



**5:30 Executive Session – Personnel & Real-Estate**

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Morrisville Municipal Building, 35 Union Street, Morrisville, PA for a Regular Council Meeting.

Mr. Paul asked for a moment of silence in the memory of Eric Tomko who was a former Morrisville Police Officer before joining the Philadelphia Police Force. He had a lot of friends in this town and he passed away suddenly Saturday night as a result of a motorcycle accident. Please keep his wife Caitlin and their children in your prayers.

**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 (via phone)  
                              Carletha Murray (via phone)  
                              Kathryn Price Engelhard  
                              Scott Robinson  
                              Nancy Sherlock

Borough Officials:   Judith Danko, Borough Manager  
                              Brud Anderson, Mayor  
                              Scott Holbert, Solicitor

Not in Attendance:   Virginia Cyphers, Assist. Borough Secretary

**3. Announcements and Presentations**

**3A.**     Swearing in of new Full Time Police Officer William T. McDonald, Jr.

**3B.**     Motion to amend the agenda to add item 8I. (8I - call for a motion to authorize a change order for the road paving project in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for Hillcrest Avenue & Mercer Avenue.)

Motion to amend the agenda to add item 8I 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. Michele McGowan – *734 S. Pennsylvania Avenue*  
She spoke about the truck traffic and stated that it's a nuisance with Jake Breaking all night and the trucks leave behind garbage and scrap metal. She stated that it is decreasing the quality of life and the value of homes. She asked what the E.I.T. money is going to be used for.
2. Gary Wallace – *719 Crown Street*  
He thanked Council and Judith for their support for the EAC. He thanked Kathryn and Nancy for putting on great events like the Jazz Fest and the Irish Fest. He stated that the EAC is excited about the upcoming tree planting. He asked for Council's support for the open position on the EAC that he applied for.
3. Gary Taylor – *405 Hamilton Blvd.*  
He stated that he heard through the grapevine that some people are trying to get the Police Chief fired. He disagrees with that and he will do anything in his power to try to change that decision. The Chief has done a great job and he supports him wholeheartedly. He takes care of the town and keeps us safe and keeps drugs out and he would be hard to replace. He has done Trunk or Treat with the kids, he sponsored movie nights at the park, he's often seen riding his bike around town and he is heavily involved in National Night Out. The Chief loves the community and interacts with the residents in town. The Chief worked with me on an action security/shooter plan for the daycare and he also participates in the Morrisville Community Coalition. He stated that it's a critical decision and he asked that Council keep him as our Police Chief. He handed out a document with all the activities the Chief participates in and how he helps the community.

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 August 15, 2023.  
Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Lubin.  
*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 Mr. Lubin and seconded by Ms. Price Engelhard.



*No discussion took place regarding the motion.*

**Motion** carried by voice vote 7-1. (Nay vote being Mrs. Sherlock)

## 7. Reports

### 7A. Mayor's Report

Mayor Anderson welcomed new officer William Todd McDonald to the Morrisville Police Department. He gave an update on Officer Bill Smith; he was released last night with minor injuries and is very lucky. He thanked everyone who reached out with their thoughts and prayers. He stated that since our last meeting we have had 3 officers hurt on duty. Two officers were hurt during one incident so needless to say that leaves us with no manpower however, Chief McClay was able to get the shifts covered right away. He stated that we need to increase our manpower in the police department. He mentioned that Republic trash service is still an issue and asked if the relationship with them is repairable. He stated that our town has trash all over it all the time and mentioned possibly having our own trash service. He stated the MEDC had a meeting last week; he mentioned their passion and thanked them for working to make the Borough better all around. He stated that he notified the Manager as well as the Labor Attorney that he is requesting a separate attorney that represents the Mayor's office. He thanked the Chief for getting to the hospital quickly last night and making sure everything was taken care of.

### 7B. Police Chief's Report

Chief McClay gave a report regarding the accident involving Corporal Smith on Route 1 southbound to Pennsylvania. Corporal Smith sustained some head injuries and neck injuries from the impact. The vehicle will be totaled; luckily it is our oldest vehicle. He was touched by the emails and phone calls he received today thinking of Bill and his family. He is very happy to welcome Todd into the family. We need a plan to attract more officers, its pure Economics 101. He stated that we have to start thinking about benefits and salaries going into the future. He mentioned starting a law enforcement committee with citizens. He thanked Pastor Taylor for all his kind words.

Mr. Paul stated that they will keep Corporal Bill Smith in their prayers.

*Discussion took place regarding the Jake Brakes on South Pennsylvania Avenue, truck traffic enforcement, the need for more speed limit signs and the need for more police officers.*

### 7C. Manager's Report

Manager Danko gave a report on the Williamson Park in-house meeting. She stated that the engineers were there to prepare a park plan, there was a lot of input from the residents and there were two groups that had a lot of the same ideas. In the upcoming months we will have information back from the engineering company regarding a proposed plan. She reported that the road project on Hillcrest Avenue from Barnsley to Stockham and North Lafayette from Hillcrest to Clymer has started and will be completed soon. She stated there will be a kickoff meeting next week for the roof project and the roof replacement will start soon. She



reported that we are currently getting electrical bids and we will be presenting the lowest bidder to Council at the October meeting. These projects are being paid using ARPA funds. She mentioned that renovations are needed downstairs for office space. She stated that she will be advertising the budget meetings very soon. She reported that the RDA hired a firm to remediate the Cloverleaf property and once the remediation is complete there will be meetings with Council and the RDA.

