



The Morrisville Borough Council met on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Morrisville Municipal Building, 35 Union Street, Morrisville, PA for a Regular Council Meeting.

Mr. Parker stated, can we please rise for a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance?

Micah Heitz took roll call.

**Those in Attendance:**

Borough Council: Ted Parker, President (via Zoom)  
Bob Paul, Vice President (via Zoom)  
Justin Bowers (via Zoom)  
Helen Hlahol  
Duane Nicol (via Zoom)  
Scott Robinson (via Zoom)  
Nancy Sherlock (via Zoom)  
Michael Yager (via Zoom)

Borough Officials: Micah Heitz, Interim Borough Manager & Finance Director  
Randy Flager, Solicitor (via Zoom)  
Scott Holbert, Solicitor (via Zoom)

Not in Attendance: Dave Rivella, Mayor  
Virginia Cyphers, Assist. Borough Secretary

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**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

Timothy Sawyer with Barbacane Thornton and Company gave a presentation on their December 31, 2020 audit results.

*Discussion took place regarding the audit presentation.*

Mr. Parker stated, before we move into public comment I'd like the public to know that there was an executive session at 6:30 this evening before our public meeting and that was for personnel and we will be having one after the end of this meeting also for personnel. We will not be coming back there will be no voting. We have an addition to the agenda which is 9H, which is a motion to provide a stipend as additional compensation for additional duties in absence of a Borough Manager to Micah Heitz in the amount of \$392 a week and Virginia Cyphers in the amount of \$272.00 per week. This stipend will be retroactive to the date that council confirmed Micah Heitz as acting Borough Manager. That's the addition to the action items as 9H.

Ms. Sherlock stated, Mr. Parker, I think he added February 16<sup>th</sup> to the motion, is that right?

Mr. Parker stated, I didn't see that in what he wrote.

Ms. Sherlock stated, that was the date that it would be retroactive to.

Mr. Parker stated, so then we'll change it from retroactive to the date to retroactive to February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Mr. Flager stated, that is correct.

Mr. Parker stated, when council confirmed Micah Heitz as acting Borough Manager.

Ms. Sherlock stated, I don't know if this is the proper timing but I just thought of this, could we add a motion to agree to contract David Woglom of the Meyner Center in

the search for a Borough Manager not to exceed \$6,000 plus travel expenses, or do we wait to do that later, but then the public won't be able to talk on it.

Mr. Parker asked, right. Can you read your motion again?

Ms. Sherlock stated, motion to agree to a contract with David Woglom of the Meyner Center in the search for a Borough Manager not to exceed \$6,000 plus travel expenses. That's the figure he gave us in his proposal.

Mr. Parker stated, you asked to add it, so we can add it. Motion to agree to contract David Woglom of the Meyner Center to conduct a search for a Borough Manager candidate.

Mr. Flager stated, I would just say that to make it easier for everyone, he sent us a letter. Mr. Parker, he sent a letter on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. So you could just say per his proposal of March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to conduct a search for a Borough Manager.

Mr. Parker stated, a motion to agree to contract David Woglom to conduct a search for a Borough Manager pursuant to his proposal dated March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. That will be 9I. Unless anybody else has anything else we'll move into public comment

### **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

1. Courtney Loo Raines – *327 Hillside Avenue*

She stated, I just wanted to share about our next Riverwalk cleanup. It will be on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, from 10 to 11 a.m. It's one hour only, so it's really easy and doable on a Saturday. Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 10-11. All supplies are provided, gloves, trash bags, you just have to show up. The rain date is Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, again, from 10 to 11 am, but we're hoping for Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Again, I am just asking always, I'm going to ask the Council to keep in mind permanent trash cans. I'm always going to ask for that just because people tend to litter when there aren't any trash

cans up there. I also wanted to say that this is faith-based so that's it. Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, Riverwalk cleanup and I hope people come out. Thank you so much.

2. Noel Sperry – *531 Prospect Avenue*

He stated, I'm just going to put out some important dates that are coming up over the next month. It just seems like it's a lot of stuff that's going to be happening and people should kind of know about it and hopefully they remember. Start with April 21<sup>st</sup>, Administrative Professionals Day so do something nice for your Administrative Professional. April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Earth Day, do something nice for mother earth. May 9<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day, do something nice for you mom. May 15<sup>th</sup>, is Peace Officers Memorial Day, please take some time to thank our officers for keeping us safe and remember all of those that have given their lives in the line of duty. May 17<sup>th</sup>, your individual taxes are due. This Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, the Friends of Morrisville Dog Park is having a dog wash fundraiser. I'm actually going to let Justin probably fill in the details, but this is to support our award-winning dog park. I'll be volunteering all day, so hopefully I'll see people out there. Finally, I want to say thank you to Wayne Stamps for putting on the car show at the Morrisville Senior Center, there was over 60 cars. There were people coming and going all day. It was a great day for an event. It was a little overcast and cool, but still very nice. They raised over \$1,400 for the Senior Center, so again I want to say thank you to Wayne Stamps and his group that put that on. That's about it.

3. Deborah Colgan – *120 W. Hendrickson Ave*

She stated, I hope that tonight the public will hear what activities are ongoing related to the Williamson Park Development proposal. We've all observed the surveyors in the park and we see the paint marks all over, so the Borough must be aware. While professional fees are covered by Morrisville Selects escrow, Borough Administration staff time is not and so as taxpayers I think it's only right that we should know what

they're working on. Now that the Comprehensive Plan has been approved, let's use it, it's principles to guide appropriate revitalization in the Borough. Smart development is at its core, environmentally responsible, resilient and forward thinking. Smart development does not repeat the same mistakes of the past, it adjusts with newfound knowledge. We know now that climate change is real, that building in flood plains is foolish, that green infrastructure is essential and old-fashioned cookie-cutter business models are not how to address our future needs. The opportunity lies here with you now. Study smart development strategies, they show how we can be good stewards of our land as well as prosper. Use what we have what makes us unique, build on our strengths, that's the path to follow. That means keeping focus on our actual real downtown for commercial development opportunities. While the Borough can't improve private property, it can improve what it owns so invest in our parks across Morrisville. A wide variety of quality green spaces will attract revitalization we desire. It brings people to town, it attracts businesses, raises property values, reduces crime and enhances our historical and cultural offerings. A great park system is less expensive to create and maintain and it offers much less risk during flooding, it's accessible to all and it can adapt with community needs. We have the incredible resources like the Delaware River in our front yard and a State Park running through town. The synergy that can be created with all of our resources is profound. Look across the river to Trenton, it's well known among smart planners that limiting public access to the river with buildings and parking lots was a huge mistake that they really can't correct, learn from that. Understand that Morrisville residents are thoughtful and aware. We consider the future with sustainability in mind and we expect that as our elected leaders you will do the same. Thank you.

