



1. Pledge of Allegiance Recited

2. Roll Call

Elected Officials:

Helen Hlahol, President
Scott Robinson, Vice President (absent)
Marie Kelso
Dennis Kinney
Diane Lanahan
Andrew Lubin
Luke McKee
Gary Wallace, Mayor

Borough Admin/Officials:

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

Solicitor Holbert reported seven council members, and the mayor mentioned in roll call. Ms. Price Engelhard resigned from council due to her School Board election victory and cannot serve in both roles.

3. Community Announcements/Presentations – None this evening.

4. Community Outreach – Board Nominations

Board Openings: email letters of interest to Office@MorrisvilleBoro.org

a. Civil Service Commission

One 6-year term expiring Jan 2028

Letter of interest: Matt Wiendenhaefer (re-appointment from alternate)

Nomination of Matt Wiedenhaefer made by Mr. McKee

Motion to appoint Matt Wiedenhaefer passes by voice vote 6-0

One 6-year term expiring Jan 2031

Letter of interest: Clay Aberts (reappointment)

Nomination of Clay Aberts made by Ms. Hlahol

Motion to appoint Clay Aberts passes by voice vote 6-0

Two 6-year alternate terms expiring Jan 2031

Letter of interest: Jane Burger (re-appointment)

Nomination of Jane Burger made by Ms. Lanahan

Motion to appoint Jane Burger passes by voice vote 6-0

b. Zoning Board – One 3-year term expiring Jan 2029

Letter of interest: Suzanne Zukowski (re-appointment)

Nomination of Suzanne Zukowski made by Ms. Lanahan

Motion to appoint Suzanne Zukowski passes by voice vote 6-0

c. Planning Commission – Two 4-year terms expiring Dec 2029

Letter of interest: Dennis Kinney

Nomination of Andrew Lubin made by Ms. Kelso

Nomination of Dennis Kinney made by Mr. McKee

Motion to appoint Dennis Kinney passes by voice vote 6-0

Motion to appoint Andrew Lubin passes by voice vote 6-0

d. Library Board

Letters of interest: Maura Walsh, Linda Mier, Xintong Ren-Gruszka, Franklin Hedberg, Constance Beadle, Shawn Ratti, Bruce Stevens



One term expiring March 2029

Nomination of Maura Walsh made by Mr. Kinney

Motion to appoint Maura Walsh passes by voice vote 6-0

Three terms expiring March 2028

Nomination of Xintong Ren-Gruszka made by Mr. McKee

Motion to appoint Xintong Ren-Gruszka passes by voice vote 6-0

Nomination of Linda Mier made by Mr. Kinney

Motion to appoint Linda Mier passes by voice vote 6-0

Nomination of Franklin Hedberg made by Ms. Kelso

Motion to appoint Franklin Hedberg passes by voice vote 6-0

e. **Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)**

Three 3-year terms expiring Dec 2028

Letter of interest: Kim Lawton (re-appointment)

Nomination of Gary Wallace made by Mr. Lubin

Nomination of Kim Lawton made by Ms. Hlahol

Motion to appoint Gary Wallace passes by voice vote 6-0

Motion to appoint Kim Lawton passes by voice vote 6-0

One 3-year term expiring Dec 2027 (vacant)

f. **Economic Development Corporation (EDC)** – Three 4-year terms expiring Jan 2030

Letter of interest: Joe McGowan (re-appointment), John Chessa, Elisa Migliacci

Nomination of Joe McGowan made by Ms. Lanahan

Nomination of John Chessa made by Mr. McKee

Nomination of Elisa Migliacci made by Mr. Kinney

Motion to appoint Joe McGowan passes by voice vote 6-0

Motion to appoint John Chessa passes by voice vote 6-0

Motion to appoint Elisa Migliacci passes by voice vote 6-0

5. Council Discussion Items

Ms. Kelso thinks council did a stellar job this past year. Thanks her constituents and everyone who worked with her. Thank you for your help and I am going to miss you all.

- 6. Engineer Report/Gilmore & Associates, Jacob Rigg** – update on wards three and four **2026 Road Program** going to bid December 22nd through January 30th of 2026 to be awarded at the February meeting. A road list and map will be on the website. **Manor Park Senior Center Parking Lot Project**, finalizing the plans and bid documents with the county and anticipating bidding the week of December 29th to be awarded at the February meeting. Bid the **Patriots Park Parking Lot Project** during the same time frame. **Sallyport** update and pending electric and security equipment to go in after the outside is secure. Spoke about the **Borough's Act 537 Plan** outlining the wastewater treatment process. MMA is here if you have any questions regarding the relocation of the treatment plant (action item 11H).

