



5:45 Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 7:12 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Morrisville Municipal Building, 35 Union Street, Morrisville, PA for a Regular Council Meeting.

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:
- Helen Hlahol, President
 - John Vitarelli, Vice President
 - Melissa Johnson
 - Andrew Lubin
 - Luke McKee (via phone)
 - Kathryn Price Engelhard
 - Scott Robinson
- Borough Officials:
- Judith Danko, Borough Manager
 - Gary Wallace, Mayor
 - Scott Holbert, Solicitor
 - Virginia Cyphers, Assist. Borough Secretary
- Not In Attendance: Marie Kelso, Councilperson

3. Community Announcements/Presentations

- a. National Police Week (Sunday, May 12 to Saturday, May 18, 2024).
- b. National Public Works Week (Sunday, May 19 to Saturday, May 25, 2024).
- c. Welcome and introduction of Taylor Szarko, Human Services Co-Responder with the Bucks County Co-Responder Program; covering Lower Makefield, Morrisville and Yardley Borough.
- d. Morrisville Bird Town “Do Not Litter” Poster Contest winners.
- e. Welcome new businesses:
 - Rain Tree Shopping, Inc. – Morrisville Shopping Center, 1E. Trenton Avenue, Suite 19 – Retail.
 - Neitz Electrical Contracting, LLC – 74 W. Bridge Street – Office Space.

4. Community Outreach

- a. **Zoning Hearing Board:** One three (3) year appointment (alternate) expires 1/4/27.

Deborah Colgan – 120 W. Hendrickson Ave

She stated I am confused because of the change that you made in the way public comment is done. This is a different document that you have up here by public comment for the instructions for the public it’s a resolution that was passed and it states that the Council will provide a



reasonable opportunity for residents or taxpayers of the Borough of Morrisville at the beginning of each regular meeting or special meeting to comment on all matters listed for official action and to comment on other matters of concern or deliberation which may come before the Council. So this is a resolution that you passed don't you have to rescind this before you can change your process for public comment at the meetings?

Mr. Holbert stated was this a resolution passed by this Council?

Ms. Colgan stated it passed in 2018 #1003 it sits up here with our public comment it's still sitting here now.

Mr. Holbert stated they can change the order.

Ms. Colgan stated pardon me.

Mr. Holbert stated this Council can change the order of the work without having to rescind that that was for that previous Council.

Ms. Colgan stated sitting up here saying do not remove you're not going to by this. Shouldn't this be removed then or something? So you don't have to do another resolution to change what you're doing.

Mr. Holbert stated no.

Ms. Colgan stated okay. Is there a reason why this information is sitting up here at the table?

Ms. Hlahol stated I guess somebody just forgot to remove it. Judith, can we make sure that's removed?

Mrs. Danko stated yes we will.

Ms. Hlahol stated okay sorry for the confusion. The Engineer's Report, very exciting news we're looking into doing a 2024 Road Program where we're going to do all of the streets in Morrisville that haven't been done.

5. Engineer Report

- a. Jacob Rigg of Gilmore Associates; 2024 Road Program.
- b. Jacob Rigg of Gilmore Associates; Levee Accreditation Project.

6. Borough Manager Report

Manager Danko stated thank you Jacob. For anyone who didn't have a chance to see our new dump truck that's outside with a salt spreader and plow we applied for a grant for that \$129,000 grant we were awarded taxpayer free so we will have that in service this winter it's in service as of today so we're very happy to announce that thank you. We also had the wonderful ribbon cutting ceremony for the Bridge Street project thank you all for attending. I know we were running really late this evening so I'm going



to cut my report very short. The other item that I'd really like to talk about is the Manor Park at this time we have an engineering donation in place thanks to Council President Hlahol we met with the engineers at the County to proceed with the CDBG grant that we just received for \$300,000 with help from Jacob and Kurt thank you for that. We also have a grant in place for the parking lot at the senior center which is owned by the Borough the County has been helping us with that, thank you very much to the County. We also have a Reldan donation in place for the additional funding that I've been able to acquire so we're going to be removing some of the playground equipment as we speak at the Manor Park playground and we'll also be having a project event with Reldan because they're going to have to help us also they'd like to do that with some of the removal and hopefully we'll have the project out to bid by end of summer and we should see some major accomplishments by the end of the year weather permitting if not into next year so I'm very excited to say that this project has been long awaited and we're finally going to be up and running with it so I'll cut my report short. Thank you.

