



1. Pledge of Allegiance Recited

2. Roll Call

Elected Officials:

Helen Hlahol, President
Scott Robinson, Vice President
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, Assist. Borough Secretary

3. Community Announcements/Presentations

- a. Swearing in the new full time Police Officer Matthew Morse.
- b. Cloverleaf Site Remediation – Construction is anticipated to begin November 2025. *This is just construction related to the site cleanup; no development has been approved. **Kurt Schroeder, Gilmore & Associates.** The site is known to have a landfill beneath it and has been a target for redevelopment for a long time and this is a first step toward redevelopment. There is no building of any facilities, homes, or structures; it is just site remediation. Borough has reviewed and issued permits to allow the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority and its partner in this to clear trees and do soil remediation that consists of filling over top of the existing soil with new clean fill. They have the necessary conservation district permits/approvals and DEP permits/approvals. Plan to begin work early to mid-November. It is separate to the presentation council had recently seen related to developers' intent to construct homes. There is no funding involved coming out of the Borough's budgets. A lot is being funded through state grant funding to remediate sites like these.
- c. MMA Pump Station Sketch Plan – Informational only. **John Warena, Executive Director, MMA,** have been planning for over 10 years to design and build a new wastewater treatment facility, new sewer plant. Part of the process requires us to build a pump station. The sewer plant is currently licensed at 7.1 million gallons a day, it is inadequate for a lot of needs technologically. The bottom line is we ultimately came up with the plan to move the sewer plant out of Morrisville Borough to property that we own at the former US Steel Fairless Works site. It requires the construction of a dedicated pump station at the current site to ship the sewage by force main down river. We have a final design. We are not asking council to do anything tonight except be aware of what we are doing because it has to go in front of the Borough Planning Commission and the Falls Township Planning Commission before we get to the point of building. Presentation given by Josh Fox, HRG Engineers (Our project engineer and consulting firm).
- d. Halloween Policy
- e. Police Trunk or Treat and movie at Borough Hall 5:00 – 8:00pm
- f. Library update
- g. Winterfest parade

4. Community Outreach

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



5. **Council Discussion Items** - No discussion this evening.
6. **Engineer Report/Gilmore & Associates, Kurt Schroeder** – gave a presentation on the **Delaware River Boating and Recreation Facilities Feasibility Study**. First step in trying to formalize an approach toward getting better access to the waterside of the Delaware River. We did a hydrographic survey several months ago. The report gave basic background information and details to what amenities could exist. Dredging and removal of riverbed material would need to take place to get 3- or 4-foot depth for motorized vessels and that could be done in the immediate area around whatever facility is constructed and an identified channel out to the main channel to navigate with large vessels. There is a full spectrum of other ideas that could be implemented from that; an opportunity to pursue any of the amenities or facilities that you may want to pursue and there are several grant programs that exist that could fund some of these facilities. **The Borough Act 537 Plan** was what Mr. Warena was describing earlier, required to be advertised, it went to the Borough Planning Commission this month and will be before you next month for your consideration. It is a high-level plan on how sewage treatment is conducted. You heard about the pump station, you heard about where the treatment plant is going, and that is all bundled into that 537 plan which is a planning document that the DEP requires municipal authorities to create and maintain annually. **2026 Road Program** to comprehensively pave borough roads. Preparing to go out for public bid for the 2026 portion of road paving and are looking to begin work sometime in the spring in Wards three and four. The **Manor Park Senior Center parking lot** had three different funding sources secured to reconstruct the parking lot in dire need of reconstruction. We pointed out to the Redevelopment Authority that this portion of land where the parking lot is is the same parcel as the overall Cloverleaf site, so they did some additional environmental testing to make sure there weren't any contaminants. They confirmed landfill material underneath the parking lot but they didn't find any hazardous, arsenic or petroleum products. The goal is to get the project out for public bid and constructed early 2026. Continuing to work on the **public works facility** investigation and checking the **FEMA website** to see if flood mapping updated. **Police Sallyport** construction begins next few weeks. No state budget yet, but that does not slow down the schedule for grant applications. Pursuing grants is a big opportunity the Borough should always try to keep applying for.
7. **Borough Manager Report/Mr. James Dillon** – the State Senator's office and the State Representative's office sees that this council is getting projects done so, they are willing to give you more money because they know you can get the job done. We are on a roll and hopefully we can continue that. The staff is working on the 2026 budget trying to project the year-end revenue and year-end expenses. The Chief has provided us with his requests, I'll be talking with John Later shortly about his needs, but if council has anything that they would like to see done, please send Virginia or myself an email and we'll include that in the budget as best as possible as well as any resident that sees anything that they'd like to see done, please send us an email and we'll try and focus on it. Thank you.
8. **Solicitor Report/Scott Holbert** – what we have been working on over the last month with the Borough Manager's office is on our agenda tonight, specifically regarding the solid waste contract. The only thing I would add to what you discussed earlier, Helen, my kids love glow sticks for Halloween, they have a good time with those. Be safe and have a happy Halloween.
9. **Police Chief's Report/Chief Ciampa** – spoke about Matt Morris again, and how pleased we are to have him and his outstanding service record. You will see extra patrols out on Halloween. We are looking for more trunks to give out candy for our Trunk or Treat, this Thursday from 5:00 to 8:00pm. Saturday is our drug takeback from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Updated on NIXLE and GOGov, both similar in their capabilities



