



MEETING MINUTES MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL **REGULAR MEETING**

5:45 Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 7:00 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:

Helen Hlahol, President Borough Council:

Scott Robinson, Vice President (appointed this evening)

Melissa Johnson Marie Kelso

Dennis Kinney (appointed this evening)

Andrew Lubin Luke McKee

Kathryn Price Engelhard

Borough Officials: Gary Wallace, Mayor

James Dillon, Interim Borough Manager

Randy Flager, Solicitor

Not in Attendance: Virginia Cyphers, Assist. Borough Secretary

3. Community Announcements/Presentations

- a. Introduction of Interim Borough Manager James Dillon.
- b. Oath of Office Ceremony for new Police Chief Richard Ciampa.
- c. Mill Pond Center Dunkin 1 S. Pennsylvania Avenue presentation.
- d. National Night Out, Tuesday, August 6 at 5:00 8:00.

4. Community Outreach

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

Letter of Interest from Amy Yates Wuelfing.

Nomination of **Amy Yates Wuelfing** for Zoning Hearing Board made by Mr. Robinson.

Vote to appoint **Amy Yates Wuelfing** for Zoning Hearing Board carried by voice vote 7-0.

b. Borough Council Third Ward Vacancy Appointment.

Letters of Interest from Barbara Ricker and Dennis Kinney.

Nomination of **Dennis Kinney** for 3rd Ward Council position made by Ms. Price Engelhard. Nomination of **Barbara Ricker** for 3rd Ward Council position made by Mrs. Johnson.

Vote to appoint **Dennis Kinney** for 3rd Ward Council position carried by voice vote 5-2. (yes votes being Ms. Hlahol, Ms. Kelso, Mr. McKee, Ms. Price Engelhard and Mr. Robinson)

c. Nominations for Council Vice President.

Nomination of **Scott Robinson** for Council Vice President made by Mr. McKee.



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Nomination of **Kathryn Price-Engelhard** for Council Vice President made by Ms. Kelso. **Vote** to appoint **Scott Robinson** for Council Vice President carried by voice vote 6-2. (yes votes being Ms. Hlahol, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Kinney, Mr. McKee, Mr. Lubin and Mr. Robinson)

5. Council Discussion Items – no decisions on topic.

- a. 2024 Traffic Signal Inspection Report.
- b. Alcohol policy.

6. Engineer Report

a. Jacob Rigg of Gilmore Associates; Spoke briefly about Mill Pond Center project.

7. Borough Manager Report

There was no report this evening.

8. Solicitor Report

Mr. Flager welcomed Mr. Dillon. Requested that a motion be made to amend the opioid complaint to bring in additional defendants.

Call for a motion to permit our attorneys to amend the opioid complaint to bring two additional defendants Indivior Incorporated and KvK-Tech Inc.

Motion made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Ms. Price-Engelhard.

No discussion took place.

Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

9. Police Chief's Report

Sergeant John Aspromonti spoke about crime stats and fines.

Discussion took place.

10. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of minutes from the 6/18/24 council meeting.
- b. Approval of bill list from 6/1/24 to 6/30/24 in the amount of \$465,204.69.
- c. Approval of September 2024 being designated as "Turn the Town Teal" month.
- d. Approve of special event road closure of a portion of the 200 block of Stockham Avenue (205 through 227) for Holy Trinity School's 7th Annual Food Truck Friendzy to be held from 5:00 to 9:00 pm on Friday, September 6th, 2024.
- e. Approval of FEMA-4618-DR-PA-0053 Backflow Infrastructure Project Designation of Agent Resolution, authorizing Dawn Sherlock-Harris to execute for and on behalf of Morrisville Borough.

Motion made by Mr. McKee and seconded by Ms. Kelso.

No discussion took place.

Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.



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11. Action Items

- a. Call for motion to approve Bucks County Democrats Event on Saturday, 8/10/24 in Williamson Park, pending completion of all required paperwork, application and payment of required fees. Motion made by Mr. Lubin and seconded by Mrs. Johnson.
 - *No discussion took place.* **Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.
- b. Call for motion to paint cross walk lines at Pennsylvania and Cleveland Avenues. Motion made by Ms. Kelso and seconded by Mr. McKee. *No discussion took place.* **Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.
- c. Approval of HPT systems, Inc. network infrastructure proposal/quote for Administration and Police. Motion made by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Robinson. *Discussion took place.* **Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0.

12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- 1. Donna Wilson E. Post Road stated that after 8 years of coordinating the Winterfest Parade she is resigning due to personal reasons. She hopes someone will continue the tradition. She provided council documents.
- 2. David Roth N. Lafayette Ave asked if council could tell the public what they are planning as far as participating with the Blue Zone Initiative to Ignite Bucks County.

13. Mayor Comments

Stated violence has no place in our politics, our Borough, this Commonwealth or our country. This past weekend we witnessed a tragic attack on our former president and a current presidential candidate. At no time should anyone resort to violence. The way to make your voice heard is at the polling station. Because of this outrageous act we lost a hero Corey who bravely jumped into action to protect his family. Please join me in a moment of silence in Corey's memory.

Expressed his gratitude to Interim Borough Manager Jim Dillon. Stated Jim has made significant progress and we are fortunate that Bristol agreed to allow him to split his time providing us with his invaluable expertise to help move Morrisville forward. Reminded everyone that National Night Out will be held at Borough Hall Tuesday, August 6th from 5:00-8:00. He stated the Police Department's page has shared locations of cooling centers available during this extreme heat.

14. Committee Updates

- Ms. Price Engelhard: Parks and Recreation held their second annual music and food truck festival, it
 was very successful and the band was fantastic. Thanked public works for all their work, MEAC
 who sponsored the band and advertised and the people who attended and supported the event.
- Ms. Hlahol: stated she was at the event and the band was fantastic, hopefully next year there will be more people. Welcomed Dennis to Council and asked if he enjoyed the meeting.
- Mr. Kinney: replied yes.

15. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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