



6:00 Executive Session - Litigation

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 7:09 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Morrisville Municipal Building, 35 Union Street, Morrisville, PA for a Regular Council Meeting.

Mr. Parker stated, please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ted Parker asked for roll call.

Those in Attendance:

Borough Council: Ted Parker, President
Bob Paul, Vice President
Victor Cicero (via phone)
Helen Hlahol
Andrew Lubin
Kathryn Price Engelhard
Scott Robinson (via phone)
Nancy Sherlock

Borough Officials: Judith Danko, Borough Manager
Brud Anderson, Mayor
Randy Flager, Solicitor
Scott Holbert, Solicitor
Micah Heitz, Finance Director (via phone)
Virginia Cyphers, Assist. Borough Secretary (via phone)

Mr. Flager stated, good evening everyone. Prior to Borough Council meeting we had an executive session for approximately an hour to discuss a case of active litigation specifically Don Rice versus Et al. versus the Borough that you're all familiar with. We will be adding an item after public comment or after whenever the presence seems

fit, 8G. The motion will read, Morrisville Borough Council does not support the concept plan of Select Morrisville LLC, as presented beginning in August of 2018 through December of 2020.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Family Promise of Lower Bucks – Presentation by Jessica Schwartz, Director.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

1. Hussam Jallad – *45 Ridge Avenue*

He stated, I wanted to specifically discuss a few items here. I'll try and make it brief. This is regarding our Zoning Ordinance. I think we need to conduct a thorough evaluation and review of our Zoning Ordinances. This might take up some work now but I think it would save efforts down the road it would alleviate a lot of resources in the future and this is specifically regarding Code Enforcement and Zoning Enforcement. Also bring up our Zoning Ordinances up to date, we can take a look at what other towns have done with similar issues, impervious surfaces requirements that's one, the chicken and roosters we've been talking about that back and forth I don't understand why we're not up to speed. We seem to react, we finally reacted to smoke shops but now we have nine smoke shops for a small Borough as ours so the damage is done and the idea is to prevent it from happening and then make sure our Zoning Ordinances are being enforced otherwise it's useless and it would jeopardize our safety and quality of life. There's a lot of work that goes into adopting an ordinance and basically not enforcing it defeats the purpose of having it. This is specifically to long-term rental and this may tie to the presentation that we just listened to, long-term rental not just provides or ensures the safety of neighbors also the tenants from abusive landlords and having rules on the books not being enforced I think it's a big mistake and I highly suggest and recommend that the Borough takes a serious look at this and regarding enforcement of our ordinances. Thank you.

2. Don Rice – *343 Crown Street*

He stated, Solicitor Flagger wrote after discussion with Save Williamson Park's attorney Sam Stratton “as a follow-up to our telephone discussion concerning your January 24, 2022 correspondence detailing proposed settlement terms from your clients we would request a 60-day continuance to discuss the proposed settlement with Morrisville Borough” the motion that I heard, the proposed motion does not represent a discussion of settlement terms it's irrelevant to settlement terms. It is my hope that tonight's executive session was a discussion of proposed settlement terms. I concede you do not need to inform us about your discussions but I request that you let us know generally or specifically about those discussions. Save Williamson Park needs to know if progress has been made on settlement terms by this Thursday. On Thursday, Save Williamson Park members will meet to discuss and to decide if the 60-day continuance is working. If we believe progress with the settlement terms is being made we will advise Sam so far so good. If we believe no progress is being made then the continuance is not working and we would request Sam's advice on proceeding to a court hearing as soon as possible. You may contact us directly which I prefer or you can use the more roundabout route of telling your solicitor to contact our lawyer to tell us. I prefer we discuss this with you directly but do what you think is best. I repeat however, please let us know of the progress of your settlement discussion by Thursday. Thank you.