and in price which is about \$6,000 to \$7,000 a year. I do not know if this is something that we need to go after right now we do a good job with getting our messages out to the public through our social media and website. I want to commend our officers, midnight shift responded to a shots fired call and found a victim with a gunshot wound to his chest and outstanding job with crime scene preservation, evidence collection, and securing that scene. Executed a warrant that was unsuccessful, however, less than a week later that subject was apprehended in New Jersey. We are a young police department, but they get the job done and this was just a prime example, so kudos to them.

Ms. Hlahol thanked Barb Bower, Jane Burger, Matt Wiedenhaefer, Clay Aberts, and Scott Robinson for their work and effort on Civil Service. There was vandalism on the mill at the corner of Delmorr & Bridge St. Thank you John Later for removing the graffiti. We are offering a \$1,000 reward if we can apprehend who did it, we need to stop the destruction of our town. If anybody saw anything, let the Chief know.

Scott Holbert stated on the agenda it lists there was a 6:30 p.m. executive session, we did not have that executive session. There was no executive session prior to tonight's meeting.

10. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Bill List from 9/1 to 9/30/25 in the amount of \$499,842.78.
- b. Acknowledge receipt of \$59,589.21 from the PA Department of the Auditor General and approve distribution of the funds to the Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association.
- c. Approval to accept the resignation of Councilperson Melissa Johnson Second Ward on 10/15/25.
- d. Approval to accept the Verizon Cable Franchise Renewal Agreement.
Motion made by Ms. Price Engelhard and seconded by Ms. Kelso.
No discussion took place. Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

11. Action Items

- a. Motion to consider awarding solid waste collection contract to Republic Services for two-day a week manual collection, and to authorize the Borough Manager to execute the necessary documents.
Motion made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. McKee.
No discussion took place. Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.
- b. Motion to approve entering into a one-year agreement with Hough Associates to collect and submit the 2025 Recycling Performance Grant data for 4,000.
Motion made by Mr. McKee and seconded by Mr. Lubin.
No discussion took place. Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.
- c. Motion to authorize Gilmore & Associates, Inc. to proceed with bidding the Morrisville 2026 Road Program, to include various roads in Wards 3 & 4 of the Borough. *A full list and map of the roads to be included in the 2026 Road Program will be available on the Borough website.
Motion made by Mr. Kinney and seconded by Ms. Kelso.
No discussion took place. Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.
- d. Motion to authorize 215Secure to proceed with installation of the door lock security equipment for the Borough Sallyport project as identified in their proposal for a total cost of \$8,135.00.
Motion made by Ms. Kelso and seconded by Mr. Kinney.
No discussion took place. Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.
- e. Motion to authorize HPT Systems to proceed with installation of the security cameras for Borough Hall and the Borough Police Department as identified in their proposal for a total cost of \$20,300.00.
Motion made by Mr. Lubin and seconded by Ms. Price Engelhard.
No discussion took place. Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.



- f. Motion to adopt Ordinance to eliminate the parking restrictions on S. Pennsylvania Avenue, between Anderson Avenue and Brooks Avenue.

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

Discussion took place.

