



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023**  
**7:09 P.M.**  
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**6:00 Executive Session – Police, Personnel & Potential Litigation.**

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 7:09 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Morrisville Municipal Building, 35 Union Street, Morrisville, PA for a Regular Council Meeting.

Mr. Paul reported that at 6:00 p.m. Council had an executive session to discuss certain matters related to the Police Collective Bargaining Negotiations.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

All those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Roll Call**

The following Council members and Borough officials were in attendance:

Borough Council:     Bob Paul, President  
                              Helen Hlahol, Vice President  
                              Andrew Lubin  
                              Jason Manness  
                              Carletha Murray  
                              Kathryn Price Engelhard  
                              Scott Robinson (via telephone)  
                              Nancy Sherlock

Borough Officials:    Judith Danko, Borough Manager  
                              Brud Anderson, Mayor (via telephone)  
                              Scott Holbert, Solicitor  
                              Virginia Cyphers, Assist. Borough Secretary (via telephone)

Mr. Paul reported that Council also had an executive session last Wednesday to discuss certain Police Personnel matters.

**3. Announcements and Presentations**

- Presentation on Community Choice Aggregation by Dennis Rowan.  
(State organizer for Community Choice Aggregation for PA)

Motion to amend June 20, 2023 Borough Council agenda to add item 8K which is approval of Police Directive 204.

Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Lubin.

*No discussion took place regarding the motion.*

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



#### 4. Public Comments

1. David Rivella – *115 Grandview Avenue*

He wants Council to consider changing public speaking from 3 minutes back to 10 minutes. He wants the public to be more involved and he feels allowing more time during public speaking will encourage them. He spoke about the E.I.T., he's not sure if it's the right thing to do he thinks it's just a band aid. He spoke about Mayor Anderson's investigation regarding charges. He stated that the Mayor is the Chief Law Enforcement Officer and wanted to know how he can be under investigation and now charged and still oversee the Police Department. It was a crime that was committed. Elected officers are to be held to a higher standard. He spoke about the charges and asked the Mayor for an apology and for him to step down. He asked the Council to add a motion of no confidence. He and residents would like to know who is aligning themselves with the Mayor and they would like to know before November's election.

2. Jim Zaluski – *48 E. Cleveland Avenue*

He stated that the pickleball court is going to be too noisy and should be at Williamson Park. He said maybe just a shuffleboard should be at the Senior Center. He is in support of approving the Turn the Towns Teal awareness campaign. He is in support of the Ordinance for consumption of alcohol in the park. He is in support of the repaving project. He stated the Chief is a professional and that it's great to have a professional policing community. Our Judge is all about the quality of life and she is doing a great job.

3. Gary Wallace – *719 Crown Street*

He spoke about 705 Crown Street and that it is zoned as R1 not a rehab facility. He spoke with some of the employees and that's exactly what they are using it as, there are patients inside and it is a for-profit business. He and his neighbors would like this addressed they are not happy about it and it shouldn't be inside a residential area.

4. Rev. Thomas Dingwall – *146 Harrison Avenue*

He was inquiring about organizing a block party on Harrison Avenue from Coleman to Baker on August 19<sup>th</sup>. He has a petition with 90 plus names. He asked Council what the next step was.

5. James Schwartz – *580 Rosemar Avenue*

He is celebrating 60 years of living in the Borough. He supports the Reverend and his proposed block party. He mentioned his friend has a problem with her neighbor's fence. He feels that four or five minutes for public comment would be better than three minutes. He asked about the budget. He supports the Police and he likes the idea of bicycle police through the neighborhood.

6. Sue Dingwall – *146 Harrison Avenue*

She would appreciate Council's support for a community block party on Harrison Avenue.



7. Debby Colgan – *120 W. Hendrickson Avenue*  
She spoke about CCA (Community Outreach and Consumer Protection) and encourages Council to approve the resolution next month. She stated that approving it does not require people to join, it's just a choice and it helps save the earth and provides community outreach, education and consumer protection. She supports the alcohol ordinance, it was a conservative well thought out safe and common sense plan that offers a popular feature to our events. Let's go green and reap the many rewards it offers.
  