4. Brad Warner – *58 Sutphin Pines, Yardley, PA*

*(375 W. Trenton Ave. Pennsbury Racquet Club)*

He stated, along the lines of what Deborah was saying before, you have three tennis courts over by the river at the park which we were interested in trying to create tennis programs over there during the summer months and we were hoping to revitalize the tennis program over there. I've driven by there many many times over the years we've owned the Pennsbury Racquet Club for 17 years and it looks like it's underutilized and we'd like to even put some money into it to make it a little bit nicer and to make it a place that people would want to come to learn how to play tennis and we can bring our professional staff and our skills out there and turn it into a real professional program.

Ms. Sherlock stated, just for people's knowledge that we did have the Trenton Tennis, I don't know the whole professional name but a few years back they did a summer program down there with students and it was very successful and I like the idea that we could use it again.

Ms. Hlahol stated, I like the idea as well. Do we have to add a motion to approve that or do we have to have conversation amongst Council?

Mr. Parker stated, I'd like to have more information about whether or not there's going to be a cost charge to those participants and what it might be and Council would need to decide whether or not there would be a usage fee for using the facilities and insurance requirements so I think a motion tonight might be premature.

Ms. Sherlock stated, I agree.

Mr. Warner stated, we do have insurance and we could use our insurance over there not a problem we also run the tennis program at Cobblestone Creek Country Club in Lawrenceville New Jersey, so we're looking to do something a little bit closer to home and in terms of a fee, the courts that are currently out there need some work and we would be happy to have

our guys go out there and do some work to make the courts perhaps a little safer and a little more playable at no expense to you, at our expense.

Mr. Robinson stated, I have a question Ted. How soon, because if this is a summer program it's probably going to have to get moving and I would hate to see us like drag our feet and not even get it up off the ground. When were you looking at starting this?

Mr. Warner stated, as soon as possible. If you give us the go ahead, we would go ahead and start going into motion and try and get things out there and get the community excited about it and find ways to reach out to people in the area to get them playing tennis.

Mr. Yager stated, if I may Ted, just to chime in real quick. I love the idea. Thank you for bringing this to us. However, I think we need to put the brakes on for a quick second guys everybody wants to jump in. We need an MOU, we need to talk to our attorneys, we need to make sure that we do it the right way. Jumping into it is fun, but it's not necessarily responsible. I think we need to have a discussion maybe put it on next month. I don't think, and tell me if I'm wrong sir, that that would put you in any kind of bad spot if this was talked about next month, correct?

Mr. Warner stated, well, it would be difficult for us to get this probably going as strong as we'd like and also to get the courts fixed, because we'd have to work something out with the person who does our courts to fix the courts up a little bit would be a difficult thing as well, so it would require some orchestration to make that happen. I don't know another month that would be May, you would really only have June, July and then you know maybe the middle of August, you would be finishing.

Mr. Yager stated, okay. Well I appreciate your insights on that for me though guys I know where I'm going with this. I think we need to have it looked at, we need an MOU, we need an agreement with any organization that we're going to be long-term letting anyone use property. I think that's only fair to Morrisville Little League who

has a contract and MOU that we don't parse out any additional places and not have the same expectations that we have for anyone using the park for stuff like this.

Mr. Parker stated, right, I mean if we had had knowledge of this earlier and had the opportunity to vet everything and make sure that you know all our I's are dotted, t's are crossed that you know I'd feel more comfortable with it and I love the idea and I think we need to have our solicitor reach out to you and work out something more concrete that we can actually view before the next meeting and then vote on it in May. I know it might push you back a little bit but I don't feel comfortable being rushed into something with just nothing but a proposal email.

Ms. Sherlock stated, I agree, tonight is not the night, but may I suggest that we get the file that we used before which had all those particulars and the MMO and so forth and so on, so you're not starting from scratch.

Mr. Parker stated, if the administration could dig that up and then get that to Randy so they have a framework to look at and get a better idea and then maybe give that to Council in our Friday package so that we can look at it and flush it out a little bit. I greatly appreciate you being interested in using our tennis courts, but I think we need a little bit more time just to – it's not a no. I actually think it's a good thing and I think we'll have a favorable number of members on Council in favor of it, but I just think there's too many moving parts to put it on the agenda for tonight, but it's definitely something we're interested in doing with you.

Mr. Warner stated, okay. Is it okay if I ask a few questions? I'll keep it –

Mr. Flager stated, can I just for a record -- this is public comment you have a few minutes to make public comment. This is not a negotiation session.

Mr. Warner stated, right. No, I wasn't trying to negotiate.



Mr. Flager stated, I know. What I'm saying is that it's not – you have a right to speak uninterrupted for your amount of time and you can make any statement you want Council has allowed you to do that, but it's not a question and answer period.

Mr. Parker stated, if you could reach out to the administration, to our acting Borough Manager and they'll put you in touch you know they can communicate with you and the Borough Solicitor and you can ask any questions you'd like of them and if it's anything for Council they'll forward it to us.

Mr. Warner stated, not a problem. Thank you for time.

Mr. Flager stated, we're not hiding from you so call our office we're there.

Mr. Warner stated, okay thank you for your time.

5. Jim O'Brien – *1000 University Drive, Yardley (Morrisville Little League)*  
He Stated, I just wanted to meet with everyone tonight and just go over some of the outstanding items make sure you guys had received everything that I had sent across. The schedules have just been submitted to Borough Council so you guys should have that full set of schedules for all our -- we're waiting on one for inner league play. The paperwork is in and I can talk at a high level about the numbers of registered players as well as which of those are Morrisville Borough residents. I will have the full list to you guys tonight our agent had a little bit of a blended difficulties, he's currently coaching a game, but right after he gets wrapped up with that he should send it right away. We did not have an official opening day like we normally do as a result of COVID. We are optimistic that we may be able to do something later in the year but right now we're just monitoring the COVID numbers making sure our state protocols are in place and that we're creating a safe environment for the kids and all the volunteers that come to Morrisville Little League. Council had voted a couple of meetings ago to support the development of Williamson Park, or at least support continued exploration of that. I

want to continue going on record to say that that would damage if not irreparably harm the Morrisville Little League and I think a lot of the efforts to find alternative locations for the league you'll have sort of figured out. I did want to ask Council if there were other sites that they had in mind for that. You know as of right now we're showing really strong numbers this year just to highlight and I don't know if you guys can give me a screen but I'm happy to pop up some of the numbers just to give you guys a quick look at it. Can I get that?

Mr. Parker stated, I don't think we can share the screen with the general public but if you could forward that over by email to Council that would be appreciated.