7. Solicitor Report

- a. For an event with street closures, if alcohol sales allowed by LCB, can residents roam the event or must stay in contained area.

Mr. Holbert stated the answer as of right now they need to stay inside. Good news is that is a local regulation state laws only deal with from an open container standpoint when you're driving or public intoxication the reason people need to stay in a private place is our own ordinances which prohibit alcohol consumption on streets, sidewalks and public places.

Ms. Hlahol stated okay so Council would you like us to look into changing that to allow that if there is an event going on and we have street closures or a designated area to change it to allow people to roam and consume.

Mr. Lubin stated yes most definitely.

Ms. Hlahol stated okay it looks like we have a consensus Judith can you look into adjusting that?

Mrs. Danko stated certainly I'll work with the attorney on a new ordinance.

Ms. Hlahol stated and then when we have that on the agenda the public can come and speak to it.

8. Police Chief's Report

Police Chief Simpson stated I don't really have a report but I do want to say and extend my gratitude to the manager, the administrative staff, all the department heads, John, Council, Mayor, the legal team, code. I've worked with all of you over the last five months trying to put out one fire or the next or trying to deal with an issue one way or another and I hope for the your engagement I helped elevate the experience or bring us a solve to some of these things. In particular I want to thank the police officers and the police staff who have been cooperative and helped me along the way and I hope I've helped them along the way. I'm not going far I know on the agenda here there's a very limited term if you need call and ask I'm certainly here to help support any of the things going forward. I'm excited for Morrisville Borough's future I think today and yesterday have been a good turning point for police



organization for the Borough as a whole so I'm not going far and I look forward to helping you if you need it but otherwise visiting just to say hello. Thank you very much.

Ms. Hlahol stated just to let the public know we are in search of a new Police Chief and am I allowed to say we've narrowed down the search and then we're rounding out the interviews so hopefully that decision will be made in the next couple weeks. We removed Item N from the agenda because we did not get a chance to discuss it in executive session so item N is going to be removed.

9. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of minutes from the 4/16/24 council meeting.
- b. Approval of bill list from 4/1/24 to 4/30/24 in the amount of \$323,874.71.
- c. Approval of resolution and ratification of the conveyance of Tax Parcel No. 24-012-081 (Cloverleaf), consisting of approximately 10.85397 acres, from Morrisville Borough to the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Bucks for nominal consideration.
- d. Approval of Certificate of Completion No. 3 (Final) and release letter of credit in the amount of Forty Three Thousand One Hundred Seventy One Dollars and Zero Cents (43,171.00) regarding Britton Industries, Inc., Letter of Credit No. 18131726-00-000.
- e. Ratification of the completed and submitted application for 2024 Bucks County Police/Community Building Mini Grant for National Night Out funds in the amount of \$2,400, no cost to the Borough.
- f. Ratification of completed and submitted EDI Grant application for Morrisville School District in the amount of \$3,675,000 for three components; 1. Replacement of damaged roofing at two community borough properties \$3,200,000. 2. Installation of safety bollards at 4-foot intervals, at two community borough properties \$75,000. 3. Abatement and tile replacement at two community properties \$400,000.
- g. Approval to advertise ADA Parking Ordinance to vote on at the June 18, 2024 meeting.
- h. Approval to advertise Noise and Disturbing the Peace Ordinance to vote on at the June 18, 2024 meeting.
- i. Approval of closing the 200 block of Bank Street from 2:00 to 5:30 pm on Saturday, June 22, for a birthday party.
- j. Approval of \$361 (A cap of \$100 approved 3/19/24) in expenses for the 7/13/2024 Food and Truck event and \$1,986 (A cap of \$1,000 approved 3/19/24) in expenses for the 9/15/2024 Irish Festival for a total of \$2,347 (A total cap of \$1,100 approved 3/19/24) for the two Parks and Recreation events.
- k. Approval of change order number 4 – Borough Hall, for QPI Electrical Co, Inc., in the amount \$2,153.00.
- l. Approval of the event date of Tuesday, August 6, 2024, 5:00-8:00 p.m., for the annual National Night Out event to be held in the parking lot of Borough Hall, closing Washington Street between Union Street and Borough hall parking lot. (Contingent upon all necessary forms and paperwork being submitted and approved).
- m. Approval of the Mayor's Picnic to be held in Williamson Park on Saturday, August 31, 2024, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., rain or shine. (Contingent upon all necessary forms and paperwork being submitted and approved).