Discussion took place.

- 7. Borough Manager Report/Mr. James Dillon** – wrapping up the cost for the 2025 Road Program, and it came in \$290,000 less than what we were projecting, so that money we're trying to see if we pay it back through the bond or see if we can use that as part of the 2026 program. That is a nice piece of change, and I congratulate everyone that helped get that accomplished.



8. **Solicitor Report/Scott Holbert** – prior to tonight’s meeting Council met in executive session where two issues of police personnel were discussed.
9. **Police Chief’s Report/Chief Ciampa** – this past month we had three vehicle thefts and quite a few attempted thefts that matches our high for the year, it does not seem like a lot, but it is, they all happened in a span of less than a week. We think the thieves came from Trenton. We’ve had cars stolen from Trenton and recovered here and the same night we had car thefts here; they are targeting Hyundai’s and Kia. Please lock your doors, park in well-lit areas, and if you can invest in a steering wheel lock. We are waiting for the door for the Sallyport. Submitted the LSA grant for \$320,000 for police cars, to be awarded September of 2026. Spoke about new administrative team Ethiel Sandoval and Nicole Tiberio, they are doing amazing since Cathy left picking up the workload. Thank you everyone for your continued support and leadership. The support for the police department is appreciated, we hit quite a few milestones this year with our body camera system, our booking center, a couple of new officers that we added to the team. We are moving in the right direction. I wish everybody a happy and healthy holiday.

10. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes from 8/19/25, 9/16/25, 10/02/25, 10/21/25 and 11/18/25.
- b. Approval of Bill List from 11/01 to 11/30/25 in the amount of \$128,038.82.
- c. Approval to accept the 12/1/25 resignation of Councilperson Kathryn Price Engelhard First Ward.
- d. Approval of the 2026 Borough Meeting Schedule.
- e. Approval of the 2026 Library Meeting Schedule.
- f. Approval of the 2026 Borough Holiday Schedule.
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- h. Approval of payment in the amount of \$27,518.47 to Capital Health as payment per the EMS Fund as of 12/31/25.
- i. Approval of payment in the amount of \$31,500.00 to Morrisville Fire Company as payment per the Fire Fund as of 12/31/25. (contingent upon receipt of payment in full for gas and diesel invoices)

Motion made by Mr. Lubin and seconded by Ms. Lanahan.

No discussion took place. **Motion** carried by voice vote 6-0.

11. Action Items

- a. Motion to adopt the 2026 Budget.
Motion made by Mr. McKee and seconded by Mr. Kinney.
Discussion took place. **Motion** carried by voice vote 6-0.
- b. Motion to adopt the 2026 Tax Resolution.
Motion made by Ms. Lanahan and seconded by Ms. Kelso.
Kathryn Panzitta – Hillcrest Ave. stated mixed up appointments is bad management, people sitting up there not following their notes and nodding. Spoke about ARPA money saving the Borough. On the tax resolution it was also the timing and there is more to come on that. Asks why there are so many accounting departments and companies on your bill list.
Discussion took place stating mixed up appointments go back to 2013. **Motion** carried by voice vote 6-0.
- c. Motion to approve the 2026 Fee Schedule Resolution.
Motion made by Mr. Lubin and seconded by Ms. Kelso.
No discussion took place. **Motion** carried by voice vote 6-0.
- d. Motion to adopt the Bamboo Ordinance.
Motion made by Mr. Kinney and seconded by Mr. Lubin.
No discussion took place. **Motion** carried by voice vote 6-0.



- e. Motion to adopt Amendment to Truck Parking Restrictions Ordinance.
Motion made by Mr. McKee and seconded by Ms. Lanahan.
No discussion took place. Motion carried by voice vote 6-0.
- f. Motion to adopt Ordinance for Regulation of Fireworks.
Motion made by Ms. Lanahan and seconded by Ms. Kelso.
No discussion took place. Motion carried by roll call vote 5-1 (Nay vote being Mr. McKee)
- g. Motion to approve the Application for Payment #1 for the Borough Police Sallyport Construction project, in the amount of \$95,722.57, to R&S General Contractors, Inc. as recommended by Borough Engineer.
Motion made by Mr. Kinney and seconded by Mr. McKee.
No discussion took place. Motion carried by voice vote 6-0.
- h. Motion to adopt resolution approving the Sewage Facilities Act 537 Plan Update to the Sewage Facilities Plans of Falls Township and Morrisville Borough for the decommissioning of the Morrisville Municipal Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant and construction of a new Wastewater Treatment Plant at Keystone Trade Center in Falls Township.
Motion made by Ms. Lanahan and seconded by Mr. Lubin.
No discussion took place. Motion carried by voice vote 6-0.
- i. Call for Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Morrisville Borough Police Department and the School District of Borough of Morrisville.
Motion made by Mr. Lubin and seconded by Mr. Kinney.
No discussion took place. Motion carried by voice vote 6-0.