Mr. O'Brien stated, yep I can happily do that. I'll just speak to it at a high level, so we had 353 registered players and we closed our registration just this past weekend 18.4% of those players are Morrisville Borough residents. At a division by division level it's interesting numbers, our younger age groups we actually had much more significant numbers of Morrisville Borough residents. Almost 30% of our t-ball program are Morrisville Borough residents and almost 30% of our transition program which is ages 6,7 and 8 are Morrisville Borough residents. Those numbers do decline as you get older in age groups, you can conjecture as to why that is exactly but I won't do that in this forum here but what I can say is that our t-ball numbers particularly are strong this year. It shows there's a lot of interest by younger families in participating in our league and it's a draw to the community that we have a very successful and very valuable Morrisville Little League program here to draw and I'd like Council to continue to consider the importance of Morrisville Little League as a member of the community, as a living and breathing member of the community, not just as a historical artifact and something that is a great value and big utilizer of the Williamson Park. It brings a lot more than just baseball players and softball players to the park, it brings young families to the park, it brings business to the local community and there's a lot of positive ramifications of having

Morrisville Little League here and damaging that league would be very harmful. I'll wrap with that and if anyone has questions, I'm happy to answer.

*There being that no one else wished to speak, public comment portion was closed.*

Mr. Bowers stated, before we move on, can I make one comment. While I appreciate you sending Council information, you should really be dealing directly with the Borough Manager. Council doesn't deal in the day-to-day operations, so any insurance issues registrations should be going through Micah, not Council.

Mr. O'Brien, I apologize for this. To my knowledge, I didn't realize that Borough Council until this meeting had a new Borough Manager since the tragedy of Scott passing so I've been trying to get as much information to as many people as possible and just cover my bases and keep the lines of communication open. I'll be happy to do that if someone could pass me along Micah's contact information, I'd be happy to work with him like I did with Scott.

Mr. Parker stated, I'll take care of that sir after the meeting.

Mr. O'Brien replied, thanks Ted.

Mr. Parker stated, there's one more person. I've officially closed it out but I'll accept one more person and then we'll move on after that person.

6. Mary Hrenda – 343 Crown Street

She stated, I just wanted to jump into the comments of Jim O'Brien, Pennsbury Racquet Club and Debbie Colgan about the park. I think that we could make a lot better use of the park. We do have good uses with the Little League and I think a tennis program would be wonderful but you know, we could have other things. I was talking to some friends and

we could have different activities like plant swaps, we'd like to have or seed swaps for gardeners. We could have community gardens in the park. We need some more tree plantings, different organizations like EAC or the Beautification Committee or the Parks and Rec Committee could get some grants and you know do more plantings and just beautify the park a little more, put in some walking paths and I just want you to think about that. I just want to like dispel the myth that anybody has that the park is underutilized, if you go there anytime you know during the time that people recreate you'll see a bunch of people there and cars in the parking lot. This is just not when they're playing baseball and softball but you know just any time you see families there you see people walking the levee, you see people walking in the park, families playing in the park. So yeah, just think about utilizing the park, it is utilized and we can make improvements, we can have more events there, more sports, fix up the basketball courts, that would be nice people play basketball there quite a bit. So just give it some thought here folks. That's all I have to say.

### MINUTES

**Motion 6A** - Motion to approve the Borough Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2021.

**Motion** made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Yager.

*No discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

**Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.

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**ACTION ITEMS**

**Motion 7B** - Motion to approve the bill list and pay the bills.

**Motion** made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Bowers.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker stated, roll call please.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote 8-0.

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**REPORTS**

**Mayor's Report – David Rivella** – There was no report this evening.

**Police Chief's Report – Chief George McClay** –He stated, good evening Council. I hope everybody has received their crime reports for the month as you'll see we're down crime 42% year-to-date the officers have done a fabulous job out there. We reduced our police fleet by one. I donated or gave or whatever you want to call it, the van to the street crew to use for their water leaks. I need to talk about 630 Crown Street, otherwise known as the Hookah lounge. Multiple fights there this past weekend, it's starting to escalate. They are well over their 49 people they're allowed to have in there. I'm just afraid the violence is going to escalate there and these fist fights are going to turn into gunfights and it's not good. I sent a memo to the Mayor and I believe he sent it on to Council, I am looking for some guidance on whether this is going to be a police problem or whether this is going to be a code problem or a fire marshal problem, but we have to do something. The owner of the parking lot across the street is in the midst of going to start chaining the lots and he will not let anybody park in there. There is parking along Trenton Ave, but I'm afraid that parking may get into the neighborhood which is not going to be good. So long story short, that is a business that does not work in a residential area and it may be time for the attorneys to jump into the game a little bit and decide whether this is something that needs to go up to Doylestown if it can, after it's gone to multiple listings over at the local level but

something we're going into a bad state with this place, so you might want to start talking about that if you would please. As everybody saw, we had our bike sale, we got rid of a lot of bikes, we made \$457, made a lot of kids happy. Last is the Chauvin trial has gone to the jury. The Major Incident Response Team as you know I'm a Chief of, we are available 24 hours a day and we are monitoring it we've had meetings with all the Chief's today. We don't know what the future is going to hold but to let you know that the MIRT team is available and we will do everything we can to keep Bucks County safe going into the future of this. We just gotta hope for the best at this point. Thank you.

Ms. Hlahol stated, I have some questions. Some of the residents have come to me about the parking on the streets. For instance, on the corners of Washington and Moreau, Washington and Green, Delaware and Penn where the cars are parked too close to the intersection. What can the officers do about that?

Chief McClay replied, well, if any of these citizens have a complaint about the parking they need to call the non emergency number, we'll respond and put tickets on the cars.

Ms. Hlahol stated, but when the officers are riding around are the officers putting tickets on cars?

Chief McClay replied, you can see, I can tell you how many -- so this past month in March we collected \$450 in fines for illegal parking.

Ms. Hlahol stated, so my question is because the residents are asking, so when the officers see these cars too close to the curbs are they doing things about it or only if they get a complaint?

Chief McClay stated, I was in your ward today and I gave out two tickets while I was on my bike. Can I tell you that every officer sees everything out there, no. But if your citizens have an issue, please tell them -- I've told you this before, tell them to call the office.

Ms. Hlahol stated, a lot of residents don't like to do that so they tell me.

Chief McClay stated, if our officers just don't happen to be on that block at that certain point it's very hard to ticket something if we don't know about it.

Ms. Hlahol stated, so the three complaints that I got was Washington and Moreau, the corner there, Washington and Green and Delaware and Penn. Also, some of the residents were wondering about all the Jersey plates, so there are a lot of residents that they said in town that have Jersey tags on and that they have been living there for quite a while. Is there anything that we can do about that?

Chief McClay replied, no.

Ms. Hlahol stated, okay. Because it's Pennsylvania law right, that once you live in Pennsylvania six months to a year you have to change over everything?

Chief McClay asked, do you know whether these people still have a residence over in New Jersey?

Ms. Hlahol replied, no.

Chief McClay stated, neither would we. There's nothing you can do about that.