8. Kathryn Panzitta – *401 Hillcrest Avenue*  
She stated at the last meeting there was back and forth conversation about government, funding, Harrisburg and legislation. She stated the conversation was about sending people to the Boroughs Association and Scott stated it was above his pay grade. She stated it is your pay grade, your pay grade is the lowest level legislation and to take that actively and change it is up to you to change the law. She thanked Kathryn for her information about motel/hotel tax in Harrisburg. She supports the ordinance for alcohol in the park.

There being no further public comment, the President proceeded to the business portion of the agenda.

## 5. Approval of Minutes

- 5A. Motion to approve the Borough Council Regular Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2023.  
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mrs. Murray.  
*No discussion took place regarding the motion.*  
**Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.

## 6. Finance

- 6A. **Treasurer's Report**  
The Treasurer's Report was provided in the Council packets.
  
- 6B. **Approval of the Bill List**  
Motion to approve the bill list and pay the bills.  
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Lubin.  
*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*  
**Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.

## 7. Reports

- 7A. **Mayor's Report**  
Mayor Anderson thanked our Officer who will be leaving Morrisville. He didn't mention his name due to privacy issue. He apologized to the town for the incident and who it affected. He plans on apologizing to the person in public.



**7B. Police Chief's Report**

Chief McClay reported that we need to get certain records destroyed there is a law called Pennsylvania Record Retention act which we abide by. The Part-Time Truck Enforcement Officer has gone to 2 weeks of training and has one more week. Another officer will be resigning in two weeks which leaves the Truck Enforcement very hard to fill. He stated that he needs more officers. He explained that they moved the National Night Out up to July 25<sup>th</sup> so they could get the equipment for the event. He believes the Consortium list has been wiped out and the next test will be in October. He is asking Council to look at it in August to ask the Civil Service Commission to plan ahead to have that list certified the day it comes out so we can hire off that list.

**7C. Manager's Report**

Manager Danko announced that we hope to have the Bridge Street Project complete by November and have a ribbon cutting. She announced they have secured money for engineering for the Manor Park project. She mentioned they discussed the foregoing of the Master Planning Grant for Williamson Park so they could proceed with the engineering company and the Parks and Recreation Department and that they would like to have an outreach program to the public to see what the people would like to see and it will enable us to get grant funding much quicker than going through the Master Planning Grant. She encouraged everybody to come to the Parks and Recreation meetings with their ideas and voice their opinion. She attended the Habitat for Humanity ribbon cutting ceremony at 30 Hillcrest Avenue. She mentioned all the ARPA projects they are taking place.

Scott Holbert gave an explanation on 705 Crown Street and answered some questions from the audience.

Mrs. Danko read some findings regarding 705 Crown Street.

Mr. Lubin asked the group of residents concerned about 705 Crown Street to get in touch with him over the weekend.

**7D. Committee Reports**

• **Parks and Recreation Committee**

Ms. Price Engelhard stated she is very happy to hear that we are moving forward on Manor Park because she cares about all parks. She reported that they had a successful park bench painting and cleaning of the tables that will be completed next week. They reviewed upcoming events in the park. She mentioned the upcoming public meetings to discuss Williamson Park. The next meeting will be next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and she encouraged everyone to attend. There was discussion regarding having a list of plaques in the Borough



## 8. Action Items

- 8A.** Motion to approve recognizing September 2023 as “Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month”, along with support of hanging ribbons on trees around Morrisville Borough and the “Turn The Towns Teal” awareness campaign.  
Motion made by Ms. Price Engelhard and seconded by Mrs. Murray.  
*No discussion took place regarding the motion.*  
**Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.
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- 8B.** Motion to approve an Ordinance of Morrisville Borough, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Authorizing Events involving the Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in Public Parks.  
Motion made by Mrs. Murray and seconded by Ms. Price Engelhard.  
*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*  
**Motion** carried by roll call vote 7-1. (Nay vote being Mr. Paul)
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- 8C.** Motion to award the Borough’s 2023 Road Paving Program to James D. Morrissey, Inc. for \$235,895.96, conditioned upon the completion of the 30-day RCO review period which ends on June 11, 2023. To be paid out of liquid fuels.  
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Lubin.  
*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*  
**Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.
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- 8D.** Motion to approve advertising sale of a Fuji Code 1 Police Mountain Bike 27 Speed Shimano Components with Dual Disc Brakes (Large) Price \$500.  
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mrs. Murray.  
*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*  
**Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.
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- 8E.** Motion to approve Resolution to authorize the Destruction of Certain Police Department Records.  
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Lubin.  
*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*  
**Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.
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- 8F.** Motion to direct the Morrisville Borough Civil Service Commission to advertise a Full Time position with the Morrisville Borough Police Department and prepare and certify the eligibility list for the position.  
Motion made Ms. Hlahol and seconded by Mrs. Murray.



