



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 (via phone)
Kathryn Price Engelhard
Gary Wallace, Mayor

Borough Admin/Officials:

Jim Dillon, Interim Borough Manager
Randy Flager, Solicitor
Rich Ciampa, Chief of Police
Virginia Cyphers, Assistant Borough Secretary

3. Community Announcements/Presentations

- a. Per Code Enforcement, as of 1/1/2025, Borough will no longer require permits for alterations (replacement of roof, windows, siding).
- b. New Website: <https://www.morrisvilleboro.org/>
- c. Public Works will remove two (2) unauthorized stop signs and install temporary warning signs for the change in traffic patterns as recommended by the Borough Engineer located on Crown Street and Fairview Avenue.
- d. Residential Rental License Permit. Borough Code § 400-2 adopted 2017 to ensure residential rental properties in the Borough of Morrisville meet safety standards, protect the welfare of tenants, and hold landlords accountable for rental units. A letter is being sent to all property owners on February 1st 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 \$50 re-inspection). Our focus is that tenants live in safe housing and provide tenants with the ability to address issues regarding their rental unit.

4. Community Outreach

- a. Board Openings: email letters of interest to Office@MorrisvilleBoro.org.
Planning Commission / Zoning Board / Economic Development Corp (MEDC)
Municipal Authority (MMA) / Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) / Library Board
- b. Nominations for MMA Board
Letters of Interest: Matt Wiedenhaefer
Motion to nominate Matt Wiedenhaefer made by Mr. Robinson.
Discussion took place. Nomination carried by roll call vote 7-1. (Nay vote being Mr. Lubin)

5. Council Discussion Items

- a. PA State Constable providing Enforcement Services

6. Engineer Report/Gilmore & Associates – No report this evening.

Mr. Flager stated we had a lengthy executive session prior to the council meeting in which we discussed litigation, threatened litigation, police arbitration matters, real estate, and personnel matters.



7. **Borough Manager Report/Mr. James Dillon** – No report this evening.
8. **Solicitor Report/Randy Flagger** – No report this evening.
9. **Police Chief's Report/Chief Rich Ciampa** – spoke about the police department crime stats, arrests, and fines. He spoke about the detail at the Hookah Bar last month and the truck ordinance. He gave an update on the signboard and fingerprint machine as well as the Tahoe that is being funded by North Point.
Discussion took place.

10. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the minutes of the 12/17/24 council meeting.
- b. Approval of bill list from 12/1/24 to 12/31/24 in the amount of \$336,916.41.
- c. Approval of the Morrisville Borough Easter Egg Hunt, 10am to Noon on Saturday April 19 (rain or shine – cancelled if torrential) and waive vendor fees for tables offering giveaways to children.
- d. Approval of the Morrisville Little League Opening Day Parade 10AM Saturday, April 5 (rain date Saturday, April 12) contingent on MLL working with Chief of Police and Borough staff to coordinate parade route/activities.
- e. Approval of a Resolution authorizing the submission of a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) application for construction of ADA/PennDOT compliant curb ramps at various Borough intersections. (\$500,000.00)
- f. Approval of a Resolution authorizing the submission of a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) application for construction of stormwater management improvements on W. Palmer Avenue between Grandview Avenue and Morrisville Middle/Senior High School. (\$403,391.00)
- g. Approval of a Resolution authorizing the submission of a CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) application for reconstruction of the Manor Park parking lot located next to the Bucks County District Court/Morrisville Senior Center building. (\$715,721.00)
- h. Approval of entering into a one-year agreement with Hough Associates to collect and submit the 2024 Recycling Performance Grant for \$4,000.

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

Jane Burger – W. Maple Ave spoke about stormwater management improvement on W. Palmer Ave and Grandview Ave and informed council that there might be a spring underneath that area.

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

11. Action Items

- a. Motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor and Zoning Officer to prepare an Ordinance Amendment for Chapter 400, Article I Rental License Permit.
Motion made by Ms. Kelso and seconded by Mr. Robinson.
Discussion took place. **Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.
- b. Motion to amend and advertise Borough Code § 435-15 (Trucks prohibited on certain streets) to include Wright, Baker, and Coleman Avenues.
Motion made by Ms. Price Engelhard and seconded by Mr. Lubin.
No discussion took place. **Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.
- c. Motion to approve and advertise amendment to Borough Code § 435-15 prohibiting municipal waste trucks on Borough Streets (unless licensed by the Borough and/or Borough businesses).
Motion made by Mr. Kinney and seconded by Mrs. Johnson.
No discussion took place. **Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.



- d. Motion to renew the Emergency Medical/Ambulance Services contract with Capital Health Systems, Inc., for a period of three (3) years.
Motion made by Ms. Kelso and seconded by Mr. Robinson.
Discussion took place. Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.
- e. Motion to accept the three-year proposal by Lopez Teodosio & Larkin, LLC for audit services for the Borough of Morrisville and Morrisville Library.
Motion made by Mr. Lubin and seconded by Ms. Price Engelhard.
No discussion took place. Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.
- f. Motion to renew the 2025 service agreement with Tom Josiah Consulting, LLC to assist with Borough Accounting at a rate of \$130 per hour.
Motion made by Ms. Kelso and seconded by Mr. Robinson.
No discussion took place. Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.
- g. Motion to send solicitors, Flager and Associates to the February 3, 2025, Zoning Hearing Board meeting to contest the variance request at 200 N Pennsylvania Avenue (allow YMCA to expand existing building footprint of 3,486SF).
Motion Removed.
- h. Motion to direct Flager and Associates to appeal zoning board decision for 406 W. Bridge Street allowing a duplex on a non-conforming lot of 7,500SF whereas 9,000SF is required and allowing a side yard setback of 7' 6" whereas 10' would be required.
Motion made by Mr. Lubin and seconded by Mrs. Johnson.
Jane Burger – W. Maple Avenue she spoke about Action Item H, she spoke at the last zoning meeting, and she prefers a single-family home over a twin.
Discussion took place. Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- 1. Peggy Walsh – Stockham Ave She read a letter regarding the budget that her and her husband sent to all of council before the budget was passed.

13. Mayor Comments – He reminded everyone to check on their neighbors especially older residents during these chilly days. He spoke about the importance of community vigilance. He complimented the Police Department on an excellent job enforcing the road rules and the Code Officers and Fire Marshal for their professionalism and dedication. He spoke about his trip to Washington DC where he met with other Mayors who have also joined the Mayor's Alliance to stop childhood hunger. He announced a new business in town Allstar Bagel by the Giant and spoke about a reception he attended at Concerto Fusion and suggested residents visit the restaurant.

Jane Burger – W. Maple Avenue announced that in celebration of the Lunar New Year on next Wednesday the 29th, from 6-9 visit Concerto Fusion, reservations are recommended.

14. Council Member Comments

Mr. Lubin: mentioned a new Barbar Shop in town E&M in the Morrisville Shopping Center.

Ms. Kelso: reminded residents in the 4th ward to reach out to her if they have any problems or issues.

Mrs. Johnson: inquired about the status of the Sally Port for the police station.

15. Adjournment at 7:59 p.m.

<https://www.morrisvilleboro.org/index.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r3V1kel9y7Y>