3. Mary Hrenda – *343 Crown Street*

She stated, the proposed resolution 8G is insufficient to satisfy Save Williamson Park and our legal action against the Borough. It does not preserve Williamson Park in perpetuity and it does not rescind the resolution expanding the certified redevelopment area to include Williamson Park. It leaves the door open for Select Morrisville or any other developer to come back with another proposal for commercial development and apartments in the park just not this one. Basically you've said no not this development but some other developer may come and develop the park. Save Williamson Park wants the park preserved in perpetuity therefore this also entails getting the Redevelopment Authority out of the park which means rescinding the expansion of the certified redevelopment area in Morrisville to include Williamson Park. Williamson park must be taken out of the redevelopment area and

preserved in perpetuity so that our children who have nowhere else to play can play, so we can continue to have little league games in the park so people can come and walk and enjoy the park and the river view and the trees and so that we can improve the park so that it is better for the residents of Morrisville and surrounding vicinity. Thank you.

4. Dina Tanzillo – *136 N. Pennsylvania Avenue*

She stated, I wanted to just mention that I support the EIT tax. Three working adults in our household are already paying the tax it's going to other communities unfortunately instead of coming here. We'd much rather see that money be used by the Borough and also I'm hoping that Williamson Park will be preserved in perpetuity, I do think that's really important that we have the language, everything established so that moving forward we don't have to worry about this again and we can focus on making that better for the community.

5. Todd Weber – *25 E. Franklin Street*

He stated, I'm here tonight to comment on the proposed earned income tax. I would like to know why given that our taxes are similar or more than many of the other Boroughs and Municipalities in Bucks County that were not able to operate within our current means and thus require the proposed earned income tax that's going to increase our tax bill by \$500, \$700, \$1000 or more per household an equivalent of almost 20% increase in my property taxes on top of the millage increase that Morrisville has announced which is among a minority of municipalities across the County to raise their reported millage rates reported by the Bucks County Courier recently. Perhaps an informational meeting by the Council would be helpful to discuss and or explain this financial quandary before such a considerable tax is imposed on the residents of the Borough. Thank you.

6. Jim McGorry – *1 Francis Avenue*

He stated, my concerns are with the Grace Import Auto Repair Shop on the corner of Bridge and Francis. It seems like they have total disregard for any of the laws of our community. In fact on both sides of my street they have signs posted no parking from here to the corner, those corners are always filled with their cars or their customers cars. It makes it difficult to get in and out of that street off of Bridge Street several times

I've had standoffs with people coming in the opposite direction and one of us sitting there for five minutes trying to figure out who's going to back up or whatever. The other thing is if you look at those pictures that I sent up there to you, you can see the situation for what it is. In the one picture I guess it's down in the right hand column third picture down that's three rows of cars that they have sitting in front of the building. I've seen four rows of cars and a tractor trailer pull up to the point where when I went to pull out of my street I had to actually get into the lane of traffic and hope that I didn't get hit with a car. I've gone to these people I've tried to talk to them and see if we could resolve something and they just disregard and they're going to do what they want to do when they want to do it. I would hope that the Council would see this and go down and check it out. Now you look at Jules Tires, you look at T&K Auto, you look across the street at Automaxx they're all repair places, where are their cars, on their own property. In fact right now if you go down to my place before they close my whole street on both sides is lined up with cars that belong to them. I can't see why something can't be done about this. Thank you.

7. Ecco Debnam – 220 W. Palmer Street

She stated, I would rather not make a comment right now because I'm sitting and I'm pulling together all the information with everyone else about SWP and I would like a chance later on to be able to fully give you the information that I'm pulling together right now if that would be okay.

Mr. Parker stated, we have a public comment section, you can speak to any Council members you want after the meeting but once I close public comment that's it.

Ms. Debnam replied, okay.