Ms. Hlahol stated, okay. So I'll tell them there's really nothing we can do, okay.

Chief McClay stated, but again, please ask your folks to call the non emergency number, because if that car is only parked there for a half an hour and we don't see it we're not putting a ticket on it. Obviously you can't put a ticket on it.

Ms. Hlahol stated, I know that the resident that's complaining on the Washington Street that's on Moreau and Green, they said that the cars are there overnight because

when they drive in the morning to go to work, that's when they have trouble seeing the viewpoint on Washington.

Chief McClay stated, okay. I'll ask the officer to increase parking in your ward.

Ms. Hlahol stated, okay, thank you.

Mr. Robinson stated, I have a question, this isn't really directed towards the Chief. This is more directed towards the town. A couple of months ago, the developers across the street from my house, that's one of the agenda items tonight with the Curtin & Heefner building, they got raked through the coals to improve a property that is basically other than making the luxury apartments unimprovable. Who let this Hookah lounge even open, like how did this happen? Who was sleeping at the wheel when this Hookah lounge opened? In addition to that, as far as the street parking goes, I don't think there's anything we're going to be able to do about it because I brought the same issue up last February about the people that are parking down on Park and Central and basically I made a motion to do something and it died on the vine so I mean that's just going to be a fact of life. People that live near the Hookah lounge are going to have cars in front of their house just like people on Park Avenue do in the summertime that live down by the dike. It's just there's nothing we can do about it but who let this Hookah, how did that happened?

Mr. Bowers stated, you can't simply block a business because you don't like it Scott.

Mr. Yager stated, you can't just tell somebody that has a legitimate honest business that they're not allowed to open unless you have specific restrictions and good luck getting those restrictions to hold up in court unless they are airtight because you can't just limit people's ability to make a living.

Mr. Robinson stated, right, but to paraphrases what the Chief said before, like that this business just doesn't belong there well.



Mr. Parker stated, I think he means it doesn't belong there because it's become a nuisance to the neighborhood and to the department and the Borough in general.

Ms. Hlahol stated, how does it work though with the U&O's and parking? They should have at least 40 parking spots and they can't rely on the shopping center since the shopping center is not their parking. So how did that U&O go through?

Chief McClay stated, if you're just talking about the parking, they can rely on street parking.

Ms. Hlahol stated, right but if you're expecting 50 people how did the U&O go through because I know the Italian American Club they couldn't stay open if they sold their parking lot across the street, so how is that allowed from the zoning?

Chief McClay stated, there is ample parking for the building for the Hookah Lounge, that's not the real issue. The real issue is the fights and everything that gets left behind afterwards and all that, that's where we have to figure out at this point who's going to step up and figure out what's going on in the building. I mean is it the Fire Marshal that has to go in there every night and close the place down because they're over 49, which is pretty easy to figure out that there's 50 cars across the street. We've asked them to put security in there they have, but they haven't controlled the parking lots. They're coming out drunk and rowdy and fighting and I think it's time to come up with some kind of plan. I spoke to the owner and he's fine, there's really nothing he wants to do at this point, he thinks everything is fine. I don't know is it time to continually have zoning give citations to them every weekend? Is it possible that giving all these citations does it ever get bounced up to Doylestown? I guess that's a question for attorneys.

Mr. Bowers asked, Chief, can I make a comment? Based on what you said, I think that you, the attorney, the Code Enforcement Officer and the Borough Manager need to sit down have a meeting and come up with a plan and if there's anything Council needs to do to vote on to help it work then I'm sure we'd be more than welcome to.

Mr. Parker stated, exactly Mr. Bowers, 100% agreement.

Mr. Yager stated, to ask Council to make decisions like this on the fly is a little irresponsible in my opinion. It should really be the administration coming to us saying there's a problem and here's how we'd like to address it or here's your options which way would you like us to go with, not hey guys we have a problem what do you want me to do about it, that doesn't seem appropriate to me.

Chief McClay stated, I'm not asking you that sir, I'm more asking you of what agency's going to be handling this? If you want the police department to handle it we'll handle it, I mean that's not a problem, but there's multiple people that I don't have anything to do with being, I don't run the zoning people, I don't run your lawyers. There's multiple people here I'm just trying to figure out a cure for a situation that we have out there that isn't going to get any better before we get to a point that's I told you so and we have bodies out there.

Mr. Yager stated, right I understand. So could Micah go ahead and address that through a meeting of the minds and bring this back to us asap?

Mr. Holbert stated, we have been working on this. This is something we were working on with Scott before his decease, this was actually something I was working on earlier today with zoning with the fire marshal, so we're putting options together and developing stuff. To the Chief's question about responsibilities, as he brought up there are different legal problems here. There are zoning problems, there are fire problems, we're working together to handle those. Now we're getting into the part where we're getting into more criminal aspects than what we've seen here before and it's really going to be a group effort to do that and when those things occur that's where we need to also have help and step in, so it's truly going to be a group effort for us working together but we definitely have something that we're working on we'll be finalizing – it will be finalized with the plan before the next meeting but something to vote on will be available next meeting if need be.

Mr. Yager stated, thanks Scott.

Ms. Sherlock stated, Ted, I have a question. One of the things we've been told over and over again for years in different situations like this is make sure you have the paper trail make sure you take them to small claims and we do have a lot of that. How long does the paper trail have to be before you can actually get it to the next level? I remember City Limits down on Philadelphia Avenue, we had the same issue with them years ago and fortunately for us they decided to pack up and go. How long of a paper trail do you need? I mean it's been going on for a while, they've been fined, they've been to court. Maybe the attorneys can answer. I don't know.

Mr. Bowers stated, we'll keep in mind with COVID, the courts have been backed up six months for a ticket.

Mr. Holbert stated, I will say yeah, we did get backed up so when this was first started in December, November of 2019 with the enforcement those citations didn't get to court until August of last year, so it was 9 almost 10 months before and then everything backed up and we're finally caught up again, so that's why we're moving on.

Ms. Sherlock stated, so we're on a more fast track now. Okay, very good.

Mr. Flager stated, they're reopening now Nancy, thank god.

Mr. Parker stated, I just want to say something. I understand and I appreciate the Chief speaking up. I understand his frustration I think there needs to be more cooperation between the Chief when there's trouble, businesses that cause trouble in the neighborhood or there's the beginnings of something tragic like some kind of violence occurring with the administration and hopefully moving forward there can be better cooperation between the department and the administration. I appreciate the team coming and asking but you know it's being worked on Chief and you know we're trying to get this to a resolution as quickly as possible before anything happens.