- n. Approval of Borough Manager to engage services of _____ for borough pre-employment investigations. **Motion Removed.**
- o. Approval of two pool party events at the dog park, first event on Sunday, 6/30 (12:00 – 3:00) and second event on Sunday, 9/15 (12:00 – 3:00), no cost to the Borough.
- p. Approval of transfer of funds from Borough RDA Blighted Escrow account in the amount of \$25,959.29 for project administration to the RDA for 327 Prospect Avenue, leaving a balance of \$239,131.71.
- q. Approval of contract for Consultation Services with Rarefied Leadership Group, LLC, at the rate of \$125 per hour for interim coaching and mentoring for supervisory personnel in the Police Department, contract commencing May 22, 2024.
- r. Approval for payment of Borough Manager’s expenses, not to exceed \$1,100 to attend the PA state Association of Boroughs 112th Annual conference at Hershey lodge in Hershey, PA, being held June 2 – 5, 2024.
- s. Call for motion to designate an Official Voting Delegate, Judith Danko and Alternate Delegate, N/A for the 112th General Assembly of Boroughs, June 2 – 5, 2024. The Designated Voting Delegate is appointed for the purpose of electing the officers of the association and voting on proposed resolutions and policies.
Motion made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. McKee.
Discussion took place regarding the motions.

10. Public Comment on Agenda Items

1. Don Rice – Crown Street

He stated I am here to request that consent agenda item C approval of resolution and ratification of Tax Parcel No. 24-012-081 Manor Park Landfill consisting of approximately 10.85 acres from Morrisville Borough to the RDA be removed from the consent agenda because one, there’s a conflict in the area if you go to the Bucks County parcel viewer they say the area is 9.12 acres not 10.85 acres. Two, there’s been two previous remedial investigation reports done by the RDA the DEP rejected both of these reports as unsatisfactory and would not let them proceed until they submitted a better report. On the good news the third report most recent report is much better. The Manor Park landfill is a state identified contaminant site this report found several contaminants at the landfill in concentrations exceeding clean fill limits. Lead was found at a concentration of 7,000 micrograms per kilogram possible effects of lead exposure in children include lowered intelligence, decreased coordination, shortened attention span, aggressive behavior, reading and other disabilities that also have effects in adults it’s a nasty contaminant. This report provides a plan to clear and grade the site but it does not address the dirt, the trucks and other heavy equipment, noise, traffic and air emissions. I know you’ve been working to get trucks off of Pennsylvania Avenue this would put a whole lot more as well as heavy equipment on the site the dust would contain lead and that could spread to the neighbors. Therefore, before giving the landfill to the RDA Morrisville Borough Council should require the RDA to publicly address site contaminant remediation and site construction issues at the Manor Park landfill so we have all of these under control. Most importantly, when the site is remediated to State standards how will the site be used I hadn’t heard what you just told me and it’s not on the agenda. I am not opposed to redevelopment of this site it’s been tried to be developed for a long time now it’s approaching 20 years. The



RDA has not done it responsibly to this point and we need to bring them in put them on the record and let them explain to us what they have in mind for this site this is just not a simple thing you're doing here this is very important to Morrisville Borough and its future. Thank you.

