



1. Pledge of Allegiance Recited

2. Roll Call Elected Officials

Helen Hlahol, President
Scott Robinson, Vice President
Deborah Colgan
Marie Kelso
Diane Lanahan
Anna Langer
Shawn Ratti
Peggy Walsh
Gary Wallace, Mayor

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

Ms. Colgan made a motion to add to the agenda that the borough manager post position of the Director of the Library.

Motion made by Ms. Walsh and seconded by Ms. Langer. *Discussion took place.* Motion carried 6-2 (nay votes being Ms. Hlahol, Ms. Kelso)

3. Community Announcements/Presentations

- a. March 26th notified of Bucks County's Intent to Award Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the Morrisville Curb Ramp project- anticipating \$190,000.
- b. Republic Services- Dominic Fulginiti addressed concerns regarding new bins/toters and stated resident concerns will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.
- d. Murals presentation by Hal Wilcox requests permission to paint a mural on the Big Field Clubhouse at Williamson Park.

Agenda Public Comment

Holly Harmon- Plaza Blvd stated her question was already answered
Pamela Scott- W Franklin supports posting and funding a paid head librarian
Don Rice- Crown St is hopeful Republic will address sanitation concerns raised by residents

4. Engineer Report/Gilmore & Associates, Jacob Rigg –

MMA Water Main Replacement: April 22nd and 23rd the following streets will be impacted: Baker Ave, Anderson Ave, Hall Ave, Ohio Ave, Brooks Ave, Hill Ave, Dieter Ave, and Essex Ln.

Morrisville Trail Project: Submit a DCD Greenways Trails and Recreation Program Grant Application, which will improve and extend the Levy Trail.

2023 Road Program: Close out and the release of money

East Bridge Street Backflow Preventer Project: Related to Levy Accreditation Study. Received grant funding for two backflow preventer devices in pipes on southern side of Bridge St, E Bridge St to connect into Williamson Park storm water system. Will stop water backup into park. Materials are to be purchased separately, with installation by PKB Contractors. *Discussion took place.*

2026 Road Program: Preconstruction meeting with JDM; asphalt prices increased causing a change order of \$27,955, with a total contract price of \$1,209,367.32. Should start May 4th; increased costs may delay the start.



Morrisville Lot Pavement & Drainage Improvements (AKA Manor Park/Senior Center

Parking Lot): Project awarded and pre-construction meeting took place. Anticipated start is mid-May (4-6 weeks to complete) and closure of the parking lot. Playground, Senior Center, and Courthouse will remain open.

2026 CDBG Curb Grant Project: Awarded end of March. Bid in May, award in June, July/August construction. Includes curb ramps along Prospect Ave between Lafayette and Cox Avenues.

Grant update: \$1.7 million in grant funding in 2026, with over \$7 million since 2016.

Discussion took place.

5. **Borough Manager Report/Mr. James Dillon** – no report.
6. **Solicitor Report/Scott Holbert** – Executive session with Council discussed litigation involving Stockham Building. Last year, the current property owner provided a structural report and cost estimate to possibly begin rehab. Costs exceeded normal rehab and were unable to secure funding/investors. Code enforcement issued daily citations, over 90, with a guilty verdict awarded by Municipal Court. Owners met with solicitor and Redevelopment Authority to turn property over, allowing for demolition. Municipal entities will develop plan to make the site safe and put it back to productive use. On the agenda is entering into a cooperation agreement with the RDA that will allow engineers to design bid specifications for demolition. Also on the agenda are three items related to the Cloverleaf Property: advertisement of ordinances, zoning modification, and vacating paper streets. Purported developer asking for modifications to zoning ordinance and zoning map- desiring small and large parcel the same zoning district, for the type of cluster development. Engineers discovered the development had several paper streets; plans were never developed. The property reverts to the property owner. This is advertisement only. Another vote at a future meeting to pass any of the ordinances.
7. **Police Chief's Report/Chief Ciampa** – Spoke about calls for service, car crimes and thefts of catalytic converters and cooking oil. Part one offenses (more serious) are up while Part two offenses (less serious) are down. Spoke about Sallyport and ordered new patrol car. Looking into lighted signs for Pennsylvania Ave to direct truck traffic. Drug take back April 25. Wrote two grants- National Night Out and body cameras. Other grants for new reporting system and portable radios. Working with Congressman Fitzpatrick's Chief of Staff about funding. Posted part-time officer position to focus on truck enforcement. **Chief Ciampa** answered request from Mayor on detailed assessment report and spoke about staffing: Staffing has not grown in 20 years and there are concerns regarding bridges and crime. Marathon shifts are a concern. 25% of DRJTC, or 88,000 cars, runs through Morrisville daily. Hiring a total of 3 full-time officers would be a significant improvement, providing more coverage.

Discussion took place.

8. Community Outreach

9. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes from 2/17/26.
- b. Approval of Bill List from 3/01 to 3/31/26 in the amount of \$597,082.12.
- c. Approval to adopt a resolution authorizing the submission of the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) grant application through the Department of Community and Economic Development for the Trail Improvement Project.
- d. Accept the resignations of Ilene Grossman-Bailey (expires March 2027) and Franklin Hedberg (expires March 2028) from the Library Board.

Discussion took place. Motion carried by voice vote 8-0. *Pending taking out "creating a scene" from February public comment meeting minutes.



