



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
Scott Holbert, Solicitor
Rich Ciampa, Chief of Police
Virginia Cyphers, Assistant Borough Secretary

3. Community Announcements/Presentations

- a. Residential Rental Program by Barry Isett.
- b. Bond Issue by Jeffrey Calhoun. *Discussion ensued and vote on item 11C.*
Motion to approve the Ordinance for General Obligation Notes, 2025 Series.
Motion made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. McKee.
Motion carried by voice vote 7-1. (Nay vote being Ms. Price Engelhard)
- c. April 19, 10am to noon: Egg Hunt at Williamson Park, rain, or shine – cancelled if torrential.
- d. April 19, 10am to 4pm; Earth Day festivities at Colvin's Ferry Park with iKalpulli Tlalhuitzilli (Tlal-wui-zilli); Hummingbirds of the Earth.
- e. April 21, Clean Earth: pick up/clean up trash for Earth Day under the direction of John Later.
- f. May 10, 5pm to 8pm Morrisville Business Association Car Show on Bridge St.
- g. New Street Signs with paving roads
- h. Projects: S. Pennsylvania Traffic Calming Study/Waterfront Boat Dock Feasibility Study
- i. Levee Accreditation – documentation is being submitted to FEMA by the end of month.
- j. Hillcrest and Palmer storm water improvements, waiting on grant dollars.
- k. Rescue Squad / Bridge Commission & Weigh Scale
- l. Street Sweeper / Fire Company Vehicle

4. Community Outreach

- a. Board Openings: email letters of interest to Office@MorrisvilleBoro.org.
Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) / Library Board

5. Council Discussion Items

- a. Misinformation to residents

6. Engineer Report/Gilmore & Associates, Jacob Rigg – no report this evening.

7. Borough Manager Report/Mr. James Dillon – thanked the seven council members that voted for the bond ordinance, we have a road program contract that you have approved and now we will be able to finance it. Back in December of 2024 I sent you the history of the Delaware Valley Regional Financing Authority and I tried to mention it about every meeting where we were heading because it was set up by the municipalities to keep costs down. Announced that he has been working on a newsletter for the town and



hopefully it will be out by the end of the month and delivered to all owners of properties and explain what is going on in town and try to bring the town together.

8. **Solicitor Report/Scott Holbert** – no report this evening.

9. **Police Chief's Report/Chief Rich Ciampa** – spoke about the police presence in the mornings at the schools for pedestrian safety. Thanked the fire department for leading the MLL parade. Gave an update on the fingerprint machine. Spoke about truck traffic. Reminded the public if they have an issue where they need police response to either call the non-emergency number or 911. *Discussion took place.*

10. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of council meeting minutes from 3/18/25.
- b. Approval of bill list from 3/1 to 3/31/25 in the amount of \$485,135.49.
- c. Approval to authorize the Borough to execute the construction contract agreement with James D. Morrissey, Inc. for the Borough's 2025 Road Program.
- d. Approval to authorize the Borough to execute the construction contract agreement with Premier Builders, Inc. for the Manor Park Playground Improvement Project.
Motion made by Mr. Lubin and seconded by Ms. Kelso.
No discussion took place. Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

11. Action Items

- a. Motion to authorize Gilmore and Associates to prepare a proposal for the creation of concept plans, cost estimates and provide grant program recommendations for improvements to the Borough's River Walking Trail on top of the levee.
Motion made by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Kinney.
No discussion took place. Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.
- b. Motion to approve the amendment to the Responsible Contractor Ordinance.
Motion made by Ms. Kelso and seconded by Ms. Price Engelhard.
Discussion took place.
Motion to amend the amendment to the Responsible Contractor Ordinance made by Ms. Hlahol and seconded by Mrs. Johnson.
Motion to approve the new amendment for section two of the Responsible Contractor Ordinance where the timing of the review process shall be as determined necessary by the Borough but not to exceed a period of 30 days.
No discussion took place. Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.
- c. See item 3B
- d. Motion to authorize Gilmore and Assoc to conduct a Traffic Calming Study for W. Philadelphia Ave.
Motion made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. McKee.
No discussion took place. Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

1. Don Rice – Crown St., spoke about the blight report and inclusion of Williamson Park in the expanded redevelopment area.
2. Gary Mathews - Eagle Rd. Newtown, Pa, (landlord) thanked council for trying to make Morrisville a better place. Would like more communication and believes he has the same common goals.



3. Sandy DeWilde – W. Maple Ave., asked how many landlords have not communicated and responded to the rental letter and how do we know if the landlords are following through, paying their dues, and getting their apartments inspected.

13. Mayor Comments – Announced the Easter Egg Hunt, thanked the CAC Committee for their work, Earth Day Celebration at Colvin’s Ferry Park with a tree planting ceremony. Resident concerns with the trash service. They did not deliver the correct cans he ordered, the service is frequently interrupted, and they are mixing the trash and recycling. Congratulated the Morrisville Junior High basketball team who won the championship. He participated in career day at the schools. Spoke about the MLL parade and opening day. Spoke about the Riverfront Preserve Cleanup and thanked all the volunteers. Thanked Spearhead Project Earth and Yardley EAC for their continued partnership. Wished everyone a Happy Easter and Passover.

14. Council Member Comments

Ms. Price Engelhard: gave an update on the Parks and Recreation meeting and having a community garden, some businesses said they might be interested in sponsoring it. Said her job is to listen to her constituents and she receives many calls and messages asking questions and she gives straight answers.

Mr. Robinson: stated we did talk about the road program in January, Melissa just had questions about it, Randy Flager was here and had questions about it, Kathryn did not ask one question and is telling people that we never talked about it.

Mr. Lubin: announced the Car Show on May 10th from 5:00-8:00 pm on W. Bridge St., the MBA worked with PennDOT to shut streets. Come out and support the town and the merchants.

Mr. Robinson: asked who was the celebrity that was in the car last year, was it Sinatra or Joe DiMaggio, who was it and is he going to be here this year?

Mr. Lubin: stated we do have a VIP awards presenter, and I am not able to say tonight who it is.

Mrs. Johnson: stated she sees stray cats and she is curious how many others see stray cats, she wants to figure out if it is an issue or if it’s just something unique to the Island. Asked residents to let her know.

Ms. Hlahol: thinks it is a problem through town, there is a group catches them, neuters and release.

Ms. Price Engelhard: stated, Joyce’s Cats.

Ms. Hlahol: if anyone has cat issues Joyce’s Cats, it is not harmful.

Ms. Kelso: the public and council are using acronyms she isn’t sure what they are saying. It’s her fault too that she didn’t ask, but if they don’t mind when they are talking to break it down, she’d appreciate it. Two years ago Debby Colgan came and spoke with a gentleman about how to improve the environment and wanted to know whatever became of the plan.

15. Adjournment at 8:39 p.m.

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