

NORRISTOWN MUNICIPALITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 3, 2025

The Council Meeting of Tuesday, June 3, 2025 was called to order by Council President, Rebecca Smith, at 6:30 PM in Municipal Hall Chambers, 235 East Airy Street, Norristown, PA.

There was a **Moment of Silence** followed by the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

The following Council members were in attendance:

William McCoy
Mydera Robinson
Dustin Queenan
Natalie Colson
Jasmine Griffen
Rashaad Bates
Rebecca Smith

Also in attendance were:

Leonard Lightner, Municipal Administrator; Patrick Hitchens, Acting Municipal Solicitor; Jayne Musonye, Director of Planning; Lieutenant Angelucci, Norristown Police Department; Kathy Pfister, Director of Finance; Tom O'Donnell, Norristown Fire Chief; Thomas Odenigbo, Director of Public Works; Keith Gordon, Code Enforcement Manager.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was a **motion by Councilman Queenan, seconded by Council Vice President Bates**, to approve the Minutes from the May 21, 2025 Council Work Session. **The motion passed unanimously.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

Council President Smith announced that Council met in Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss Personnel and Real Estate matters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Norristown Library June Jazz Fundraiser @ Mill Grove on June 10, 2025.

“Hit the Ground Running” 5K Run/Walk, Saturday, June 7, 2025 at the Norristown Farm Park at 9:00 AM 5K, 9:05 AM 1 mile Walk.

Council President Smith noted that the Pride Flag will be raised after the meeting in front of the Municipal Building.

RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

Mr. Lightner said there were no questions requiring a response.

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Watters, Hamilton Street – He said that flooding continues to be his priority issue. He read information regarding the 1967 Comprehensive Plan including the Flood Retention Dam. He said there were no provisions and it should be studied as to why it wasn’t addressed and it should be rectified. He also noted that he shared with Public Works about a mattress in front of a house at 719 Stanbridge Street.

Tiffani Todd, E. Freedley Street – She said that many residents attended the Zoning Meeting to object to the proposed Homeless Shelter at 1430 Dekalb Street. She said it doesn’t belong in that location. She said that no one reached out to the affected residents. She said the County didn’t look into using the old Suburban Hospital.

Denise – Marshall Street – She attended the meeting with several Latino residents and children holding posters. She said that ICE has been bullying their neighborhood. She asked Council to speak up in support of their community. She said they want to feel safe and happy. She said the children are afraid to go to school. She said, “They took our families – you need to speak up.”

Council President Rebecca Smith shared that what is happening is despicable and she told them she admired their bravery to come forward and she told them that Council supports them.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion to approve the appointment of Laura Smith to serve on the Park and Recreation Committee

There was a motion by Councilman Queenan, seconded by Council Vice President Bates, to approve the appointment of Laura Smith to serve on the Parks and Recreation Committee. **The motion passed unanimously.**

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

A motion to authorize the Municipality and Municipal Solicitor to appeal the Zoning Hearing Board decision granting Triplex Use for Application 14-25 for property located at 1025 W. Main Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania.

Acting Solicitor Hitchens noted this is a retroactive appeal. He explained the process of the appeal.

There was a **motion by Councilman Queenan, seconded by Council Vice President Bates**, to authorize the Municipality and Municipal Solicitor to appeal the Triplex Use at 1025 W. Main Street. **The motion passed unanimously.**

A motion to authorize the Municipality and Municipal Solicitor to appeal the Zoning Hearing Board decision granting a Quadruplex Use for Application 19-25 for property located at 536 Swede Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania.

Acting Solicitor Hitchens noted this is for a different application.

There was a **motion by Councilman Queenan, seconded by Council Vice President Bates**, to authorize the Municipality and Municipal Solicitor to appeal the Quadruplex Use at 536 Swede Street. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Council President Smith announced that the Pride Flag will be raised in front of the Municipal Building following the Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There was a **motion by Councilman Queenan, seconded by Council Vice President Bates**, to adjourn the Council Meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
Roseann Santangelo