

## **NORRISTOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019**

The Council Meeting of November 6, 2019 was called to order by Council President Sonya Sanders at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers.

There was a **Moment of Silence** followed by the **Pledge of Allegiance**. The following Council members were present:

Olivia Brady	Valerie Scott-Cooper	Hakim Jones
Derrick Perry	Rebecca Smith	Sonya Sanders

Also present were: Crandall Jones, Municipal Administrator; Patrick Hitchens, Acting Municipal Solicitor; Chief Mark Talbot, Norristown Police Department; Norman Butts, Director of Finance; Thomas Odenigbo, Director of Public Works, Amrid Singh, Codes and Building Manager.

### **MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES**

There was a **motion by Councilman Perry, seconded by Councilwoman Brady**, to approve the Council Workshop Minutes from October 15, 2019. **The motion passed unanimously.**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Council President Sanders announced that Council met in Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Councilman Jones announced that Municipal Hall will be closed on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veterans Day.

“LEAF COLLECTION” is underway through December 9. Follow street-sweeping schedule. Learn more at [www.norristown.org](http://www.norristown.org).

FREE COMPOST is available to residents. It can be picked up at the Elmwood Park Zoo.

“FALL YOUTH BASKETBALL” registration is underway. Get more info at [norristown.org](http://norristown.org) under Recreation.

NORRISTOWN SEWER AUTHORITY will be re-locating on December 9<sup>th</sup> to Marshall and Church Streets.

WINTER SPORTS for ages 5-12 from January 7 through February 13. Go to [norristown.org](http://norristown.org) under Recreation.

“TOYS PER TREE” sponsored by Child and Youth Services, 3770 Ridge Pike on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3:30 pm.

VETERANS PHOTO ID CARD EVENT at Matthew Bradford’s office.

HELP A SINGLE PARENT annual fundraiser on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to midnight at the Cedar Club on Germantown Pike. \$25 per ticket – proceeds go to single parents and their children at Christmas. See either Councilwoman Scott-Cooper or Councilwoman Lewis.

Congratulations to Hakim Jones, Heather Lewis and the newly elected Tom Lepera for winning the election in their Districts.

PASTORIAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION for Ebernezer Methodist Church at the Cedar Club on November 17<sup>th</sup> from 3pm to 7pm. Call Pat 484-213-5257.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dennis Ray, Phoenixville, PA – Mr. Ray explained that he and his business partner, Jonathan Gale had proposed the first phase of a high-rise development for which a bid was rejected. He was advised by Council President Sanders that he will be contacted regarding putting him on the agenda for a future Council meeting.

### **COMMUNICATION**

There were no Communication items.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### **Resolution 19-153: Appointments to Citizen Boards and Committees**

There was a motion by Councilwoman Brady, seconded by Councilman Perry, to approve Resolution 19-153 appointing Terri Butler to the Civil Service Commission. **Motion passed unanimously.**

## **FINANCE**

### **Ordinance authorizing loan for street lighting upgrade**

Mr. Butts explained that approval of this Ordinance would authorize the issuance of 2,000 street lights but there would be a separate application for payment. There was **a motion by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper, seconded by Councilwoman Brady**, to approve the Ordinance to borrow the funds to pay for the upgrading of the Municipality's street lighting system to LED. **Motion passed unanimously.**

## **POLICE**

### **Resolution 19-152: Handicap Parking**

Chief Talbot noted that these residents demonstrated limitations and are approved to receive Handicap Parking. The addresses are: 216 E. Fornance Street, 651 E. Basin Street and 1109 Beech Street. There was **a motion by Councilwoman Lewis, seconded by Councilwoman Brady**, to approve the Handicap Parking requests. **Motion passed unanimously.**

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

There was **a motion by Councilwoman Brady, seconded by Councilman Jones**, to adjourn the Council Meeting. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann M. Santangelo, Clerk of Council