8. Linda Kemple – 352 N. Pennsylvania Avenue

She stated, I'm up here tonight because I'm concerned on the one percent that has been proposed. I've lived here for 18 years I always wanted to live in the Borough and I've been very happy, I love my Neighbors but I don't see improvement in Morrisville more money, more money, more money and that's not the answer, the answer is to fix what's going on in the town first, find money. When I was here last time we didn't hire two police officers because of budget. I think that the people of Morrisville

should be safe, take the money from someplace else but don't labor on people that need to be kept safe. The police are wonderful I have no problem with the police but this is our town, we pay taxes, I don't want a whole lot of other things going on here. Our children need a park and we need to be kept safe, keep the businesses where they are right now but make sure the quality of our life is better. I'm not seeing it, this town hasn't changed one bit for 18 years but every year there's more money wanted. I think that needs to be checked into frankly. So I'm asking you not to impose a one percent on the people of this town but keep our town, that small town quality and don't just look at more money, more money. Thank you.

9. Joanne Ashley – *607 Osborne Avenue*

She stated, I just really came to talk about the earned income tax. I think we really need to just try and attract more businesses here to kind of fudge out like expand the tax base rather than just keep taxing the citizens. I really don't think a one percent tax is fair on citizens for the services that we're getting to be honest. I'm a single person household I've lived here for four years my taxes have gone up for four years and I haven't really gotten anything out of it. I really don't see what another one percent is gonna do for me. I don't understand how we can keep just taxing citizens and expecting to have people come and live in this town when we're taxed so heavily anyway. I would advise you please don't expand taxes. Thank you.

10. Deborah Colgan – *120 W. Hendrickson Avenue*

She stated, I'd like to urge Council to vote yes on the EIT. I think it's really important that we establish a reliable consistent income source for the Borough in addition to our property taxes. The Borough Manager has laid out very clearly that we need to stop playing with the budget we need to be very honest and can't keep robbing Peter to pay Paul and I hope that you will take our Borough Manager suggestions and give us a good solid budget and address our issues. I'm hoping that this would work out for us. Secondly, I really urge Council at the time when you discuss the resolution related to Williamson Park I hope that you will explain to us why we're not hearing more. It's really important for us to know what's going on please provide information to us so that we can understand better. Thank you very much.

11. Ecco Debnam – 220 W. Palmer Street

She stated, new to Morrisville, I moved here because I'm a native New Yorker and I like the smallness of the town, the less craziness with the traffic, the whole point of being able to have the country feel within a city limit, we have Trenton on this side and Philadelphia here and my husband still works in New York City actually so this gives us a peace but having 600 people added to -- I know that's not the actual picture that's what I was told last time to Morrisville if they're not willing to throw in a bridge or throw in another route for them to get back and forth that's a problem. If they're not able to add to the budget when it comes to schools, that's a problem for a system that I found out is failing, so I would like it to be considered all things that we're trying to accomplish. We have a list, I've talked to Debbie and Elizabeth and I'm new and I'm learning all the things and I'm willing to do whatever we can do to make Morrisville a nicer place to live more smaller places you know inside of these little pockets but not over 600 people added to our budget. We we're coming up with ideas we're being able to share things I'd like to know and if the group of us can find out what is the budget that we're working with, what does Morrisville have that we can use to our advantage to help us move into the next phase of whatever, we're ready to roll with this but we need the help of all our Council to help us help the people that live here so they can see that we're willing to make a difference. We have the ideas and we're all now pulling them together but this is all brand new to me and I'm just going to keep following as we all get together and try to figure out some way to make this work so that it's comfortable for us all to live together here in Morrisville. Thank you.

There being no further public comment, President Ted Parker moved to the business portion of the agenda.

MINUTES

Motion 5A & 5B - Motion to approve the Borough Council Special Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2021 and Borough Council Regular Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2022.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Parker.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion 6B - Motion to approve the bill list and pay the bills.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Paul.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, roll call please.

Motion carried by roll call vote 8-0.