*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

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

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- 8G.** Motion to approve a temporary waiver of the 60-hour biweekly limit for PT police officers, not to exceed 35 hours in one week, through September 15, 2023.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

**Motion to amend 8G to be through January 15, 2024** made by Ms. Hlahol and seconded by Mr. Lubin.

**Motion to amend** carried by voice vote 7-0 with 1 abstention. (Abstention being Mr. Manness)

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*No discussion took place regarding the motion.*

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

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- 8H.** Motion to approve increasing the Part Time Police officer hourly rate to \$29.00 per hour and increasing the Part Time Officer hourly rate for Festive\* Holidays and Independence Day (July 4<sup>th</sup>) to \$43.50 per hour. (\*Festive Holidays: Christmas Day, Thanksgiving Day and New Year's Day.) Subject to Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mrs. Murray.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

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

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- 8I.** Motion to approve Resolution authorizing the submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for Morrisville Borough Manor Park and Playground improvements; authorizing the Borough Manager of the Borough to sign such applications and to submit such applications and information as may be required and to take all such other acts as may be necessary to complete the application for CDBG funding.

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

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

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

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- 8J.** Motion for Eagle Scout project consisting of (1) one pickleball court installation to be moved from Manor Park to Williamson Park at the location of the current hockey area next to the tennis courts.

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

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

**Motion to amend 8J to authorize the Borough Manager to designate the final location of the Eagle Scout project consisting of (1) one pickleball court** made by Mr. Paul and seconded by Mr. Manness.



*No discussion took place regarding the motion.*

**Motion to amend** carried by voice vote 6-2. (Nay votes being Ms. Price Engelhard and Ms. Hlahol)

Motion to to authorize the Borough Manager to select the final location for (1) one pickleball court for the Eagle Scout project.

**Motion** carried by roll call vote 5-3. (Nay votes being Ms. Price Engelhard, Mr. Robinson and Ms. Hlahol)

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- 8K.** Motion to approve Police Directive 204 – Use of Force.  
Motion made by Mrs. Murray and seconded by Ms. Hlahol.  
*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*  
**Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.

## 9. Other Business

Mr. Lubin stated he never thought he would see a day when he agreed with Dave Rivella but today is that day.

Motion to do a vote of no confidence regarding Mayor Anderson for his hit and run indictment.

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

*Lengthy discussion took place regarding the motion.*

**Mr. Lubin withdrew the motion.**

Mr. Lubin wants it noted that the motion was made and then withdrawn. He wants people in town to know that Council has actually taken notice and taken consideration of what's going on.

## 10. Borough Officials

- Mrs. Sherlock mentioned some ordinances she would like to review at the next Ordinance meeting, the Rental Ordinance and the Civil Service Ordinance, the Degradation Street Ordinance and EEOC Ordinance.
- Mrs. Danko stated that all of the ordinances that Mrs. Sherlock just mentioned are important but at this time we do not have the Borough staff or the wherewithal to follow through on most of this at this time. I think we need to focus on the things that we have started so far we're still working on the issues that we have in the office with payroll and so forth we need to finish those items and I'm asking for patience and understanding because of that and let's not please start anything new let's follow through with what we're working on currently so we can get those items completed.
- Mrs. Sherlock reminded residents to please lock their cars every night, if you read the blotter people are leaving their keys fobs in their cars and they're also not locking up.



- Mr. Lubin stated that there is no Finance Committee Meeting tomorrow night.
- Mr. Paul stated that the Zoning Hearing Board still has an opening for an alternate for the remainder of a term that expires on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- Mr. Robinson stated that residents call the 200 block of Osborne the half of cup coffee road, hopefully we can add that to the road list. He thanked Mrs. Danko for taking care of 327 Prospect there is noticeable improvement. He agrees with the former Mayor Rivella and his thoughts and words on the E.I.T. and maybe the Council can look into rolling back a half of percent.

## 11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Hlahol.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tF37PpRbldM>