Mike Touch – S. Pennsylvania Ave, it's great that you won't have parking between the cemetery and Brooks Ave. but is it necessary to put no parking signs up because that is a beautiful, dedicated big part of this town and we have so many signs down there? *Discussion took place.*

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

1. George Helmstetter – S. Penna. Ave, spoke about him complaining about trucks, damage caused by trucks (internet wires, crash into a home, and a truck pulled down a power pole over by the train tracks) and the number of trucks. From 10 to 11am, I counted eighteen. He takes videos and calls the companies, and has a file about the trucks. There has to be some kind of plan we can initiate.
2. Lee Taylor – Hamilton Blvd., spoke about Jesus and His sacrifice for his sins and soldiers to God. Spoke about his past and representing tenants giving them a voice to the ones with all the power. Called council Kings and acting like Kings.
Interrupted by Councilmen Robinson "I am not a King, I was elected, I am not royalty"
Mr. Taylor continued to speak about renter's privacy, safety, and quoted scripture about St. Paul and that council.

13. **Mayor Comments** – Halloween and celebrate safely. I like the glow stick idea too. This Thursday Trunk or Treat at Borough Hall. If anyone would like to participate, please send a message either to myself or Nicole at the police department so we can make this successful for the children. Last year we did a costume drive for gently used and new costumes still available. If you would like to bring some for others to choose from, feel free to hang them on the racks. Thank you all, have a great evening.

14. Council Member Comments

Ms. Hlahol: In terms of the rental registration program, Code Enforcement is handling that. Borough Council does not have anything to do with it other than the ordinance passed in 2017. It was turned over to code. Mr. Dillon, the Borough Manager implemented it in Bristol and so it was implemented in Morrisville. Code comes to us periodically to tell us what we are missing in terms of trying to get the town ordinances proper. We do have ordinances that are lacking in some things, and they are working on fixing them. We just approved for our solicitor and code to work on about five topics to tighten up the ordinances. If there is something that is in the rental registration program that is not what code thinks should be happening, they will come to us and then adjustments will be made.

Ms. Price-Engelhard: Parks and Recreation meeting next Tuesday. I want to thank the people who came out and supported that committee. Personal note; October is breast cancer awareness month. A year ago I went for an annual mammogram and found I had breast cancer. I am standing here because of early intervention. I have no cancer. Remind everybody, your best friends to get their mammogram because it does save your life. No one has to die from breast cancer anymore. I want to thank several council people who offered to help me if I needed. I really appreciate all of you doing that, so thank you.

Ms. Hlahol: Kathryn, I am glad to hear.

Mayor Wallace: I am glad to hear that too. I have many friends near and dear to my heart who also went through that. Kudos to Ivins House who last week did free mammogram checks for men and women. Great job Darletta and the team over there, it was great. Sad I could not stay for it with the start of my new job, but it is important, the first thing to do is to get checked.



Ms. Kelso: Anyone who does social media after I speak and wants to put a comment up, you're kind of wasting your finger thumb energy if it is behind what I am saying because I never look at it. Please remember I have been asking everybody to pick the 13th day of every month to go green as best you can. It is not for us; it is for our children. There has been some scuttlebutt about our Borough Manager, no situation is flawless, council works well together, we respect one another and are working for the good of all of you. Regarding the Borough Manager, somebody says he is just part-time, if we have someone that is part-time and he/she is doing a better job than somebody who's here full-time and overtime, I do not understand. A lot of the public and people who are having a problem with this, they're not understanding all the subordinates and people that work at Borough Hall, every time you get a new Borough Manager, they have to start all over again because everybody has their own way of doing things. There is a lot that we need to consider before we start to complain, and I am just asking everyone to stop and think about it. I totally support Helen and whomever else about S. Pennsylvania Ave. I was there one day for a half hour in the afternoon, and I could not believe the extended tractor trailers. I will continue to make a report on my free time, and I can communicate with George because it is horrible and my heart goes out to everyone living in that area, it is horrible and it is inexcusable.

Mr. Kinney: I want to address Mr. Taylor's comment; I meant to address it the last time that you mentioned it. I hope people in the audience and residents understand this is not an annual tenant tax, it is a rental license. Halloween, my favorite time of year, so I am looking forward to it. I have decorated the house. I love it when the kids come over. I had kids come take pictures with what we have just done now. I hope everyone is careful. I am going to try and buy some glow sticks and give them out to the kids that night too. I am looking forward to it. I hope everybody has a safe Halloween and thank you.

15. Adjournment at 8:34 p.m.

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