

NORRISTOWN MUNICIPALITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 5, 2016

The Council Meeting of July 5, 2016 was called to order by Council President, Sonya Sanders, in Council Chambers at 7:30 pm.

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

The following Council members were in attendance:

Marlon Millner
Olivia Brady
Heather Lewis
Hakim Jones
Derrick Perry
Sonya Sanders

Also in attendance were:

Crandall Jones, Municipal Administrator
Sean Kilkenny, Municipal Solicitor
Police Chief Mark Talbot, Norristown Police Department
Jayne Musonye, Director of Planning and Development
Chenora Burkett, Director of Finance
Thomas Odenigbo, Director of Public Works
Michael Simonson, Code Manager

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Council Workshop held on June 21, 2016

There was a motion on the floor to approve the Minutes by Councilman Perry with a second by Councilwoman Brady. Motion carries unanimously.

PRESENTATION: **Proclamation to recognize the Norristown Ladies Track and Field**

Council President Sanders read the proclamation and introduced the members of the Norristown Lady Eagles.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilwoman Lewis provided information regarding the “Mighty Writers” event. The event is for kids, ages 7-17, to write a paragraph on the Art Museum steps in order to get into the Guinness Book of World Records. It takes place on July 26, 2016. Contact: hlewis@norristown.org.

There was a motion on the floor to open the agenda by Councilwoman Brady with a second by Councilman Perry to include the Municipal Snow Emergency Routes and the Inter-Municipal Eating Place Retail Dispenser License transfer. All in favor. Motion carries.

COMMUNICATION: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Robert Toporek, Audubon, Pa - Mr. Toporek provided information regarding a Technology Center in Audubon where kids can go and learn using the software provided. He noted he would like the support of Council for the computer distribution program for those in need and for volunteers to work at the Center. He invited Council to visit the Center.

Chad Hoffman, Senator Leach’s Office - Mr. Hoffman invited the residents of Norristown to the Annual Kids Fair at Elmwood Park Zoo with free food, games and admission.

Bee Bullock, 205 Nassau Place - Ms. Bullock voiced her concern over parking issues on her block. She noted she reached out to the manager of the Brain Injury Center. Chief Talbot asked for her contact information.

Betty Ann McPherson, Green Street - Ms. McPherson voiced her concerns about overgrown bushes on sidewalks and other properties and high grass she has encountered.

ITEMS FOR ACTION:

FINANCE

Motion to approve or disapprove advertising of proposed Ordinance No. 16-10 to adopt Norristown Paid Firefighter Pension Plan Amendment No. 2016-2 to correct a scrivener’s error in Amendment 2014-2 regarding the establishment of a “deferred retirement option plan.”

Director Burkett provided an explanation.

There was a motion on the floor to adopt Amendment No. 2016-2 by Councilman Millner with a second by Councilwoman Brady. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Marlon Millner	yes
Olivia Brady	yes
Hakim Jones	yes
Heather Lewis	yes
Derrick Perry	yes
Sonya Sanders	yes

Motion carries unanimously.

CODE

Motion to approve or disapprove HARB Certificates of Appropriateness as follows:

**667 Corson Street
601 Cherry Street
932 West Washington Street
217 West Airy Street
337 West Marshall Street**

Director Simonson provided details.

There was a motion on the floor by Councilwoman Brady with a second by Councilman Jones to approve the HARB Certificates of Appropriateness. All in favor. Motion carries.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR

Motion to approve or disapprove Ordinance No. 16-09, establishing Snow Emergency Routes, to establish regulations for operation and parking of motor vehicles during snow emergencies as defined herein and designated by the Municipal Council of Norristown during snow and ice storms and snow and ice removal from Municipal streets and setting forth penalties for violation of the same, repealing inconsistent ordinances, providing for severability, and establishing an effective date.

The Municipal Administrator provided a summary of the Snow Emergency Routes.

There was a motion on the floor by Councilman Millner with a second by Councilwoman Brady to approve Ordinance No. 16-09. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Marlon Millner	yes
Olivia Brady	yes
Heather Lewis	yes
Hakim Jones	yes
Derrick Perry	yes
Sonya Sanders	yes

Motion carries unanimously.

SOLICITOR

Motion to approve or disapprove the advertisement of Resolution No. 16-134, approving the transfer of eating place retail dispenser license No. E-4979 into the Borough of Norristown at 548 Dekalb Street from Upper Moreland Township.

There was a motion on the floor to approve the advertisement of Resolution No. 16-134 by Councilman Millner with a second by Councilwoman Brady. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Marlon Millner	yes
Olivia Brady	yes
Heather Lewis	yes
Hakim Jones	yes
Derrick Perry	yes
Sonya Sanders	yes

Motion carries unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a motion on the floor to adjourn the Council Meeting by Councilman Perry with a second by Councilwoman Lewis. All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann M. Santangelo