



1. Pledge of Allegiance Recited

2. Roll Call

**Elected Officials:**

Helen Hlahol, President  
Scott Robinson, Vice President (via phone)  
Melissa Johnson (left approximately 7:30pm)  
Marie Kelso  
Dennis Kinney  
Andrew Lubin  
Luke McKee  
Kathryn Price Engelhard  
Gary Wallace, Mayor

**Borough Admin/Officials:**

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

3. Community Announcements/Presentations

- a. Per Code Enforcement, as of 1/1/2025, permits for alterations (replacement of roof, windows, siding) are no longer required.
- b. New Website: <https://www.morrisvilleboro.org/>
- c. PECO update – W. Philadelphia Ave and Pennsylvania Ave (South and North)
- d. Public Works to remove one (1) unauthorized stop sign and install temporary warning signs for the change in traffic patterns as recommended by the Borough Engineer located on Crown Street and Fairview Avenue.
- e. Manor Park Playground. The project will be available for public bidding around February 21<sup>st</sup> and the award will be on the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda.
- f. Road Program update – Borough received twelve bids for Phase A (wards 1 and 2). The winning lowest bidder is James D. Morrissey, Inc. (JDM) with a final bid amount of \$1.688M.
- g. Library update – 2 new hires
- h. Levee update – Canal Waste Gate Relocation Project. Borough awarded \$212,612 through FEMA/PEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant for design/engineering to relocate the exiting waste gate near E. Maple Ave to above Trenton Ave, outside levee limits.
- i. Residential Rental License Permit, Borough Code §400-2 adopted 2017. Letter sent on 2/18.

4. Community Outreach

- a. Board Openings: email letters of interest to [Office@MorrisvilleBoro.org](mailto:Office@MorrisvilleBoro.org).  
Library Board / Planning Commission
- b. Letters of Interest and nominations for:

**EAC:** Debbie Colgan (dated 1/27) and Kimberly Lawton (dated 1/18)

Debbie Colgan nominated for term expiring 12/2027 by Ms. Price Engelhard

**Nomination** to appoint Debbie Colgan failed by roll call vote 6-2. (nay votes being Ms. Hlahol, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Kinney, Mr. Lubin, Mr. McKee, and Mr. Robinson)

Kimberly Lawton nominated for term expiring 12/2025 by Ms. Price Engelhard

**Nomination** to appoint Kimberly Lawton carried by roll call vote 8-0.

**MEDC:** John DeWilde reappointment (dated 12/6)

John DeWilde nominated for term expiring 1/2028 by Mrs. Johnson.



**Nomination** to appoint John DeWilde carried by roll call vote 7-1 (nay being Ms. Price Engelhard)

**Zoning Board:** Hussam Jallad reappointment (dated 12/13) and David Gruszka (dated 1/27).

Hussam Jallad nominated for term expiring 1/2028 by Ms. Hlahol

**Nomination** to appoint Hussam Jallad carried by roll call vote 8-0.

**Planning Commission:** Don Diretto (dated 1/21)

Don Diretto nominated for term expiring 12/28 by Ms. Price Engelhard

**Nomination** to appoint Don Diretto carried by roll call vote 8-0.

## 5. Council Discussion Items

a. PA State Constable providing Enforcement Services updates

6. **Engineer Report/Gilmore & Associates, Jacob Rigg** – gave updates on several projects on the agenda.

7. **Borough Manager Report/Mr. James Dillon** – spoke about the many positive items on the agenda due to the Engineer, staff, State Senator and State Representative’s office working together such as Manor Park Playground, Road Program, Hazardous Mitigation Grant, implementing the Rental Inspection Program and the environmental cleanup at the Cloverleaf property.

8. **Solicitor Report/Scott Holbert** – stated Mr. Dillon addressed the two items he was going to talk about but when we get the Cloverleaf property if there are questions, we can discuss it further.

9. **Police Chief’s Report/Chief Rich Ciampa** – spoke about the police department crime stats and truck citations. He gave an update on the key cards for the building, the fingerprint machine, and E Citations. He spoke about the new Tahoe that was donated for Motor Carrier Enforcement. *Discussion took place.*

## 10. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of the minutes of the 1/21/25 council meeting.

b. Approval of Bill List from 1/1 to 1/31/25 in the amount of \$203,678.63.

c. Approval of the Morrisville Business Association Car Show (MBA) with no cost to Borough residents; to be held on Saturday, May 10th from 5pm to 7:30pm (rain date May 17th) and approval of portions of Washington Street on both sides of East Bridge Street Closure from 4pm to 8pm. Contingent on MBA working with Chief of Police and Borough staff to coordinate street closure/activities and approval from PennDOT of E. Bridge Street closure.

d. Approval of the Borough to co-sponsor and waive event fees in lieu of tree planting for Earth Day festivities with iKalpulli Tlalhuizilli (Tlal-wui-zilli); Hummingbirds of the Earth. Event takes place Saturday, April 19th from 10am to 4pm at Colvin’s Ferry Park. John Later to coordinate tree planting. Motion made by Mr. McKee and seconded by Ms. Kelso.  
*Discussion took place. Motion* carried by voice vote 7-0.