Ms. Hlahol stated we did have a meeting here and there was a group from Council just to know and I looked up the emails I wasn't ignoring you when you were talking but what the email says is that the cleanup plan is relatively simple it establishes a grade, removes anything they find and they cap with two feet of clean fill and they said that they have a final report from the DEP and they have approved the environmental covenant into perpetuity they also said that if anybody had any questions that they should contact the DEP.

Mr. Rice stated I think it would be the responsible thing to do to bring them in here and let them speak to the public directly, let the neighbors know there are neighbors all around that site and that's going to be impossible to contain the dust, the noise, everything involved with the remediation part of the plan and as well as what are you going to put there. I think the neighbors and all of Morrisville would be interested to know what they have in mind.

Ms. Hlahol stated we haven't been to the point where we have decided what we're going to put there we're just remediating the land so that we can do something with it.

Mr. Rice stated well don't you think they ought to have a plan before we give them the property.

Mr. Holbert stated the Borough has a cooperation agreement with the RDA so anything they would plan to do they would need Council's input before they do it so the idea here what they're doing is they're doing it in two steps getting it remediated so it can be then marketed and then try and work with Council to figure out what should go there for any potential development.

Mr. Rice stated the area of the landfill is zoned RN, residential neighborhood so I would assume if you're going to not change the zoning that whatever would go there would be housing, you don't put housing on top of an old landfill no matter how well it's been remediated that's a recipe for disaster you don't want kids playing in soil potentially contaminated with lead so that's why I'm saying it's important to know what they have in mind there are appropriate uses for this site and they can remediate this site I just want to bring them in here let them tell us what they have in mind and see what is going to go in there it's going to affect a lot of people. Thank you for listening.

2. Debby Colgan – *120 W. Hendrickson Ave*

She stated I have a question on the Cloverleaf agenda number C. I know that this conveyance you said it happened in 2007 it also happened in 2018 so this will be the third time that this has happened I guess it's because the deeds get lost the paperwork doesn't go through.



Mr. Holbert stated I think the one in 2018 I think they brought it back up looking through all of our files it never got finally voted on there were some changes to the resolution so they were bringing it up in 2018 but I don't think it ever got based on our records and the RDA's records it never actually got voted on.

Ms. Colgan stated the other thing is I believe that you guys must be aware that the property that you're talking about includes half of Manor Park playground and all of the Senior Center parking lot. It's my understanding from the RDA that the plans would be that whoever the developer or whoever you sell this property to that they're going to convey those portions of that lot that tax map parcel back to the Borough shouldn't that be guaranteed in writing somewhere or is this just an informal verbal agreement?

Mr. Holbert stated that's part of the cooperation agreement yes that land will be subdivided off and conveyed back to the Borough yeah.

Ms. Colgan stated and does it say that somewhere?

Mr. Holbert stated it was a part of the cooperation agreement that was originally signed back in 2007 I think that's when it started.

Ms. Colgan stated so that's in the cooperation agreement for this. We can see that, we can get that cooperation agreement from the Borough?

Mr. Holbert stated I assume.

Mrs. Danko stated I believe we have it and if we don't we'll get it from the RDA.

Ms. Colgan stated my understanding also from the RDA is that this property the work permit that they're working under for remediation is for non-residential use and that's what they are remediating for and they said if there was any decision to go for residential it would be up to the Borough but my concern doing that the reason why you're going through this process through act two is that it prevents liability for the Borough or for the property owner for anything to come back for poor remediation, inappropriate remediation, so if you have a work plan that is for non-residential use you go and develop it for residential you're going to lose you're going to be liable under act two you can clarify this for me that's my understanding that if you nullify this is actually the whole process that they're going through is voluntary it's only for protection from liability so if you go for something that's residential you could invalidate your indemnity I guess they call it or whatever that is called. Are you familiar with that?

