Christmas, Compass Fellowship Baptist Church Nativity, Firemen, Police, Public Works, and everyone who made December 7<sup>th</sup> holiday activities a success.
- i. Decrease in residential sanitation charges to \$423 and 2.5 mil decrease in taxes.

**4. Community Outreach**

- a. Board Openings: email letters of interest to [Office@MorrisvilleBoro.org](mailto:Office@MorrisvilleBoro.org)  
Planning Commission / Zoning Board / Economic Development Corp (MEDC)  
Municipal Authority (MMA) / Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) / Library Board

**5. Council Discussion Items**

To ensure all residential rental properties in the Borough of Morrisville meet safety standards, protect the welfare of tenants, and hold landlords accountable for rental units. Beginning January 1, 2025, ordinance § 400-2 (adopted in 2017) will be executed. A letter is being sent to all property owners advising those with residential rental dwellings to apply for an annual rental license and mandatory rental inspections (\$100 rental inspection fee and (if needed) a re-inspection fee of \$50). This will ensure tenants are living in safe housing as well as allowing tenants the ability to address issues regarding their rental unit.

**6. Engineer Report – No report this evening.**



7. **Borough Manager Report** – No report this evening.
8. **Solicitor Report/Randy Flager** – wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy Healthy New Year. What a pleasure to represent the Borough, pleased that when the Council has strong disagreements, they have done it in an agreeable fashion and that Council was able to get James Dillon to be the Borough Manager. He has been amazing, and it is an honor to be able to work with him. Thanked Jim for what he’s done for the Borough, and thanked Council.
9. **Police Chief’s Report/Chief Rich Ciampa** – spoke about the police department progress and reviewed some events; \$250 donation to Ivin’s House, improving training, revising policies, advancements in equipment with a technology upgrade allows MPD back onto the CAD system, first Borough to be a central booking center. Reported on truck traffic and Officer Halas’ certification. Spoke about Officer Parell’s along with other officers’ actions helping a woman in distress on the bridge. Thanked everyone for the warm welcome and continued leadership, guidance, and support. Wished everyone Happy Holidays.  
*Discussion took place.*

Mr. Flager stated a motion is needed to amend the agenda in accordance with the open meeting law to potentially impose disciplinary action of a police officer.

Motion to amend the agenda made by Ms. Hlahol and seconded by Ms. Kelso.

*No discussion took place.* **Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.

## 10. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of minutes from the 11/19/24 council meeting.
- b. Approval of bill list from 11/1/24 to 11/30/24 in the amount of \$238,867.54.
- c. Approval of the 2025 Borough Meeting Schedule.
- d. Approval of the amended 2025 Library Holiday Schedule.
- e. Call for Resolution to update the Borough’s Universal Roadways Standards to meet current State standards and update the requirement for Roadway Opening Repair Standards.
- f. Call for Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$8,750 to Capital Health as payment per the EMS Fund as of 12/31/24 (contingent upon receipt of payment in full for gas and diesel invoices).
- g. Call for Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$27,500 to Morrisville Fire Company as payment per the Fire Fund as of 12/31/24 (contingent upon receipt of payment in full for gas and diesel invoices).

Motion made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mrs. Johnson.

*Discussion took place.* **Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.

## 11. Action Items

- a. Motion to adopt the 2025 Budget (2.5 mill decrease).  
Motion made by Ms. Price Engelhard and seconded by Mr. Kinney.  
*Discussion took place.* **Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.
- b. Motion to adopt the 2025 Tax Resolution.  
Motion made by Mr. Lubin and seconded by Mr. McKee.  
*No discussion took place.* **Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.
- c. Motion to approve the 2025 Fee schedule.  
Motion made by Ms. Kelso and seconded by Mrs. Johnson.  
*Discussion took place.* **Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.
- d. Motion to approve Truck Ordinance banning trucks on S. Penna. Ave. from Philadelphia to Post Road.



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

*Discussion took place.* **Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.

- e. Motion to direct the solicitor to draft and advertise an ordinance amendment prohibiting municipal waste trucks on Borough streets (unless licensed by the Borough).

Motion made by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Kelso.

*No discussion took place.*

Jane Burger – W. Maple Ave asked for clarification on which trucks are prohibited.

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

- f. Motion to suspend Officer Bradlee Smeltzer for a period of 10 days without pay on dates designated by Chief Ciampa that will proceed April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

Motion made by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Price Engelhard.

*No discussion took place.* **Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.

## 12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

1. Edward Young – W. Bridge St. clarified that 406 W. Bridge St. is a twin, not apartments. He is looking for approval without an appeal.
2. Jane Burger – W. Maple Ave. asked if there is a fee for the license and then a separate fee for the rental inspection regarding the annual rental license and inspection ordinance.
3. George Helmstetter – S. Pennsylvania Ave. in favor of the truck ordinance. Wants to start pushing our legislators regarding having radar for local municipalities and is asking Council for any information that would be helpful. The Christmas parade is great, it pulls the community together.

**13. Mayor Comments** – Happy Holidays to everyone, and hoped everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving. Spoke about Winterfest and the day's events. Thanked Imagine Morrisville and Audrey McNulty for coordinating the parade. Wishes for a safe, happy, healthy New Year.

## 14. Council Member Comments

**Ms. Price Engelhard:** reported on the County meeting and the home repair program helping people with limited financial resources. Senior Center won first place in the parade.

**Mayor Wallace:** thanked Compass Fellowship Baptist Church for their live nativity.

**Ms. Price Engelhard:** the police radar is on the ballot but never gets passed in legislation.

**Ms. Johnson:** asked about passing the ordinance so truck traffic can't go down Penna. & Central Avenues.

**Ms. Hlahol:** additional streets were put in the ordinance that was advertised last month so the trucks don't use the back streets as a cut through, Riverside Dr., Ohio Ave, Park Ave, Central Ave, and W. Post Rd.

**Mr. Johnson:** Audrey McNulty did a great job with the Winterfest parade.

**Ms. Hlahol:** Tom Wisnosky and Almost Perfect Christmas Trio performing from 5-6 at Dacey's Pub on Saturday, toy drive for Ivin's Outreach Center. A spectacular year, and looking forward to next year.

Thanked Council, they are cohesive, bring up good points, and a pleasure working with every one of you and of course Mr. Dillon.

## 15. Adjournment at 7:59 p.m.

<https://www.morrisvillepagov.com/meeting-videos/>

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