Mr. Robinson stated, Ted, I have a question. The Chief said that there's plenty of parking there. For a business, because I know in that neighborhood 15 years ago my neighbor across the street was registering a business for their house and they had to get two parking spaces, they actually made a deal with Mr. Robert at the shopping center and he wrote a letter saying that there are two parking spaces in the bank parking lot behind the shopping center, they were free to use for business, they would not allow -- they live on a corner and you could park six cars on the corner outside of their house but they were not allowed to register their business unless they had two parking spots. I realize there's a bunch of parking on Trenton Avenue and on Crown Street around the Hookah Lounge, but I was under the impression that to have a business and the same thing to Helen's point about the Italian American Club we were going to sell that parking lot across the street, we were told we would have to limit the number of people because the street parking didn't count. So my question is, do parking spots on any given street all of a sudden not count for business, did something change or you know I don't see how the Trenton Avenue and Crown Street could be considered adequate, ample, legal parking for this business. It was always a commercial property but it was a hair salon and when it was a hair salon they weren't cutting you know 30 people's hair at one time there was two or three chairs in there if that. So the part you could park right there I think you can even park a couple there's a driveway there. I don't see how you could have an occupancy for 49 people and have no parking for it and rely on street parking. I didn't know that's how it worked, is that the case?

Ms. Sherlock stated, I thought street parking was always available, I thought street parking was always considered –

Mr. Parker stated, right. I mean, I don't have an answer for that right now but –

Mr. Robinson stated, when Bob Bajor wanted to do his firearm business when he had had his firearm business in the house he was not allowed to have a business. Bob and Nina are on the corner there you could park five cars on Maple and three or four on Crown Street in front of them they were not allowed to open their business per say when I say open the business unless they had parking and they got a letter from the

shopping center saying that they could have two spots dedicated to their business in the bank parking lot behind them. They would not let them open their business out of their house unless they had those parking spots there. If they are going to do that to Bob and Nina, I don't understand and it's not like Bob and Nina are going to have 50 people coming over and making a purchase at the same time.

Ms. Sherlock stated, Scott, I think that the difference is how the zoning of that property is. If it's residential, it's going to be different when you want to try to open a business versus if you're sitting in a nearby strip mall or you know –

Mr. Robinson stated, right.

Ms. Sherlock stated, yes so it really depends on the zoning. Look at NAPA, they have parking for 6 cars and yet they're right on Bridge Street. Parking has been an issue in town for a long time.

Mr. Parker stated, it is in a lot of river towns.

Ms. Sherlock stated, yes, because they want it to be a walking town so people don't come in cars, but it doesn't work that way.

Mr. Parker stated, not always all right we're going to move on to the Manager's Report.

**Interim Manager's Report – Micah Heitz** – He stated, I'll be brief and then I'll also ask John Later to come to the podium. We did have an issue earlier this month about our sewer and some back up and cracked pipes, if John could come up and speak to that. Also about the framing on his vehicle and again that was due to stress and the plowing, but John can get into more detail, so I'll turn over my time to John.

Mr. Later stated, the sewer line in the basement had cracked right at the wall when that happened we got back up into the building, we figured while we did that we did a camera out to Union Street and we found a collapse in the pipe out there. We've got

to fix this regardless, it's a health issue and it's also something that's been kind of pushed off and pushed off. We can't push things off anymore, we have to start taking care of things today not because now, we're going to pay more obviously you know 5, 6, 7 years later. There's more to come than what you saw in that first bill. The first bill we got in you're packet there will be on more maybe two more beyond that. Just so you know, I want you all to know that we have to do it. There's no bandage and fix something and then figure something later, it has to be done now.

Ms. Hlahol asked what do you anticipate the second and third bills to be, an estimate at all?

Mr. Later stated, not yet I'm waiting. Actually I called today to get an estimate for the first portion which is digging up the pipe and repairing that out in the parking lot and then the other one is installing a grinder pump in the basement as opposed to the pumps that we have in there now. I'm not an expert on that I leave that to the plumbers who know all that if they suggest that we do something like that, we'll see when that comes time, but first we have to get that pipe fixed so that's probably going to be next month within the next two or three weeks. As far as the truck, yeah Micah is correct, the frame was cracked on the front portion of the frame so it's not like it was cracked in the middle so the repair that was done will work, it'll hold up but at the end of the day that truck is not meant to plow like a 50 like a 2500 or some of our bigger trucks and that's I think about a 7 year or 8 year old truck so it's done a lot of plowing, probably more than it should have, but we'll just keep making it work and there is going to become a time we're going to have to replace that vehicle or others as you know it takes a toll on the vehicles, plowing does.

Ms. Hlahol asked, that's the snow plow right?

Mr. Later replied, yeah.

Ms. Hlahol stated, I saw that this past winter, it's pretty rickety.

Mr. Later replied, yeah.

Ms. Sherlock stated, Mr. Parker, I have a question for John. John, the pipe that they have to replace that goes towards Union, is it in the grassy area or is in the newly paved parking lot?

Mr. Later stated, both, it's in both. Unfortunately, it's in the new paved parking lot but it'll be restored to as good as new, we'll make sure of that.

Ms. Hlahol asked, is that why the parking lot kind of fell apart because of –

Mr. Later replied, no that was for the part that it sunk out there was for an old water line that had come into the building and that had cracked and it was leaking. We had no idea that it was out there, this is more towards the curb you can actually see the portion of the curb is sunk but I don't anticipate it being that big of a deal to get it back to where it is today. It will be a patch but we'll do a couple of things to make sure it looks as good as new.

Ms. Hlahol stated, alright.

Mr. Bowers asked, John, are you looking at replacing the whole line or can a liner be put in?

Mr. Later replied, no, you can't put a liner in, you've got to replace the line. Once we get this portion fixed we have to camera -- they're going to camera out all the way to Union Street, they couldn't get past this break so I don't know if there's more breaks further out or not we won't know until we get a camera in there. The estimate was coming in to replace the line but also camera out and make sure that there's no other breaks in that line and that's we'll just work on that first and hopefully there's nothing all the way out we'll be fine, if there is then we'll just have to come back with more, but we'll keep our fingers crossed.

Mr. Bowers asked, is Gilmore involved in this at all, are they reviewing it?

Mr. Later replied, no there's really no need, this is just a repair for the sewer line, there's no need to have engineers involved in this.

Mr. Bowers stated, there's always a need for engineers.

Mr. Later replied, yeah, but I don't think it's an expense that we need.

Mr. Bowers stated, especially when there's ways for engineers they would be able to tell you if you need to grind your pump or what size you need.

Mr. Later stated, I apologize I'm interrupting you I'm sorry.

Mr. Bowers stated, that's alright I'm only one of eight up here in council, but I would recommend you engage Gilmore or at least take a look at some things and bounce some ideas off of them or even if you work with the MMA and use their sanitary engineer they're going to have a lot of knowledge. Plumbers sometimes like to do things their way like any contractor sometimes it makes more money sometimes they can do it for cheaper. Sometimes it works out the benefit of both parties, but I think having a third party involved that deals with sanitary issues may help cover the Borough in the long run.