REPORTS

Mayor's Report – Brud Anderson – He stated, thank you to everyone who's here tonight to give us both your time and your feelings about what's going on it's very important that you show your passion for the town so thank you. I just wanted to remind everybody I am starting to get requests from different events, some of you may or may not know I've been promoting events my entire life so if anybody needs help or assistance with anything this year we already have some things planned for later in the year we'll get more details out as they get closer, but if there's something that you'd like some assistance promoting just feel free to reach out to me personally. While that's a great trade for a Mayor to have it's certainly not -- our town morale is very very important but very very important to me is our public safety and the morale of our department, some of you may or may not know we have lost three part-time officers this week and I'm here a lot and on the phone a lot with our Chief and some of our officers so I just want the public to be assured this is a top top priority of mine and I will continue to work with these people to get us the staffing we need. With that being said I'd like to move on to our Chief's report because he can give you a lot more details on that.

Police Chief's Report – Chief George McClay – He stated, good evening Council. I just want to start out today by thanking one of our citizens tonight -- and does a 9:00 p.m check-in asking everybody to lock the doors and the cars it's made a difference but I got to ask our people in our neighborhoods to go out there and lock their doors and their cars. Just this past week I've had two unlocked cars one with a laptop in the front seat taken and the other one with a 3030 rifle in the back and a nine millimeter glock in the glove compartment taken. It's inexcusable, weapons need to be locked up. If you have a permit to carry everybody has that right and I encourage the permit to carry. You cannot leave your weapons in your car locked, unlocked, whatever it's irresponsible. Talking about the EIT tonight this has been long coming, I've been asking for it for about six years now. I've been a very good steward of the taxpayers money over the last eight years that I've been here. I've been able to stay underneath the budget every year for eight years but we've made it to a point that we need to raise our taxes to be able to keep our Police Department at the level of which it is, the level of equipment, the level of manpower. So I encourage Council to approve this if anybody has any questions ever about the taxes and where it goes to for the Police Department I encourage them to call me but we're spending less money on the Police Department today than we did eight years ago. In today's age we can't do that we are down to eight police officers full-time, we got a report that says we should be at 13 or 14. I know that's a pipe dream but we need to start looking at full-time officers that'll stay here. The Mayor spoke about the two officers that left for temple for full-time employment there are two very good officers that I would have liked to have kept but we don't have a full-time career path for them. We are meeting next week with Civil Service but that has to be a long-term thing of how we're going to hire more officers. I expect to have at least two new part-timers next month for your approval, I've interviewed them this week I'm hoping that they will stay but that's -- we're robbing Peter to pay Paul we're taking from some departments now they're going to be short-handed, all departments are having a problem right now. Temple University is taking a lot of officers, they're hiring 40 officers and are basically taking part-time officers from all over the Delaware Valley and it's hard on all of us, everybody has the same problem every borough has the same problem. Crossing Guards, if anybody's looking for a part-time job I'm looking for Crossing Guards so if anybody knows of anybody I know it's cold out there in the morning time but I need Crossing Guards. We're

putting our officers out there as substitutes while they still have to respond to radio calls. The other day we had three openings for Crossing Guards so if you know anybody who would like to apply please encourage them to and we'll be looking for more. I think that's about it, any questions?

Ms. Hlahol asked, what are you meeting with Civil Service for? I just missed what you said.

Chief McClay replied, we still don't have the list together from the consortium test six months ago. Everything got put on hold when we started talking about layoffs and not hiring so Civil Service grinded to a halt. I at least want to have an active list ready to go just in case if the funding becomes available.

Mayor Anderson stated, Chief, just real quick if someone is interested what would be the hours of the Crossing Guard you're looking for?

Chief McClay replied, they're about 7:30 to 8:30 in the morning and then 2:30 to 3:30 in the afternoon and that varies half an hour 15 minutes either way.

Mayor Anderson replied, okay thank you.

Ms. Danko asked, Chief did you want to mention the date of the Civil Service meeting?

Chief McClay replied, February 22nd at 6:00 p.m. I would imagine it's up here but most of that's going to be done in executive session because we're going to be reviewing the candidates that has to be done in executive sessions.

Ms. Danko stated, certainly I just wanted Council to be aware of the date and the time. Thank you.