Motion to remove “creating a scene” from February public comment meeting minutes. Motion made by Ms. Colgan, seconded by Ms. Walsh. **Motion** carried by roll call 5-3 (nay’s being Ms. Hlahol, Ms. Kelso, Mr. Robinson)

10. Action Items

- a. Call for Motion to approve final 2023 Road Program payment #2 in the amount of \$4,480.51 to James D. Morrissey, Inc. as recommended by the Borough Engineer. *No discussion took place.* Motion made by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Walsh. **Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0
- b. Call for Motion to authorize the purchase of materials for the E. Bridge Street Backflow Preventer project through A&E Associates for a total amount of \$27,551.00. Material costs to be covered by grant funds through PEMA. *No discussion took place.* Motion made by Mr. Ratti, seconded by Ms. Langer. **Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0
- c. Call for Motion to award the E. Bridge Street Backflow Preventer project to PKB Contractors, Inc. for the installation of the backflow devices for a total amount of \$19,000.00. Installation costs to be covered by grant funds through PEMA. *No discussion took place.* Motion made by Ms. Kelso, seconded by Ms. Lanahan. **Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0
- d. Call for a Motion to Advertise the Zoning Map Amendment Re-Zoning TMP# 24-010-230 from the R-2 Residential District to the RN Riverview Neighborhood District. *No discussion took place.* Motion made by Ms. Walsh, seconded by Ms. Langer. **Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0
- e. Call for a Motion to Advertise the Zoning Ordinance Amendment Modifying Design and Dimensional Standards in the Riverview Neighborhood District. *Discussion took place.*
Motion to table made by Ms. Langer, seconded by Ms. Colgan. Motion to table failed by roll call vote 4-4 with Mayor breaking tie (nay votes being Ms. Hlahol, Ms. Kelso, Ms. Lanahan, Mr. Robinson). Motion to advertise the Zoning Ordinance Amendment Modifying Design and Dimensional Standards in the Riverview Neighborhood District. Motion made by Ms. Langer, seconded by Ms. Colgan. **Motion** carried by roll call 4-4, Mayor breaking tie (nay votes being Ms. Colgan, Ms. Langer, Mr. Ratti, Ms. Walsh).
- f. Call for a Motion to Advertise Ordinance Vacating Paper Streets contained in Cloverleaf Property. Motion made by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Kelso. **Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.
- g. Call for a Motion to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks and/or the County of Bucks concerning the Stockham Building, subject to approval by the Borough Solicitor. *Discussion took place.* Motion made by Ms. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Ratti. **Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.
- h. Call for a Motion to direct Gilmore & Associates to design Demolition Bid Specifications for the Stockham Building. *No discussion.* Motion made by Mr. Ratti, seconded by Ms. Langer. **Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.
- i. Call for Motion to authorize the purchase of new street signs in the amount of \$12,970.70 and poles in the amount of \$6,297.73 for the 2026 Road Program. *No discussion.* Motion made by Ms. Lanahan, seconded by Ms. Kelso. **Motion** carried by voice vote passes 8-0.
- j. Call for Motion to approve the Economic Development Corp (EDC) to plant a 10ft Norway Spruce at Borough Hall to enable a town Christmas tree lighting. *Discussion took place.* Motion made by Ms. Langer, seconded by Ms. Colgan. **Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.
- k. Call for a Motion to Direct the Borough Manager to Advertise the Library Director Position and Begin the Hiring Process. *Discussion took place.* Motion made by Ms. Walsh, seconded by Ms. Langer. **Motion** carried by roll call 5-3 (nay’s being Ms. Hlahol, Ms. Kelso, Ms. Lanahan).



Item 10k. was added to the Agenda via a Motion and vote by Council pursuant to Section 712.1(e) of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Law because there was concern about the time it would take to find someone for the position and the risk of losing state funding.

11. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

1. Holly Harmon, Plaza Blvd: Spoke about trucks/Britton Industries.
2. Michelle McGawan, Pennsylvania Ave: CAC Easter Egg Hunt report was given and thank you to volunteers and contributors.
3. Linda Meyer, Hamilton Blvd: Thanked board members who are resigning. Gave report on the library.
4. Dennis Kinny, Pennsylvania Ave: Thanked CAC. Disheartened to see Council meetings and hopes Council will work together for the community.
5. Lee Taylor, Hamilton Blvd: Spoke about rental program.

12. Council Discussion Items

Ms. Kelso: Requests Council consolidate remarks to keep meetings moving

Ms. Langer: Awaiting requested financial records.

Ms. Walsh: Positive remarks regarding the Earth Day Celebration

Ms. Langer: Concerning incident with train at the intersection

Ms. Walsh: Port-a-potties seasonal rental is \$219. Instructed to send information to Ms. Cyphers and Mr. Dillon. Thanked Earth Day Celebration. Rock n Roll 250 will take place May 16th, rain date May 17th. Encouraged anyone interested in Library Board to submit your name.

Ms. Hlahol: Encouraged everyone to not mislead the public.

13. **Mayor Comments** – Thanked everyone for the Earth Day Celebration. Stressed the importance of taking care of our environment and community. Thanked council members for a productive conversation regarding the common goal of seeing Morrisville succeed and urged Council to work together.

Christine Jansen, W Palmer: Missed public comment. Made concerns of trash bins known.

14. Adjournment at

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