Mr. Later stated, yeah, I apologize, I didn't realize that was what you were talking about, so yeah, we'll definitely do that.

Mr. Parker asked, John, what size line is it?

Mr. Later replied, it's a 4" line.

Mr. Parker replied, okay.

Ms. Hlahol stated, I've been walking the town a lot and there's an awful lot of garbage on Pennsylvania Avenue and I get that's not public works, you know we can't have people picking up garbage but is there a way and Micah maybe you know this, like



contacting, maybe having it like the prisoners who pick up garbage on Route 1 can we get them in town somehow and try to help with our garbage, because it's really disgusting.

Mr. Heitz replied, I'll look into it but I don't know what factors have to go into it and we might have to talk to the police department. It's a sensitive subject I think bringing certain people into town that do that.

Mr. Later stated, well I think more now with the COVID I think you're going to have issues too just bring them out and doing stuff. I mean we'll do the best we can, the street sweeper, we can get that out there and that'll help.

Ms. Hlahol stated, it's more like on the sidewalks I mean it's really –

Mr. Later stated, it comes down to the residents really taking care of property in front of their own properties and working with us to do that.

Ms. Hlahol stated, yeah so I guess we can make a statement asking the residents to pick up garbage in front of their homes.

Mr. Later replied, absolutely we can do that, but it's up to them.

Ms. Hlahol stated, I get that.

Ms. Sherlock stated, I actually asked Ted if I could have a couple words when we talk about announcements tonight to talk about garbage a little bit but so we're all on the same garbage page that's for sure.

Ms. Hlahol asked, is there a problem like getting garbage cans up on the dike, because there's a lot of garbage that get thrown there as well.

Mr. Later replied, we have found -- we've gone over and over this with the garbage cans on top of the levee, one of the problems you have with that is that they end up in

the river that's the biggest issue and I can tell you that just because you put a garbage can up there doesn't mean people are going to throw garbage in it especially up there it's just something we found we had cans up there before and they were kicked into the river and then we were chasing them down and trying to get them before they rolled all the way into the river so it's hard that's just something I don't think we should doing.

Mr. Heitz stated, all right John thanks for your time, let's not get too far off subject. We've talked about the pipes and that's what we're talking about. There's other issues that I will bring up in executive session this evening but at this time I am done with the manager's report comments.

Mr. Parker stated, thank you, all right. Do we have any committee reports or board reports that anybody would like to give?

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Yager stated, Ted, I'll jump in real quick if you don't mind. I was going to give a presentation but this meeting is going much longer than I would have anticipated so I'm just going to give a quick overview if you don't mind. Can I take five minutes? I just wanted to give a quick overview on the vacant properties committee. I'm going to have a slide show, I'm going to ask for Ted and Micah to make public if you want to put it on the website you want to just send it to Council whatever you want to do with it is fine that gives you an overview of what this committee does and who's on the committee, how it runs and why it's there, but what I really want to focus on just for a quick second is the blight abatement process and how it works if there's a vacant property that's blighted in our town what you need to do and it's very simple call the Borough. What happens is once we identify that there's a problem property we send out the Code Enforcement or the Zoning Officer in some cases to inspect and investigate to see if it's actually an issue. These people get notices, they get warnings all the way through to a point where if they don't resolve it on their own there could in some cases and there has been in a few cases already be a situation where the Borough takes additional steps to take control of that property and abate the blight. So I want

to throw that out there, this isn't a program that steals people's homes, the property has to be in an unlivable condition and I will say this, that the program itself hasn't cured as many problems as just having this program has. We have several properties in the Borough that were just looked at and considered problems that received notifications, that started the process to have the blight abated and they took it upon themselves to fix their properties and that's really the goal of this committee. Now I bring this up and I say this because as most people know I'm not running for reelection I'm not interested in -- but the reality is this is an important committee that I chair that should continue its work. Prior to me chairing this committee there was little to no use of this committee, my knowledge for years of watching, it met twice and what they did was they complained about a couple of nuisance properties and nothing happened. We really need the Borough to manage, maintain and keep pushing this program to hold people accountable to hold our neighbors accountable to hold people with rental properties that aren't managing and maintaining their properties properly for the benefit of all residents. It's not just for a select few, everybody who lives in the Borough benefits from not having blighted buildings and that goes for everything from your neighbor's house to the Stockham Building in some cases. I just want to throw it out there and let everybody know that there will be a slideshow out there it gives you some additional details on the program itself. Thanks.

Ms. Sherlock stated, thank you.

Mr. Parker stated, thank you, sir, anyone else? I'm going to move into action items.

Ms. Sherlock stated, excuse me Mr. Parker, before you make this motion, can we please add Annual Audit for 2020 the year's not in there. I just think the year should be in there.

Mr. Parker stated, all right.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Motion 9A** - Motion to accept the 2020 annual audit as presented by the auditing firm.

**Motion** made by Mr. Bowers.

Motion seconded by Mr. Yager.

*No discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

**Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.

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**Motion 9B** - Motion to adopt the amended Borough Fee schedule to include the Fire and Inspection Fees.

**Motion** made by Ms. Hlahol.

Motion seconded by Mr. Parker.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion with Keystone Municipal Services Fire Marshal, Don Harris.*

**Motion to table by Mr. Bowers**

**Seconded by Mr. Yager.**

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

**Motion to table** carried by voice vote 8-0.

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**Motion 9C** - Motion authorizing the Borough Engineer to solicit bids for the 2021 Road Paving Program subject to the availability of funds.

**Motion** made by Mr. Parker.

Motion seconded by Mr. Bowers.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

**Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.

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**Motion 9D** - Motion authorizing the Borough Engineer to solicit bids for the Melvin Avenue Basin project subject to the availability of grant funding.

**Motion** made by Mr. Yager.

Motion seconded by Ms. Sherlock.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

**Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.

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**Motion 9E** - Motion authorizing the Borough Engineer to solicit bids for the Morrisville Library Roof project subject to the availability of grant funding.

**Motion** made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Yager.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

**Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.

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**Motion 9F** - Motion to approve co-sponsorship of the 2021 Memorial Day Parade with the Morrisville Fire Company and approval of an \$1,800 payment as budgeted.

**Motion** made by Mr. Bowers.

Motion seconded by Mr. Yager.

*No discussion took place regarding the motion.*

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Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

**Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.

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**Motion 9G** - Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Stipulation with New Horizons Property Management.

**Motion** made by Mr. Bowers.

Motion seconded by Mr. Yager.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

**Motion** carried by voice vote 7-1. (nay vote being Mr. Paul)

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**Motion 9H** - Motion to provide a stipend as additional compensation for additional duties in absence of a Borough Manager to Micah Heitz in the amount of \$392.00 per week and Virginia Cyphers in the amount of \$272.00 per week. This stipend will be retroactive to February 16, 2021, the day Council affirmed Micah Heitz as Acting Borough Manager.