Manager's Report – Judith Danko – She stated, yes everyone has the Zoning Planning and Code Enforcement monthly report, does anyone have any questions.

Ms. Sherlock stated, I have one that we received, it said that someone purchased Condo #3 at the Stockham Building, can anyone speak to that?

Ms. Danko asked, where did you see that?

Ms. Hlahol stated, it was when he was talking about the Stockham Building and the status.

Ms. Sherlock stated, it was on the report actually, it's on Keystone's report.

Ms. Danko replied, oh I see. The Stockham Building is actually several units.

Ms. Sherlock stated, correct but I was just wondering which one was Condo #3. I didn't think any of it was habitable.

Ms. Danko replied, it is not although he purchased it anyway so we're hopeful for some redevelopment.

Ms. Sherlock stated, thank you.

Ms. Danko replied, you're welcome.

Ms. Hlahol stated, so to follow up with that I had asked Code a while ago and I never got an answer I had seen that there was someone putting up cell towers on that Stockham Building. Is this the same gentleman and he's making money off the Stockham Building?

Ms. Danko stated, I'm not aware if it's the same gentleman but I know that that question is under review because I had sent an email and there was some area of grayness as to because of the fact that they may have been adding to the towers if it was an allowable item or not and I had sent an email to Code to review the MPC so we're waiting on that.

Ms. Hlahol asked, okay could you just make a note to put it in your report so that we know?

Ms. Danko replied, yes.

Ms. Hlahol stated, I do have a question it was with the Engineering report they had said that the Manor Park Playground had been declined for the grant, Gilmore & Associates, did they give a reason as to why? Gilmore Engineering they had written an email to us that letter that was in our packet and they said that the playground at Manor Park was declined for the grant that was applied for and I'm just wondering why.

Ms. Danko replied, I did not hear anything in reference to that.

Ms. Hlahol asked, can we find out why?

Ms. Danko replied, certainly.

Ms. Hlahol stated, because they say they want to reapply but why are they reapplying and wasting our money if we don't even know why we were declined.

Ms. Danko replied, certainly and I have instructed Gilmore and I'm going to bring that up at the end of my report to not reapply for some of these items. There has been a review regarding the matching funds that are needed for these grants so as we're hearing that they are not being granted to us I have said do not reapply at this time because we do not have the matching funds to follow through with them so I was going to bring some of those issues up when I get to my report.

Ms. Hlahol stated, I think the Manor Park Playground is very important and I'd like to have further discussions about that, that's the only playground down there without the kids crossing the highways and it's one of the things that is needed and the insurance company has asked us to improve that playground so we need to do something about it and the answer is not get rid of it.

Ms. Danko replied, certainly and basically when we did the budget I'm not sure if you remember, Council had said any more grants coming up we're not going to redo them, we're not going to reapply for them, if it costs money that we don't have we're going to put it on hold so that was the reason that I had put it on.

Ms. Hlahol stated, I still think we need to have a discussion about that.

Ms. Danko replied, certainly.

Ms. Hlahol stated, I'll call this week.

Ms. Danko replied, bear with me I'm writing the notes, thank you. Any other questions? For the very first time you're seeing a titled Borough Manager's Report you probably all looked at it because there's only two items on there, it begins with Capital Projects. This has been an item of contention for me because of the fact that I'm used to supplying a very informational report to Council. We've had to create the letterhead literally and what you see so far has been a creation so it's just a beginning of what the future will hold and you'll probably have several pages worth of information once this is worked on and time progresses. At this time I wanted to inform Council of is that the Morrisville Borough Free Library Roof Replacement Project has been completed it's in its final completion phase we were fortunate enough to get \$229,727.36 for CDBG funds in grant funds from the County, we were able to acquire \$52,500.00 monies in grants from the Keystone Grant Fund and that is what funded the Morrisville Borough Free Library Replacement Project for the roof. It's a slate roof it's a brand new slate roof we're very happy and very proud to inform everyone that this project was paid for. I'm still in need of about \$3,000.00 for that project I'm going to be reaching out to an entity in the Borough for that but this project was completely paid for without taxpayer dollars and all grant funds. I think that we should celebrate our accomplishments and I think that this has been long awaited, it's been a long time that this roof has been needed and we're finally in the completion phase so I'm just very proud for everyone that was involved with this. I want to thank everyone who helped me, Staff, Engineers, Zoning, Code, Public Works, some of the Council persons actually sent me some photos with some drones,

