



Location: Council Chambers at the Borough Municipal Building, 35 Union Street, Morrisville, PA

1. Pledge of Allegiance Recited

2. Roll Call

Elected Officials:

Helen Hlahol, President
Scott Robinson, Vice President
Melissa Johnson
Marie Kelso
Dennis Kinney
Andrew Lubin
Kathryn Price Engelhard
Gary Wallace, Mayor

Borough Admin/Officials:

Jim Dillon, Interim Borough Manager
Scott Holbert, Solicitor
Rich Ciampa, Chief of Police
Virginia Cyprus, Assistant Borough Secretary

3. Community Announcements/Presentations

- a. Stockham Building update – Architect Rustin Olher on behalf of owners
- b. Olympus Pines, Tommy’s Car Wash – Mike McGinnis on behalf of Chesapeake Pines, Trevor Sperry, Chesapeake Pines and John Richardson, PE

4. Community Outreach

- a. CAC Committee meeting at Borough Hall; Wednesday, 9/25 at 7:00 pm.
- b. Imagine Morrisville is asking for volunteers to help with Winterfest Parade
- c. Halloween Costume Drive Saturday, 10/19 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

5. Council Discussion Items

- Brian Fitzpatrick arrange meeting with FEMA RE homes on S. Delmorr Ave and relief available.
- Truck ban on S. Pennsylvania Ave. from Philadelphia Ave. to Post R.
- Seed limit reduced from 40 mph to 25 mph on Philadelphia Ave
- Addressing the flooding in front of Dacey’s (215 W. Philadelphia Ave)
- Mr. Dillon is working on grants for replacing traffic signals
- Grant and a donation for a new Manor Park Playground to be completed in the Spring
- Road Program, repaving every road in Morrisville next two years
- Reached out to Brian Fitzpatrick’s office and looking for grants to finish Patriots Park
- Technology in the Borough is being updated
- Borough website is being updated
- 2023 Audit is complete and available for viewing at Borough Hall
- Borough applied for \$6.5M in grants through the CDBG Disaster Recovery Fund for several projects

6. Engineer Report – Kurt Schroeder

Projects for consideration through the DCED grant applications

7. Borough Manager Report - No report



8. Solicitor Report

Amtrak Bridge Replacement Professional Services Agreement (Washington St and S. PA Ave)

9. Police Chief's Report – Chief Rich Ciampa

Reported crime stats, fines, truck traffic, please lock cars and keep ring cameras charged, mindful of children and buses. Upcoming events at Senior Center, Coffee with a Cop at Giant Food, and Trunk or Treat at Borough Hall. Radio debut with Chief Kelly. *Discussion took place*

10. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of minutes from the 8/20/24 council meeting
- b. Approval of bill list from 8/1/24 to 8/31/24 in the amount of \$338,298.98.
- c. Approval of awarding the annual 2024-2025 Consortium Salt Bid (as bid through the Bucks County Consortium) to: Morton Salt, Inc., \$60.95 price per ton (delivered) and \$60.00 price per ton (undelivered); contract to run to September 30, 2025.
- d. Motion to approve an Ordinance adopting the International Fire Code, 2018 Edition, as published by the International Code Council.
- e. Motion to approve an Ordinance adopting the International Property Maintenance Code, 2018 edition, as published by the International Code Council.
- f. Motion to approve a millage payment in the amount of \$75,000 to the Morrisville Fire Company, as per the 2024 Fire Fund Budget. (**contingent upon receipt of payment in full for gas and diesel invoices.*)
- g. Call for motion to approve a millage payment in the amount of \$35,000 to Capital Health, as per the 2024 EMS Fund Budget. (**contingent upon receipt of payment in full for gas and diesel invoices.*)

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

No discussion took place. **Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0

11. Action Items

- a. Motion to approve and authorize execution of new 5 year (2025 to 2029) Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME.
Motion made by Mr. McKee and seconded by Mrs. Johnson
No discussion took place. **Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0
- b. Motion to approve preliminary/final land development application of Olympus Pines, LLC for Car Wash at 225 Plaza Boulevard.
Motion made by Ms. Kelso and seconded by Mr. Lubin.
No discussion took place. **Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0
- c. 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 7, 2024, and authorizing the Borough Manager to execute the necessary documents.
Motion made by Mr. McKee and seconded by Mr. Robinson
No discussion took place. **Motion** carried by voice vote 8-0
- d. Motion to authorize execution of Amtrak Bridge Replacement Agreement at Washington Street and S. Pennsylvania Avenue (professional services agreement).
Motion made by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Price Engelhard.



Discussion took place. Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

- e. Motion to approve Borough Council President to execute all documents associated with PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Agreement.