**Motion** made by Mr. Yager.

Motion seconded by Mr. Bowers.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker stated, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

**Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.

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**Motion 9I** - Motion to agree to a contract with David Woglom of the Meyner Center to conduct a Borough Manager search not to exceed \$6,000 plus travel expenses based on his proposal dated March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

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**Motion** made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Paul.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

Mr. Parker stated, roll call please.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote 8-0.

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### **BOROUGH OFFICIALS**

Mr. Bowers stated, I have a couple of things Ted. Congratulations to the Friends of Morrisville Dog Park and the Morrisville Dog Park itself for being named Best of Bucks 2021, I think it's the 4<sup>th</sup> year running. As Noel said earlier, Friends of Morrisville Dog Park originally scheduled a dog wash last month it was rescheduled to this Sunday from 9-12 and 1-3 by appointment only. You can email them at morrisvilledogpark@yahoo.com or check out Friends of Morrisville Dog Park on Facebook. One statement I want to make to one of the residents that had an inquiry about Select Morrisville, I can tell you as a Council Member I have received nothing since the last time they were in Borough Hall. There's no information coming in that you're not getting and my thoughts on the Borough Manager reporting on it, the Borough Manager just because you pay taxes and pay his salary he works on a million things a day whether it be development or park or whatnot. You get no less from him if he's not reporting that you know he sneezed and said God bless you Select Morrisville. If he's got nothing substantial to report he doesn't report it, if he has something substantial he'll report it, that's just how it is. One last thing, Scott had mentioned about his parking signs and he put up a motion and it went nowhere and I just wanted to say that it did go somewhere, it was told to take it to policy committee and sit down come up with a plan and a policy and bring it to Council and not just do it on a whim and maybe it would be put into place. That's all I have.

Mr. Yager stated, I just want to remind Council that the police contracts are due this year. They're due for renegotiation. I don't know if there's been any consideration to

what we've done in prior years which is putting together a small committee to work with the Borough Manager to be named in the future and our Solicitors to hammer that out. I'd just like to throw it out there so we start thinking about it because it's getting to that timeline and beg a little bit to not put anyone who's a friend of a police officer on the committee that's going to be negotiating their contract, it's a really bad idea, it puts people in an awkward situation. So knowing that we have some Council members that are personal friends of some of the people that work in the police department I would implore you to create that with people that are not directly connected and have to make decisions on the livelihood of their friends. It's a really bad idea.

Ms. Sherlock stated, may I add to Mike's – whoever that might be that might be on there, I would hope that one of the things they could pay attention to is a particular policy that we've had. Actually I just realized maybe I shouldn't mention it because we have a piece of it as part of the exec session, so I think I know everybody knows what I am referring to, but we have to make, we have to be clear about our policies and be more specific with the wording. There's a couple of policies in the police contract that we should reconsider and look at, whoever that is.

Mr. Robinson stated, I have a couple of things to say. Justin, I wasn't born yesterday when that was kicked that was kicked down to the policy committee and we didn't even have a policy committee when that was kicked down to it, we created a policy committee after that. That was just something that was kicked. Mike, we didn't have a policy committee when that happened?

Mr. Yager stated, I'm sorry, I'm looking confused because we've always had a policy committee Scott, I'm sorry.

Ms. Sherlock stated, three's always been a policy committee.

Mr. Yager stated, if you're seeing me, the expression on my face, it's because that always existed. Your excuse is null and void.



Mr. Robinson asked, who is on the policy committee?

Mr. Yager stated, you don't meet and you don't provide any information when you did meet, the one time. I'm still waiting for you to provide minutes for that meeting, sir. So for you to sit here and scold anybody, start where the problem is which is the actual committee. My committee still meets, does yours? Do any of yours? Before you scold anybody Mr. Councilman, make sure that you're doing what you're supposed to be doing sir.

Mr. Robinson asked, how many problems have we had on this Council that the recommendation was kick it down to the policy committee besides the parking on Park Avenue?

Mr. Yager stated, the Policy Committee used to meet monthly and we would review policies and we would always have a Policy Committee meeting even if there wasn't a need to be proactive to review things and by the way deal with the individuals who in our town that we live here and their complaints and see from a policy perspective how we can make life better in the Borough. That's what the policy committee does, then it gives recommendations to the Council and the Council either says yay or nay.

Mr. Robinson stated, I know, and the COVID kind of got in the way of that a little bit. To your point about the police contract, I will not be a part of any of the committee for it because I do have a couple of friends that are on the department. Now back before, during the Borough Manager report we we're talking about the garbage, to Helen's point, garbage is like it is out of control. I've gotten several emails from neighbors, my one neighbor on Pennsylvania Avenue one of the nicest houses in the Borough, he has garbage just I mean all over his yard and it blows from across the street, from the people living on the other side of Pennsylvania Avenue. Also, Micah, I forwarded an email to you from a resident about the problem with getting a garbage truck down the street over on Center Street did you see that Micah or not? Yeah Nancy, you got that too right?

Ms. Sherlock replied, yes, that's what I was going to talk about this evening. My suggestion Scott if I can interrupt, my suggestion would be possibly having no parking on the northbound side of that street on trash pickup nights, it's just become too hard for the trucks to maneuver down the skinniest street in the Borough. They sent us pictures and that's what I was going to bring up this evening but this is something, I mean normally something like that you'd have to put it in your traffic ordinance which would take forever and then you'd have to advertise it and so forth, but there's got to be another way around this that we can make it much more -- less red tape and just get it to happen so I would have to refer to our Solicitors regarding that. I really don't see another solution, on trash pickup days no parking on that side. The trash for Delmorr Avenue gets picked up on Center in their backyard.

Mr. Robinson stated, yeah, they go out back with it, a lot of them park back there. How do we go about that on no parking?

Ms. Sherlock stated, that's what I'm saying, normally it would be through your traffic ordinance and you'd have to make an amendment and advertise and all of that so I don't know if this is another way we could do it with less red tape.

Mr. Robinson stated, maybe the policy committee can do something and then we'll get the garbage picked up.

Ms. Sherlock stated, I'm referring to Randy on this one. I mean is that something that we could do internally without having all the rigmarole with the traffic ordinance, because that's what determines where you're parking, when you're parking, when you're not parking,?

Mr. Holbert asked, you're talking about restricting parking on a certain side?

Ms. Sherlock replied, yes like two days a week.

Mr. Holbert stated, yeah, it would have to go through the ordinance amendment process.

Ms. Sherlock replied, I knew that.

Mr. Flager stated, it's not going to take a long time to do it.

Ms. Sherlock stated, then I think we should go ahead.

Mr. Flager stated, it's not going to take a long time is what I'm saying. We're not going to delay it. We'll jump right on it.

