



MEETING MINUTES
MORRISVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024
7:05 P.M.
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5:45 Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Labor Matters

The Morrisville Borough Council met on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 7:05 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
Scott Robinson, Vice President
Melissa Johnson
Marie Kelso
Andrew Lubin
Luke McKee
Kathryn Price Engelhard

Borough Officials: Gary Wallace, Mayor
James Dillon, Interim Borough Manager
Adam Flager, Solicitor
Virginia Cyphers, Assistant Borough Secretary

Not in Attendance: Dennis Kinney, Councilperson

3. Community Announcements/Presentations

- a. Swearing in of two new full time Police officers; Officer Christopher J. Carlin and Officer Michelle Williamson.
- b. Ivone A. Kovalsky – Community Engagement Officer with Bucks County Human Services Division. Third (3rd) Annual Bucks-Mont Food Drive (9/16/24 – 11/01/24), placing a food collection box at borough hall.
- c. Bob Jones – Waste Management, presentation for Motor Carrier Safety Program donating \$65,000.00.
- d. Commendation/Recognition for county suicide hotline dispatcher Ryan Hoffman who went above and beyond to help someone in crisis.
- e. Rosetta Jazz Café, 826 W. Bridge Street.
- f. Winterfest Parade is being taken over by Imagine Morrisville.

4. Community Outreach

- a. The CAC Committee is going to meet in September for all residents that are interested.

5. Council Discussion Items

- a. No litter signs – putting up litter signs reflecting school kids artwork.
- b. Naming Open Space area at Phila./S. Delmorr.



- c. Discussion ensued regarding rescinding the alcohol policy for Borough property and public parks.

Motion to direct the Solicitors office to draft an ordinance to repeal the prior ordinance that permitted alcohol sales in Borough parks.

Motion made by Mr. Lubin and seconded by Mr. McKee.

No discussion took place. **Motion** carried by voice vote 7-0.

6. **Engineer Report** - There was no report this evening.

7. **Borough Manager Report** -There was no report this evening.

8. **Solicitor Report**

Mr. Flager - Labor Day weekend is coming up urging everyone to be careful on the roads and be aware of your surroundings and enjoy the rest of your summer.

9. **Police Chief's Report**

Chief Richard Ciampa spoke about crime stats, fines and truck traffic. He congratulated Officer Carlin and Officer Williams on their appointments and Ryan Hoffman on his extraordinary work.

Discussion took place.

10. **Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of minutes from the 7/16/24 council meeting.

- b. Approval of bill list from 7/1/24 to 7/31/24 in the amount of \$200,781.31.

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

No discussion took place. **Motion** carried by voice vote 7-0.

11. **Action Items**

- a. Motion to approve new five year (2025 to 2029) Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME.

Motion made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mrs. Johnson.

No discussion took place. **Motion** carried by voice vote 7-0.

- b. Motion to approve advertisement of an Ordinance adopting the International Fire Code, 2018 Edition, as published by the International Code Council.

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

No discussion took place. **Motion** carried by voice vote 7-0.

- c. Motion to approve advertisement of an Ordinance adopting the International Property Maintenance Code, 2019 edition, as published by the International Code Council.

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

Discussion took place. **Motion** carried by voice vote 7-0.

12. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

1. Cheri Vogel – *Highland Ave* stated she has continuing concerns about the upcoming sale of 859 Crown Street. She asked when the financial reconciliation was last done. She asked if there were job postings for the Treasurer and Finance Director.



13. Mayor Comments

Mayor Wallace: stated National Night Out was a tremendous success. He extended a heartfelt thanks to Chief, Nicole, Cathy, Taylor, Lou and all the officers for their hard work. He thanked the County for the grant money, Britton Industries, Nick's Pizza, Anthony's Pizza and Giant for their donations. He announced that the Mayor's picnic will be rescheduled stay tuned for details. He reminded everyone to be extra mindful on the roads as school is starting. Morrisville Bulldogs has their first home football game this Friday at 7:00. Enjoy the holiday weekend, be safe and have a wonderful rest of the summer.

14. Council Member Comments

Ms. Kelso: the Jazz Fest had to be cancelled due to the weather forecast, we're working to reschedule the two dates we were looking at are Sunday, September 29th or Sunday, October 6th.

Discussion took place (it was decided that the organizer of the event should work with the office staff for the date change).

Ms. Kelso would like everyone to try to go green on the 13th day of every month. She would like everyone to try to be more conscious of the environment for the children.

Mayor Wallace: on the 30th of July at Borough Hall he officiated his first wedding as Mayor.

15. Committee Updates There were no committee updates.

16. Adjournment Motion made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. McKee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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