so everyone who has helped with this it's been a huge success so I just want to again celebrate our good things instead of hearing about all the bad. Moving on to the 2020 CDBG Curb Ramp program we just completed the Curb Ramp Program at Melvin and Barnsley Avenue that was a grant for \$44,694.90 that project is also complete at this time. Again, celebrating some of the good things that we're doing that are not costing the taxpayers any funds so thank you all. I wanted to just touch upon something with the Council, you may have noticed recently that on Fridays you you've begun to get the drops that you get, you all get the same thing we take our information and we place it in the drop and then each of you is able to go into that and acquire the information from us. What you will receive on Fridays is basically informational, if there's something that's confidential that really needs to be heard you will certainly get that and then the Friday before the meeting what we're doing differently is if you notice you're getting an agenda and then what you're getting is all the supporting documents in order of the agenda and that I believe is a much more uniform way for us to produce the information to you so you're not scrambling throughout the entire month and saying gee does that go to the agenda or where does this go. So what I'd really like to have is some input from Council as to does everyone understand what we're trying to accomplish and is that working for you. Thank you all and if anyone else has any other questions I'm certainly happy to answer them.

Ms. Hlahol stated, I know that you're putting it in order but I would like that the financials be its own upload because when you're going through and looking those financials could be 50 pages there could be 100 pages and sometimes when you're going backwards to look for the information you're just wasting time going through the financials or sometimes I need the financials and it would just be easier to see it as a separate upload.

Ms. Danko asked, would the rest of the Council like to see that as well?

Mr. Parker stated, yes it has to be dated so that we can search them.

Ms. Danko replied, sure. So what we will do is we will have them in a separate drop file dated with the agenda date, that's what we'll utilize. Thank you for the input.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Sherlock stated, the Joint School Board Council met on February 2nd just a few things. They did have a question as to whether the Council was considering an EIT we said yes, the process about advertising it was explained to them. The old Manor Park School they were offered an extension they had hoped to have already had it cleared by this time but they asked for an extension due to an environmental study and financing but they expect to close by the end of March. The safety grant they are still working on it on the proposed projects, they're starting their budget soon. They did get an extension for the safety grant I think actually our Chief could address that I think it goes again until this September. 21st Century is applying for Cohort 11 so that's a good thing, they hope to get it, I think they probably will. This is the 11th year they've had 21st Century in all their after school programs. They're updating their health and safety plan you'll be able to see that on their website. They're still following the CDC guidelines at this time. The one thing they'd like to see and I think it's a good idea we all talked about it we all would like to see it, is have some sort of not that we need another committee but a communication committee and how we share information back and forth and I know we're separate entities but we do intertwine so if we could send our calendar to the School Board they can post their calendar to ours and ours to theirs, maybe a link to each other. They have two positions open right now, one for School Board and one position this would be a person from the community, they're looking for someone who may have a background in some trades, this would be someone who'll be representing the School Board at the Tech School. Right now the administration has been filling in some of the gaps with the staff and also teaching some new social studies skills. We discussed murals I don't know if I should talk about that now or later. Lastly, the I.U. is doing a fun drive, it's socks, there are three drop locations within the school district so they are asking for new socks only and that's it. Thank you.

Ms. Hlahol asked, can I ask why is the School Board asking about an EIT are they interested in taking half?