Mr. Holbert stated no it's not an area of law we practice no.

Ms. Colgan stated okay but the RDA confirms that they are doing –

Ms. Hlahol stated that's three minutes.



Ms. Colgan stated okay well now I've got something about another one.

Ms. Hlahol stated we should have that clarified is it 3 minutes per agenda item or 3 minutes in total?

Mr. Holbert stated considering the consent agenda is one item it would be three minutes per agenda item.

Ms. Colgan stated I was advised by the Mayor that I had 3 minutes for each one.

Mr. Holbert stated that consent agenda is one item.

Ms. Colgan stated that's what I prepared for.

Mayor Wallace stated what I said was you would have two chances to speak was before the consent on those and then again at the very end on just regular non agenda items.

Ms. Colgan stated so I can't now I can't say –

Mr. Holbert stated it's at the discretion of our president.

Ms. Hlahol stated how many items do you need to speak of?

Ms. Colgan stated quick questions on a couple of things, the ordinances, the parking ordinance and the noise ordinance was that ever discussed are those ordinances already written?

Ms. Hlahol stated so this is just to advertise the ordinances so you can come speak at the next meeting.

Mr. Holbert stated yes and once they're advertised they're available for public viewing yes.

Ms. Colgan stated is there any opportunity for public input for the development of those?

Mr. Holbert stated yeah this is just advertising so yes the next step would be for review by the public and if they wanted to put in any input they absolutely can yes.

Ms. Hlahol stated, I'm sorry Debby but you're over your 3 minutes and this isn't a back and forth.

Ms. Colgan stated you're choosing to use my time to talk.

Ms. Hlahol stated your 3 minutes has been up already.

Ms. Colgan stated you talked during my three minutes.



Ms. Hlahol stated I don't recall talking in your 3 minutes.

Ms. Colgan stated nobody didn't say anything during the 3 minutes?

Ms. Hlahol stated well a few questions were being answered.

Ms. Colgan stated so that's part of my 3 minutes?

Mr. Holbert stated yes.

Ms. Colgan stated so you can talk as much as you want and use my 3 minutes.

Ms. Hlahol stated okay we're going to move on so we have a motion and we have a second is there anybody else that wants to make any public comment?

3. Bill Farrell – 347 N. Pennsylvania Ave

He stated I've been here since '73, '74 that place Cloverleaf was a dump then and it's been a dump there it's laid dormant for all these years. They did at one time they tried it, it didn't work. They tried it a couple times it still didn't work. I don't know how deep you're going to have to go to get the dirt out and get rid of it okay because I had a 550 gallon tank taken out of my bank it was in there for over a hundred years and they didn't have to do anything with the dirt the ground it was clean. They do a great job with the plowing but these snow trains fly down this street with that salt and put it up on my porch they shoot it up there, they go 80 miles an hour and they plow it there. They put the stuff at the corner, they let it there, they leave it right there, they block when they go by they block the sidewalk. I've cleaned it three or four different times and that stuff is heavy, it's heavy, its salt everybody says you don't want salt in the drains you don't want that salt in the drain. I buy stuff that's not salt it's melted, it's calcium chloride, it's not salt it disintegrates that's my problem. As for George McClay you've been trying to fire him for 11, 12 years that he was here. I've known George since he's been here when I came here after that there was robberies, shootings going all through Morrisville for a long time. Crime went down, people were breaking in the houses doing all that stuff and the police we get there late but the bottom line is the crime was down. Finally, Memorial Day is a day coming up this will be a Memorial Day I'll remember I'll remember what happened tonight, I won't forget it, I will not forget it and like I said I agree with all the bills you want to pay and all that stuff but I think it was dishonest for you to get rid of George McClay whether you liked him or not. I thought he did a hell of a job and I told him that all the time because he used to ride by and stop ask any problems, if I did he would go take it or call one of the police officers. I'm done, thanks.

Mr. Robinson stated, Mr. Farrell before you leave our Intern Chief is up here he's very friendly and very approachable he knows a lot. Did he answer your questions? Okay.