## 11. Action Items

a. Motion to advertise Ordinance Amendment for Chapter 400, Article I Rental License Permit. Motion made by Mr. Kinney and seconded by Mr. Lubin.

*No discussion took place. Motion* carried by voice vote 7-0.

b. Motion to approve Indemnification Agreement with the Redevelopment Authority of Bucks County and Cloverleaf Morrisville, LLC concerning Environmental Clean-Up.



Don Rice – Crown Street spoke about Cloverleaf and asked for council to explain how the Indemnification Agreement would work in this instance.

Motion made by Mr. McKee and seconded by Ms. Kelso.

*Discussion took place.* **Motion** carried by voice vote 6-1. (nay vote being Ms. Price Engelhard)

- c. Motion to adopt a resolution to apply for a Green Light-Go grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and designating officials to execute documents for modernization of the traffic signal at Pennsylvania Avenue and W. Trenton Ave.

Motion made by Mr. Lubin and seconded by Ms. Price Engelhard.

*No discussion took place.* **Motion** carried by voice vote 7-0.

- d. Motion to readopt Emergency Option Plan for levee based on County comments.

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

*No discussion took place.* **Motion** carried by voice vote 7-0.

- e. Motion to authorize Gilmore and Associates, Inc. to complete all post-award documentation for the Borough's Redevelopment Assistance Capital Grant in the amount of \$500,000 for Patriot's Park improvements.

Motion made by Ms. Kelso and seconded by Mr. McKee.

*No discussion took place.* **Motion** carried by voice vote 6-1. (nay vote being Ms. Price Engelhard)

- f. Motion to repeal the older version of and adopt the amended Emergency Action Plan for the Morrisville Flood Protection Levee.

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

*No discussion took place.* **Motion** carried by voice vote 7-0.

- g. Motion to approve the amended Fee Schedule.

**Motion Removed**

## 12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

1. Peggy Walsh – Stockham Ave asked if the Planning Commission will receive any information about the Riverfront Development and if Cloverleaf is involved. Residents should not be responsible for trees planted near the curb when they fall since they did not plant them. Her neighbor's tree fell recently, and he is left with the cleanup.
2. Matt Dietz – Stockham Ave spoke about the tree that fell on his property, he does not have the funds to take care of it. He thought the Borough was responsible for the trees. PECO cut the tree that was on the street then picked it up with a crane and dropped it on his property.
3. Gary Taylor – Hamilton Blvd spoke about the rental inspection program and feels that all homes should be inspected, not just rental properties. He read an email that he sent to the council.
4. Eric Erickson – 63 N. Pennsylvania Ave spoke about the rental inspection program and wants to see the wording on the ordinance before he speaks more about it.
5. Kevin Pearson – Hamilton Blvd is a renter in town and feels the rental inspection program is discriminatory and intrusive and the landlords will charge the tenants for the inspections.
6. Don Rice – Crown Street spoke about the Canal Waste Gate Relocation Project. It is a good project, but a couple items should be investigated for the protection of residents from flooding.

13. **Mayor Comments** – wished Alice South a Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, he had the privilege of going to her surprise party last Saturday.

## 14. Council Member Comments

**Mr. Robinson:** (inaudible Trash) and Summerset Tea



**Ms. Kelso:** asked to pick the 13<sup>th</sup> day of every month to make an effort to go green for our children, just pick one day of every month.

#### **15. Committee Updates**

**Ms. Hlahol:** at the Joint School Board Meeting ICE was discussed, no agents came into the school. They started working on school taxes and working on fixing the funding formula.

**Mayor Wallace:** with the ICE situation if anyone is curious or nervous about someone waiting outside their home feel free to call the police department.

**Chief Rich Ciampa:** ICE will never come into the Borough without notifying the police department. There was a representative at the last Chief's meeting, they are active, but they have not been to Morrisville.

#### **16. Adjournment at 8:20 p.m.**

**Motion** made by Ms. Kelso and seconded by Mr. Kinney.

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