Ms. Sherlock stated, I don't know how anybody else feels but my conversation was going to be more about trash in general we have a contract with Republic but that contract works two ways and I know that there's been some troubled issues and Center Street definitely is one of them, but there's also parts in town where people are very disrespectful when it comes to their trash. I mean we have labels that they could label their recycling which some people don't. I mean sometimes our trash hauler has to be mind readers to find out what's trash and what's not. Actually Mike said it and Helen said it, the trash out front I have trash out in front of my house all the time, less since Foose's closed down I have to tell you there was always trash in front of my house, but it's my job to go pick it up, it's not my trash but still we have to pick it up including what's in the street. So if there was just some way to have people to have a little bit more pride in their property knowing full well -- I understand it's not theirs and as far as the contract goes we've told the public that if they have a problem with the trash hauler they need to call them directly and what's happening is people are on the phone for -- I even actually got on the phone, you're on hold for more than an hour people don't have time to be on hold for an hour to talk to Republic to tell them about -- now I realize we used to have a different process and the Borough would meet with the gentleman and he would come into the Borough twice a day on trash pickup and say were they any issues, do we have to go somewhere, did we miss somebody. I don't know where that process came in now they have to call them I understand we're taking the burden off of our staff, so I'm not saying I have the answer but I know that having our residents have to call Republic and be on hold for more than an hour is not the right answer.

Mr. Bowers asked, can I make a suggestion? What you're saying seems like an operational issue with Republic they did their bid to get that street done if they can't do it, it sounds like there needs to be a sit down between Micah, Randy and possibly you and Scott just to sit in and listen to make them figure out how to fix it because if they can't get their truck up there then they need to send a smaller truck. They've bid that street and they need to get to it every single week.

Ms. Sherlock stated, agreed, and they also have to if they can't pick up that day they have to inform the Borough which I don't think that they're doing right now, I'm not sure. I don't know, Micah may have more information for us on it. I don't know, but that's where we are with the trash on Center Street.

Mr. Bowers stated, it seems to me before we go put in an ordinance for parking we just sit down and meet with Republic to try to resolve it because we do it now, we would have teeth in that contract. If they're not picking up we can start taking away some good chunks of cash every week.

Ms. Sherlock stated, but I'm also asking people to be somewhat respectful of the trash that they put out. I mean if you see these pictures I realize when people move there's a yard full of garbage out there they take more than they have to on more than one occasion so there's a little bit of both sides.

Mr. Bowers stated, I know, I'm just talking to the fact that you're saying that it doesn't seem like they're going up the street at all. If that's the case they need to get up there.

Ms. Sherlock stated, well one woman said they came down and took the recycling but she thought it was the trash truck now someone can enlighten me on this but I've seen the trash truck take recycling before so I don't really know – I know normally the recycling truck has the big side opening.

Mr. Robinson stated, Nancy, I think what the one person emailed said that the recycling didn't get picked up -- the regular garbage got picked up but the recycling didn't and then they came back in the garbage truck and just threw the recyclables into the regular garbage truck. I wasn't aware that there was -- I mean, I saw the one picture that was emailed, several people on that street emailed us that it looked like there was quite a bit of trash but the first email that we got I think it was from Joyce that email there, I think the tone of that one was just that I mean it felt like she put like maybe one bag out or one small can and they just would not come down the street and I would assume the bottleneck is down by Palmer by the red bridge and they can't get up and around down there. I would wager to say even if we just made that little 100 yard stretch from Center down to where the I guess it's Hillside I guess where the canal path turns into it into a paved road there like the part that runs up to Brud and Jill's and Joe Doyle's like that portion to Center Street which is not even 100 yards, make that like a no parking or something because I think that's where the truck can't make the turn.

Ms. Sherlock stated, well I do think it has to go back to administration and that's why I'm bringing it up to everybody to let them know what's going on and we have to have a conversation with Republic about it so going back to what Justin said, I think Micah needs to address it with them first and see where we go from there.

Mr. Robinson stated, yeah, I agree with that completely. Justin is right, why isn't your garbage truck going down the street like every other street? That's wrong and it's either they don't feel like it or --

Ms. Sherlock stated, they do miss streets and they usually go back to them when they're told.

Ms. Hlahol stated, on Riverside they actually because that also is a dead end street they back up half way to the street and then go collect the garbage, so they don't actually have to go through.

Ms. Sherlock stated, I have two more things though that's all I have on garbage, I'm sorry for taking so long, I thought –

Mr. Parker stated, just as a reminder to everybody we have labor Council waiting for our exec session.

Ms. Sherlock replied, I understand that.

Mr. Parker asked, can we move this along?

Ms. Sherlock stated, I won't be much longer. I'm asking under the Select LLC, it's broken down into miscellaneous, it has two other categories but all the attorney fees are put into miscellaneous and I would like if we could have that separated out in their escrow account. I don't know if anybody agrees or disagrees.

Mr. Yager asked, why would that matter to us, it's not our money we're just a holding cell for it and when they use it we pay.

Ms. Sherlock stated, yes but we do get the bills and they have to be processed somewhere and they have to be filed into a – okay, if nobody else wants it then I'll separate them out myself. Very quick, on May 1<sup>st</sup> which I know Courtney was there earlier but the cleanup of the preserve is on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 and their rain date is the following day, trash bags are provided and that is down at Delmorr and Philadelphia Avenue this is something they've been doing for years at the same time of year. Also I'd just like to say that there's a lot of Library activities going on this summer they're going to have a summer park program with a number of different outdoor events which will include families and children. Just go to the website and see what they are I won't list them now there's about six or seven of them. Thank you for your time. One last thing, the 225 police directive I guess we'll put that on next month maybe, the towing directive.

Mr. Parker stated, yeah, it came too late. On top of everything else, I didn't have a chance to read anything.

Mr. Bowers stated, well I asked for what was changed in that because it's like 15 pages.

Ms. Sherlock stated, well exactly where I was going Justin. If they could give us a cover letter that says these are the following changes just like with the fees, instead of getting both copies and having to compare side by side that's something I guess somebody can ask the Chief. Thank you.

Ms. Hlahol stated, the Chief is still here if somebody wants to tell him what you need.

Ms. Sherlock asked, did he hear the question?

Ms. Hlahol asked, Chief, did you hear the question?

Chief McClay stated, going back in history, we were never quite sure whether these directives were ever approved properly that's why we were going through each one, one by one and there's also a whole new section appendix on that for towing vehicles.

Ms. Sherlock stated, so it's not necessarily something new.

Chief McClay stated, the appendix is new but that's what we've been doing for the last year is going over these more important directives to make sure they are solidified and voted on by Council so there's no ifs ands or buts about whether they are not, that's why we're doing them one at a time.

Ms. Sherlock replied, thank you.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** to adjourn, made by Ms. Hlahol.

Motion seconded by Mr. Bowers.

Meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.