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

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.



11. Action Items

- a. Call for motion to approve the settlement agreement with George McClay in the amount of \$145,000 and \$55,000 for PTO.
Motion made by Mr. Lubin and seconded by Mrs. Johnson.
Discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.
- b. Call for motion to designate a Borough representative as point person for the newly assembled Bucks County Planning Commission Watershed Plan Advisory Committee. (Gilmore & Associates)
Motion made by Ms. Price Engelhard and seconded by Mr. Vitarelli.
No discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.
- c. Call for motion to approve appointment of delegates and alternates to the Bucks County Tax Collection Committee. Voting Delegate, _____, First Alternate Voting Delegate, _____, and Second Alternate Voting Delegate _____.
Motion Removed.
- d. Call for motion after discussion of Borough Councils position on Zoning Hearing Board application regarding 50 Penn Avenue, LLC; Manor Park School, 50 Penn Avenue, Morrisville, PA 19067, directing the Solicitor to attend Zoning Hearing Board meeting on Monday, June 3, 2024.
Motion made by Mr. Lubin and seconded by Mr. McKee.
Discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 6-1. (Nay vote being Ms. Price Engelhard)
- e. To discuss Bucks County tax collection committee appointees Bucks County Tax Collection Committee: Voting Delegate, Judith Danko, 1st Voting Delegate, Helen Hlahol, 2nd Voting Delegate, Kathryn Price Engelhard.
Motion made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mrs. Johnson.
Discussion took place regarding the motion.
Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

1. Debby Colgan – 120 W. Hendrickson Ave

She stated at the last council meeting it was really refreshing to finally hear about the Donated Dedicated Property Act from that side of the dais. Supporters of Williamson Park Preservation we're telling you that for years at public comment but the Borough never acknowledged to us that the DDPA requires court approval to take away a public park and that the Borough would comply so I appreciate that. What you didn't say though is that the Borough will uphold its constitutional responsibility to preserve and protect Williamson Park. Remember you took an oath when you were sworn in that says you will support, obey and defend the Pennsylvania Constitution. The Constitution states "Public natural resources are the common property of all the people including generations yet to come as Trustee of these resources the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people". It's time for you to do your constitutional duty. The Borough needs to affirm that the park's uses will be limited to recreational purposes that serve the public. If the DDPA is all we need to protect our parks then why do we have deed restrictions on



our other parks. There is no need for an expensive conservation easement and we can help the solicitor find the information he needs to help get this done so let us know we can help you. Also, the park parcels are currently in the Certified Redevelopment Area which offers no benefits to the park it only puts its future at risk. Our primary source for grants which is DCNR does not give any weight to projects within a Certified Redevelopment Area. Redevelopment areas are used to incentivize private development in areas that are declared blighted, underused and are hindering economic development. In 2021 in preparation for the commercial development the Borough passed a resolution that declared that the park has conditions of blight and is an area of blight. This is the first step to build justification in court for a transfer to private commercial use. By keeping the park in the Certified Redevelopment Area you were telling us that you were still open to selling off our park. The Borough spent over \$19,000 on Williamson Park planning since 2020 and at least \$10,000 was spent in 2018 that's about \$30,000 of known spending with nothing to show for it there is no identified path for completion of a plan. Let's stop this irresponsible use of taxpayer dollars and achieve actual results. We need a committee to develop a community driven plan that we will actually use. The community is ready, willing and able that to do this work for you. Let's move forward.