12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

1. Michele McGowan – S. Pennsylvania Ave. spoke about trucks getting out of control again and the bumps after the PECO work and the trucks hitting them, bouncing the houses which is loud. The Wednesday before Thanksgiving counted forty trucks going down S. Pennsylvania Ave. and officers did pull people over Wednesday and Thursday. Can we talk to PECO as the street is a disaster.
2. Peggy Walsh – Stockham Ave. spoke about the library and happy raised library millage and appointing library board members and hopes that a head librarian job opening will be posted. Mentioned library board member Maura has grant writing experience, hopes board members are shown where the \$69,000 debt was incurred. Spoke about her letter of interest submitted today for the Planning Commission and nomination process, disappointed no response to her emails to go over the budget, and their political platform.
3. Shawn Ratti – Philadelphia Ave. spoke about appointment nominations, process, and filling the vacancies in December. He sees this as an attempt to circumvent an incoming council after the transition of power and position.
4. Kathryn Panzitta – Hillcrest Ave. spoke about appointments and has every paper when she was on council and whose terms were appointed. Asks if proper you don't ask for the community's input. Knew Helen would win election and collected votes. Said if she does not like a law she will change the law, but she will always follow that law until she does it. She has not met with the candidates talking about their budget, but she did speak at a park and rec meeting. Wishes her attorney could have served council papers before they left, but it will take 10 to 14 days. She is filing a lawsuit against the Borough under the violation of her civil rights and under ADA requirements. Thanked John Later and his crew for plowing. Wished everybody a happy holiday.

13. **Mayor Comments** – stated Happy Hanukkah to all who celebrate and happy holidays to Morrisville. Spoke about Larry, the code enforcer from Barry Isett who resolved the issue of blinding lights from the Border when coming off Route 1. If you see something say something so we can take care of it. Enjoy your



holiday with family and loves ones. Thank you, Morrisville. To the fellow council leaving council thank you so much for your service to Morrisville. Looks forward to seeing you stay involved and stay friends.

14. Council Member Comments

Ms. Lanahan: We are a small community that needs to work together. This is not a federal platform. This is not even the state platform. We are a small community. If we keep bashing each other, we are getting nowhere. We are trying to do something with this town to make it better for everybody. If we all try to hear each other out, we can make it a better town. Hopes everyone has a great Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, Safe New Year, and that next year we come into this together and we keep moving forward.

Mr. Lubin: This is my las Borough Council meeting, enjoyed the last four years. Spoke about the challenges. Wants to thank Helen, Kathryn's not here, spoke about messy finances. Fortunate to hire Mr. Dillon who has done a tremendous job. We have a Police Chief and a police department that is awesome. Hookah bar almost under control, the chief is doing his best to ensure it is totally under control. We have money in the bank, EIT helped. People like Morrisville for a change. What happened with the schools, that is a school issue, not a council issue. For the new council in January, you have a vibrant, healthy Borough Council, good luck and I hope you keep it that way. I have enjoyed my four years, thank you all very much.

Mr. McKee: thanks for allowing me to serve you guys, it has been a pleasure and Happy Holidays.

Mr. Kinney: This has been an honor. To say I did not know what I was getting myself into is an understatement, but the trust of everyone up here on council, council president, borough manager, all of my council people, Chief, Sue, Virginia, Jacob everyone has been amazing. Spoke about not being on council but will stay involved. Agrees with Diane, we are just trying to work together, we are a small borough. Happy Holidays to everyone, it has been an honor, and I look forward to serving Morrisville in the future.

Ms. Hlahol: I am just going to miss you guys; I really appreciate you guys stepping up and serving when needed. You guys did a tremendous job, so thank you for your service. I wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a great new year.

15. Adjournment at 7:49 p.m.

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