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

Discussion took place. Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

- f. Motion to authorize Gilmore and Associates to file DCED Grant applications for the following projects:

- Traffic signal upgrades at Trenton Ave. and Plaza Blvd. estimated cost \$500k-\$600k
- Patriots Park Improvements – estimated cost \$1 million
- Hillcrest Ave. Storm Water Management Improvements estimated cost \$170k-\$190k
- W. Palmer Ave. Storm Water Management Improvements estimated cost \$280k-\$300k
- Fire Truck estimated cost \$450k

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

1. Nancy Sherlock, W. Bridge St: requested the northbound lane back a cars length at the light at Plaza Blvd and Trenton Road; asked about the plans for Patriots Park; work at Hillcrest Ave and 600 block of Palmer Ave

2. Mary Hrenda, Crown St: questing Patriots Park grant application with no public input; status of Williamson Park meeting plans and the Gilmore report

3. Don Rice, Crown St; Patriots Park Improvements do not meet PA Sunshine Act requirements and should remove from agenda

Discussion took place. Motion carried by voice vote 7-1. (nay vote - Ms. Price Engelhard)

- g. Motion to advertise the repeal of the Alcohol Ordinance (Ordinance# 1045).

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

1. Don Rice, Crown St: last month's advertising the repeal of the alcohol ordinance advertising was vague and should remove from the agenda

2. Nancy Sherlock, W. Bridge St: Council worked on Ordinance #1045 for over a year and should be revised not repealed

No discussion took place. Motion carried by voice vote 7-1. (nay vote - Ms. Price Engelhard)

- h. Motion to name the parcel of land located at the Northwest corner of S. Delmorr Avenue and E. Philadelphia Ave (parcel ID 24-012-088-022) as Colvin's Ferry Park.

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

1. Nancy Sherlock, W. Bridge St whether the parcel includes the dog park and if the parcel will have two different names.

Discussion took place. Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

- i. Motion to define Morrisville Borough co-sponsorship events. By co-sponsoring an event, Morrisville Borough is supporting the event by assuming the costs of insurance and portable bathroom facilities (Williamson Park only). The Borough will also agree to waive any facility use application and/or rental fees. An applicant seeking the waiver of any other costs or fees shall specifically list those costs/fees in any application with cost estimates that must be separately approved by Morrisville Borough Council.

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

Discussion took place. Motion carried by voice vote 8-0.

12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

1. Nancy Sherlock, W. Bridge St: thanked County Administration for last year's grant regarding Stockham building; sinkhole on the 300 block of Clymer Ave and Pennsylvania Ave temporary



sidewalk. Why not moving on Williamson Park there is a match. Plans to hire new Borough Manager. Grateful moving forward and part of the reason is because of the EIT.

2. Mary Hrenda, Crown St; search for new Borough Manager as Mr. Dillon is full-time in Bristol Borough, demanding job spending little time in Morrisville puts a burden of work on the staff. Explanation of the Borough Manager's contract as Morrisville needs a FT manager.
3. Karen Kane, Union St; President of the Morrisville Historical Society (501c3) and keepers of the past, Summerseat is 259 years old it and updates on new projects and fundraising. Open first Saturday every month, 10:00 – 1:00.

13. Mayor Comments

Thanked PennDot, Senator Steve Santarsiero, Rep Jim Prokopiak, the residents and Borough officials for their continued dedication. Fran from PennDot (at a meeting with myself, Council President Helen, Jim Dillon, Chief, Senator Santarsiero and his staff, PennDOT, Jim Prokopiak and Gilmore & Assoc) announced trucks over 10 tons banned on S Pennsylvania Ave., that moment demonstrated passion and dedication that Helen and our elected officials have for ensuring safety and well-being of our Borough. Discussed N. Pennsylvania Bridge and hazardous walkway and the temporary boardwalk. Thanked Governor Shapiro for visiting the Morrisville School District to sign the 24 and 25 education budget. Mayor and Bella Sicily hosting Halloween costume drive and a police sponsored Trunk or Treat at Borough Hall on October 29th from 5:00-8:00.

14. Council Member Comments

Mrs. Johnson: regarding grants, they do not cost the Borough any money, Mr. Dillon's hard work, Council's hard work and not spending EIT money.

15. Committee Updates

There were no committee updates.

Ms. Price Engelhard: reported on Irish Festival, thanking all who helped. Next event is Jazz Festival.

Mayor Wallace: Jazz Festival is October 6th from 1:00-8:00 at Williamson Park.

Ms. Hlahol: reiterated events (Chief at Senior Center, Coffee with a Cop), Jazz Fest, Veteran's Administration fundraiser at Yardley Fest Oct 5th from 11:00-4:00 at the American Legion in Yardley.

16. Adjournment

at 8:40 p.m.

<https://www.morrisvillepagov.com/meeting-videos/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FYhGbhT1iTc>