2. Mary Hrenda – *343 Crown Street*

She stated on August 22nd, 2024, the Parks and Rec Committee held a special meeting facilitated by Gilmore and Associates to gather input from Borough residents to help them develop a comprehensive plan for Williamson Park. The meeting was very well attended, well-run and very positive. Many good ideas were provided by the residents attending for things that people like about the park and improvements that could be made. The sense of the meeting was that the people like the park and want to see it maintained and improved. One of the residents at the meeting asked whether everyone attending could get a copy of all of the ideas that we contributed. We were told that we could and so we provided our contact information so we could get this list of all the ideas that were contributed for Williamson Park at that meeting. We should each be sent this information as was promised I don't know who has it hopefully Kathryn or Nancy or somebody has this information and we would like to get that information. Now we hear from council members that the comprehensive plan that we contributed to has been completed. The comprehensive plan for Williamson Park has been completed a while ago but it has not been released to the public, why? Is it because at least half of council members now in office by their own words and actions would still like to find a way to develop the park and just want to bury the comprehensive plan? You can't legally and ethically develop the park as Debby explained. The Williamson Park comprehensive plan recently developed by Gilmore must be released to the public now. Thank you.

3. Peggy Walsh – *444 Stockham Ave*

She stated last meeting the Borough Manager said that the consulting fee that we had that we hired to get a new Police Chief that that would be listed on the budget like the amount of money I don't see that listed as Aspirant any place so is there any public knowledge of the amount of money we're paying for the consulting fee because obviously we haven't hired anybody yet because we have an interim and then we're also paying for somebody to train the Interim Police Chief and then although you don't think it's a whole lot of money \$200,000 to pay off the old Police Chief because as far as I'm concerned he was wrongfully fired. I see on the bills that we paid the Interim Police \$118,000



last month if I'm reading that correctly and then we paid the consulting fee to get this plan done for Williamson Park and still nothing so we certainly are wasting an awful lot of taxpayer money with what I don't see results from any of this it just seems waste to me so that's my comment. I also just want to say I think this commenting is extremely confusing you don't know when to get up you don't know when to sit down, some people get more time, some people get less time, some people are charged time when somebody up there is talking in their time, it's just bizarre, it's bizarre.

Ms. Danko stated so I can help you with the understanding of the invoices. You will see Aspirant on the bill list not the budget but there's a bill list every month here on the table you will not see that on there until a payment is made. Aspirant is the company that is being utilized for the new Chief of Police search they are not a consulting company to run the police department. The consultant is your Interim Police Chief. I just want to clarify what you're looking for.

4. Don Rice – *Crown Street*

He stated I wasn't planning on making this comment but then I heard the Gilmore and Associates report on the levy certification at the end they started getting into the flooding problems that involved the canal and I'm aware of where they were, it is proposed to put in the new diversion from the canal to the river just north of the Calhoun Street Bridge along the canal. You repeatedly asked when are you going to get it done and I think his response did not include several very important facts one, the canal is a state park in order to do anything like that with the canal you're going to have to get State Park buy in. I once talked to the person who was the head of the Canal State Park he's no longer there he moved on to another job but I asked him that question because this is not a new idea it's an old idea and he said it'll take the State Park at least two years to review the plan so that's just the review as well you have the Delaware River Basin Control Commission to consider. Right at the Calhoun Street Bridge there is an endangered species of sturgeon that spawns. The water in the canal at the point where it would be diverted into the river is not Delaware River water it is runoff earlier upstream the canal has been breached and it's just runoff coming in and I think it's going to be a big leap to be able to get the DRBC to approve something that is dumping sediment laden water into a spawning ground for an endangered species of fish. One other thing, I am just speculating here I have heard this it's secondhand information, in order to make the diversion there you either have to go under River Road or close River Road. They said the only practical way of doing it is to close River Road you close that road it's going to be a problem in Morrisville. I would say between all of those if all goes well it's going to be four or five years before any such diversion could get approved and constructed, my opinion.

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

13. Council Discussion Items

- a. Home Rental Registrations.

Discussion took place.