*Discussion took place regarding the Cloverleaf property.*

## 7D. Committee Reports

- **Parks and Recreation**

Ms. Price Engelhard thanked everyone who came to the parks meeting with Gilmore. She stated there was a lot of participation and Judy from Gilmore did a fabulous job facilitating the meeting. She thanked everyone who attended the Irish Fest, it was well attended the music and dancers were incredible and there were really nice vendors. She enjoyed the children's section and the interactions between the parents and children. She thanked all the volunteers. She stated that the next meeting is next Tuesday and they will be talking about the upcoming events such as the Octoberfest and the tree planting.

- **Finance**

Mr. Lubin congratulated Kathryn on the Irish Festival. He stated that next week's meeting is cancelled. In October the finance committee will be heavily involved in the budgeting process.

- **Community Choice Aggregation**

Mr. Manness reported that they had a meeting with Dennis Rowan from CCA for PA and received a lot of information it was a very productive meeting. He stated he will get the minutes out soon. He is hoping their next meeting is also productive.

Mrs. Sherlock mentioned that Council received the report from the Librarian and she said this summer they and 457 children and 232 adults attend all of their summer Library programs. She also stated that there are two new employees at the Library, Jessica is the new Children's Librarian and Kevin is the new Clerk. The Library is having art classes on October 5<sup>th</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>. The Library Book Club has been really successful and has grown to about 25 or more people.

## 8. Action Items

- 8A. Motion to acknowledge receipt of the annual Minimum Municipal Obligation Forms (MMO) for both the Police (Uniformed) and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System by October 4, 2023 and authorizing the Borough Manager to execute the necessary documents.  
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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- 8B.** Motion to award the annual 2023-2024 Consortium Salt Bid (as bid through the Bucks County Consortium) to: Silvi Concrete Products (DBA Riverside Construction), \$66.00 price per ton (delivered) and \$65.85 price per ton (undelivered); contract to run to September 30, 2024.

Motion made by Ms. Hlahol and seconded by Mrs. Sherlock.

*No discussion took place regarding the motion.*

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

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- 8C.** Motion to authorize the Borough Manager to do an RFP and to advertise for Auditing Services for the Borough.

Motion made by Ms. Hlahol and seconded by Mrs. Murray.

*No discussion took place regarding the motion.*

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

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- 8D.** Motion to accept bid from Homeland Intelligence and Protective Services, LLC in the amount of \$11,000 to purchase the two police vehicles; Vehicle #1: Number 4610, former police chiefs and unmarked vehicle, VIN#: 1FM5K8AR6EG50204, Year: 2014, Make: Ford, Model: Explorer, Mileage: 108,845, Vehicle #2; Number 4608, former patrol Vehicle, VIN#:1FM5K8AR1FGA35413, Year: 2014, Make: Ford, Model: Explorer, Mileage: 72,757.

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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- 8E.** Motion to approve and adopt the Resolution for the Borough to submit an application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for a Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant and designating Borough Manager, Judith Danko, as the official to execute all documents and agreements to facilitate and assist in obtaining requested grant.

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.** Call for a motion to approve the placement and decide on the location(s) for drop off bin(s) to be placed in the borough owned parking lot of the Morrisville Senior Center. The Morrisville Senior Center, in partnership with “Helpsy” has requested to place drop off bin(s) in the borough owned parking lot to allow for clothing and textile collection in an effort to fund-raise for the center.
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Motion made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Mr. Lubin.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

**Motion** carried by voice vote 7-0 with 1 abstention. (Abstention being Ms. Price Engelhard)

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**8G.** Motion to consider directing Civil Service Commission to approve the next Full Time Police Officer Consortium Hiring List.

Motion made Ms. Hlahol and seconded by Ms. Price Engelhard.

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

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

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**8H.** Motion to approve advertising sale of a Fuji Code 1 Police Mountain Bike 27 Speed Shimano Components with Dual Disc Brakes (Large) Price \$350.

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

*Discussion took place regarding the motion.*

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

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**8I.** Motion to authorize a change order for the road paving project in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for Hillcrest Avenue and Mercer Avenue.

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

*No discussion took place regarding the motion.*

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

### **Council Committees/Board & Commission Appointments:**

**Economic Development Corporation:** One 3-year appointment, term expires 9/30/26. \*Letter of interest from Curtis Kelly to be re-appointed.

Nomination of Curtis Kelly for the term expiring 9/30/26 made by Ms. Price Engelhard and seconded by Ms. Hlahol.

**Vote to appoint Curtis Kelly** to the Economic Development Corporation carried by voice vote 8-0.

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**Environmental Advisory Council:** One 3-year appointment, remainder of unexpired term, expires 12/19/25. \*Letter of interest from Gary Wallace.

Nomination of Gary Wallace for the term expiring 12/19/25 made by Mrs. Sherlock and seconded by Ms. Hlahol.

**Vote to appoint Gary Wallace** to the Environmental Advisory Council carried by voice vote 8-0.

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### **9. Other Business**

**9A.** There was no other business this evening.



## 10. Borough Officials

- Mrs. Sherlock announced that October 7<sup>th</sup> is our next event in the park Octoberfest and it goes from 12-4. There will be a bouncy house, food trucks, some vendors and a travelling farm.
- Ms. Price Engelhard thanked the Morrisville Economic Development Corporation for providing the band and our music, it's been a big help this summer.
- Mrs. Sherlock stated they are called the Jukebox Graveyard, sounds thrilling for October.
- Mr. Robinson stated, I saw them a couple of months ago, they are actually pretty good. They are older guys, one of them is neighbors with a friend of mine in Feasterville, they played at the Morrisville Tavern, they're a classic rock band and they have a lot of fun when they play, they are entertaining. I would definitely go see them again, they are good.
- Mr. Paul announced that there is an upcoming opening on the Environmental Advisory Council for a three-year term that will expire December 19, 2023.

## 11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Sherlock.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

<https://www.morrisvillepagov.com/meeting-videos/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QMkHZ3242ik>