Ms. Sherlock replied, they are a financing body in the district and they didn't have any intention of taking any of the money but they were just very curious about it I mean a lot of them are residents and I think that's the only reason because I mean they are entitled as we know –

Mr. Paul stated, they didn't indicate one way or the other.

Ms. Hlahol replied, okay. Thanks Bob.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion 8A – Motion to approve the Ordinance to Levy an Earned Income Tax on Residents and Non-Residents of the Borough of Morrisville pursuant to the Local Tax Enabling Act for General Revenue purposes.

Motion made by Mr. Paul.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lubin.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker stated, roll call.

Motion carried by roll call vote 5-2. (nay votes being Ms. Hlahol and Mr. Robinson)

Motion 8B – Motion to approve payment #2-Final, dated 1/28/2022, regarding 2020 CDBG Curb Ramp Program in the amount of \$4,966.10 to JDC Construction Services, Inc.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Paul.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

Motion 8C – Motion to approve appointing Judith Danko, Borough Manager, as the Designated Agent on the Designation of Agent Resolution for the HMGP Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant.

Motion made by Ms. Hlahol.

Motion seconded by Ms. Sherlock.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

Motion 8D – Motion to approve the Annual Winterfest Parade using the previously approved parade route. The Winterfest Parade to be held on Saturday, December 3rd, 2022 and to be sponsored by Hot Rides, LLC of Morrisville.

Motion made by Ms. Engelhard.

Motion seconded by Ms. Hlahol.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

Motion 8E - Motion to approve Police Directive 200 - Active Shooter Incident.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lubin.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

Motion 8F - Motion to approve installation by the Morrisville Environmental Advisory Council (MEAC) of two anti-littering signs at the Morrisville Riverfront Preserve.

Motion made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Lubin.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

Motion 8G - Morrisville Borough Council does not support the Concept Plan of Select Morrisville, LLC as presented beginning in August of 2019 through December of 2020.

Motion made by Ms. Hlahol.

Motion seconded by Mr. Parker.

Discussion took place regarding the motion.

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

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES/BOARD & COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Motion 9A – Planning Commission: One 4-year appointment to expire on 12/31/2025. *Letter of interest from Peggy Walsh.

Motion to nominate Peggy Walsh made by Ms. Sherlock.

Motion seconded by Mr. Paul.

No discussion took place regarding the motion.

Mr. Parker asked, do we have any other nominations? Do we have any other nominations? Last time. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

Motion to nominate Peggy Walsh carried by voice vote 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business to discuss this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to discuss this evening.

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

Mr. Sherlock stated, a couple of things, the Bucks County Planning Commission I mentioned this I think in December, the Bucks County Planning Commission is starting to do a new Comp Plan and right now they're segregating different segments of the County and are looking for input. Right now they're working with local businesses so they're looking for businesses across the County to give them input with regards to the 2040 Comp Plan for the County. There was some tree tender training recently and they talked about a tree planting. I'd encourage people to contact the MEAC to see if you can help them in any way, even support them with a donation so we can buy trees, these are for the park. The mural project that I was referring to there was a grant that was received in conjunction with the Solid Rock Youth and they have an artist from Cairn University she's an intern and she would like to do some murals in town if she can so right now they're working with the School District to see if they can get students from the school as well. Two concepts would be to have an art portion of it and also an essay portion just to ask students to write an essay as to why they like Morrisville. The businesses will be contacted with a letter asking them if they would like to have their property maybe have a mural on it. This is all the very beginning so I'm hoping it ends up being very successful and I know there's one business on Bridge Street who's excited but they're getting ready to re-do a new roof and new paint job so as soon as that's done they would like to be the first to get a mural. I'll keep everybody posted.

Ms. Hlahol stated, I just wanted to reiterate the gentleman who spoke about Francis and Bridge Street we also have a problem on Green. We also have a problem as well as on Francis and Bridge on Green and South Pennsylvania Avenue and I'd like to look into what we could do about that because it is a traffic hazard and these cars and trucks just park there and they block the view, they block the town, the streets, the houses so I myself I didn't know about Francis but I myself have looked into Green Street and I've reported it to Code many, many, many times and to no avail.