14. Mayor Comments

Mayor Wallace stated good evening I hope you all are having a great start to your week and preparing for the holiday weekend ahead of us. Please remember to be safe while enjoying this weekend and also



come out on Monday to watch the parade. The parade will start at 9:00 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church. I would like to thank Bella Sicily for their partnership with our Buy a Slice Give a Slice initiative because of your generosity and the community support we were able to feed 20 families, a heartfelt thank you to all who participated. Secondly, as mentioned last week was National Police Week I want to extend our gratitude to all law enforcement officers for their daily dedication to ensuring our safety especially our officers here in Morrisville PD. Next, I would like to thank the Girl Scout Troop 2888 for their efforts to help the earth by collection plastic to be melted down into a wonderful bench. The bench is actually downstairs in the lobby so take a look at it, it's pretty cool. In addition to Troop 2888 three other troops are still collecting to donate three more benches to Morrisville Williamson Park. Drop off locations are at Twisted Root Chiropractic, Morrisville Presbyterian Church and Morrisville United Methodist Church. We appreciate the community's efforts to help with this and each bench takes about 1,000 pounds of plastic, thank you Girl Scouts. Lastly, I wanted to talk about the Mayor's Picnic, thank you to Council for the approval this will be a great event for the community. With that said I'll be looking for volunteers to help out leading up to the event and also the day of the event and also looking for sponsors so if you know anyone who are looking to help out or be a sponsor please email me at gwallacemb@outlook.com you can also find me on my social media pages MayorGaryWallace and GaryEWallace on Instagram.

Ms. Hlahol stated I'll help you Gary. I'll get you some cash.

Mayor Wallace stated well thank you I appreciate it. My hope is to bring all of Morrisville together for a day of fun and entertainment so I hope to see everyone out there on August 31st; we're going to do it that Saturday this time so we can have some fun.

Ms. Hlahol stated did you talk about the Memorial Day Parade?

Mayor Wallace stated I did, this Monday 9:00 a.m. start at the Presbyterian Church.

Ms. Hlahol stated Council members are I hope that you join in I think we're going to walk with the Mayor so anybody who's available meet about 8:30, 8:45 at the Presbyterian Church. Committee updates Kathryn you had wanted – I meant for you to go ahead and make a comment after all public comments so if you want to make your comment on what you wanted to say.

15. Committee Updates

- Ms. Price Engelhard stated Nancy and I took minutes during that public meeting and we did put out what we had listed and stuff but the official one we never -- The Parks and Recreation meeting will be next Tuesday but we're going to meet downstairs so it'll actually probably be cooler and it's at the same time. I'd like to thank the Council for supporting the park events that are coming up this summer and I really appreciate the support. Thank you.

16. Council Member Comments

- Mr. Robinson stated I have some good news and reassuring news tonight Miss Walsh. I know there's been some money that's been spent on our consultant here and the various police. What's going on downstairs a lot of it you can't see it's behind closed doors but there is



definitely an improvement in the culture a priceless improvement of the culture. Here is an example, this is a folder okay let's pretend inside this folder are complaint forms Miss Harmon I think you're familiar with them. It was recently discovered, can we talk about this or not?

- Mr. Holbert stated Scott, no.
- Ms. Hlahol stated no.
- Mr. Robinson stated we can't talk about this either.
- Mr. Holbert stated you're venturing into personnel matters please do not.
- Mr. Robinson stated it's not personnel.
- Ms. Hlahol stated yeah it is.
- Mr. Holbert stated it is.
- Ms. Hlahol stated unfortunately no, we would love to, but the change of the culture is getting better.
- Mr. Robinson stated much better.
- Ms. Hlahol stated there's a person in the audience that is agreeing with that correct 100%. Don't get upset I'm so happy to hear that whatever he did to help you. Chief Simpson don't cry.
- Mr. Robinson stated over the last several months and hopefully we're going to continue on with the process because he is involved with the process of finding our next Chief of Police. The advice, guidance, professionalism from Chief Simpson is second to none and his example and trust us if you don't think we've asked him a hundred times why don't you just stay on we have hopefully we will find someone –
- Ms. Hlahol stated all in favor. No opposition. We will miss Chief Simpson we're joking but he has done an extraordinary job for us. Okay, nobody else does anybody else have anything to say anyone from the public last chance one, two, three, can I have a motion to adjourn.

17. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Lubin and seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Motion carried by voice vote 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

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