Ms. Sherlock stated, getting back to Francis actually I talked to Jim this evening it was the first thing on my list to talk to but he came up and spoke, he's absolutely right and

I know that the Chief has tried to address it to try to get them to park off the street. I don't know it's been still going very well but I would also like to see if there's any code violations that we address them as soon as possible because he has no place for his people to park because it's a junkyard in the back it's very similar to Baker and Philadelphia Avenue if everybody remembers that, that's where they had the fire. If there's Code maybe we can address the Code issues as well. It's very hard to get out and dangerous and with the snow it was even worse. The residents on that block have been putting up with this for a very long time. You are absolutely correct when he sort of does what he wants even when he's spoken to.

Ms. Price Engelhard stated, Mr. Parker I have one thing to bring up I know the last meeting there were several people from the Morrisville Senior Service Center that were here to talk about the loss of the \$3,000 grant and I know it's very tight and we have to eliminate a lot of stuff but I know Mr. Robinson suggested that they go to Harrisburg to get the money well that's not possible because it's just a different pot of money, I mean you can't go to the State to get that and that's a particular line item for Boroughs to put in revenue and it can only go to a couple entities and one we've chosen is the Volunteer Fire Department and the second has been the Senior Citizen Center. I don't know if all Council people have been to the Senior Center, if you haven't you should be there, it's really the heart of this community. It serves a great need, especially people in the second ward which is the Towers, the lunches and meals that are provided are only \$2.00 and this saves on their income I mean it's less food for them to buy, plus the other donations that Snipes gives and all the help. These people survive on a limited income plus it provides social interaction. There are people there that come every day because they have no other place to go and they would be alone but they're not along there and especially when so many went through COVID this is such an important place for them to be, the activities, the exercise, the art classes are only a couple of dollars so people that live on fixed incomes can participate. So I don't know where that money went it can't go for anything else as I understand it, I could be wrong, but I would like us to reconsider that. Thank you.

Ms. Danko stated, if I may clarify it was denied because of not having any funds in our budget to be able to spend on that so that's why it was denied. The suggestion to

the Director was to try to look in to other areas of -- there may be even the American Relief Funds that he may be able to request. There may be other items of relief that they can look for but because of the fact that the Borough has a budget that they have and you have said how much we've cut and everything that we've done, this year it is not available for them unfortunately.

Mr. Parker stated, it's a donation, right?

Ms. Danko replied, it would be a donation.

Mr. Parker stated, it's a donation it's not a line item. It's in our budget but it's a donation and they happen to be a County entity and our budget is so tight that we are not going to be able to apply for grants this year with matching funds required because we just don't have the funds.

Ms. Sherlock stated, I want to address Miss Ecco Debnam, we have some positions available on our committees and maybe you would be interested in partaking in one of those, there's one for the Environmental –

Mr. Parker stated, I'll read them, because I have some stuff at the end. There is an opening on the Environmental Advisory Council it's a one three-year appointment to expire on December 16, 2024, there's one Library Board position, the remainder of an unexpired term which expires very soon 3/18/22 which you could reapply for that for the next term and there's another one with the remainder of an unexpired term that expires on 3/18/2024, there's also a Planning Commission appointment, it's a one four- year appointment to expire on December 31st, 2025. These are on our website, if anyone is interested you can get our Managers email or you can email any of the Councilmembers with a basic letter of interest in which Board, Committee or Commission you wish to be considered for and it will be passed along. There is one more announcement, at the end of the month there will be a switching of dates for the Parks and Open Space Committee and Finance Committee, Parks and Open Space was moved to the 22nd of February at 7:00 p.m. here at Borough Hall and the Finance

Committee was moved to Wednesday, February 23rd at 7:00 p.m. here in Borough Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn, made by Ms. Hlahol.

Motion seconded by Ms. Sherlock at 8:56 p.m.

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