

**NORRISTOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, April 2, 2019**

The Council Meeting of April 2, 2019 was called to order by Council President Sonya Sanders at 7:30 PM in the 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	Heather Lewis	Sonya Sanders

Also present were: Crandall Jones, Municipal Administrator; Chief Mark Talbot, Norristown Police Chief; Patrick Hitchens, Acting Municipal Solicitor; Jayne Musonye, Director of Planning & Development; Norman Butts, Director of Finance; Amrinder Singh, Code Manager, Thomas O'Donnell, Norristown Fire Chief.

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES**

Councilwoman Brady noted a revision to be made under "Mural Arts Program" in the March 19, 2019 Minutes. It should read "Councilwoman Brady explained," not Councilwoman Scott-Cooper.

There was a **motion by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper, seconded by Councilwoman Smith**, to approve the Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2019 with the revision. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Council President Sanders announced that Council discussed real estate, personnel and litigation issues in Executive Session.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Sustainability Month Proclamation**

Mr. Crandall Jones read the proclamation declaring April 2019 as Sustainability Month in the Municipality of Norristown.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

"Housing Fair" - April 7, 2019 from 11 am to 3 pm at the Plymouth Whitmarsh High School. Vendors, workshops, door prizes. Information about buying your first home and improving credit. Free event. Contact: [www.mcpho.org](http://www.mcpho.org).

Save the Date - "Norristown Day" - Saturday, April 6, 2019 - takes place in the Elmwood Park and vicinity. The Norristown Chamber of Commerce is hosting a "Party in the Park," from 9 am to 3 pm. Rain date: April 7<sup>th</sup>. Visit [norristown.org](http://norristown.org) for details.

Free Admission to the Zoo on Sunday April 7, 2019. Must show ID with 19401 address.

Norristown Chamber of Commerce is hosting "Jazz Night" on April 14, 2019 at the Elmwood Park Zoo at 5:30 pm. Also: "Cutting Up with Barbara D. Mills and the Bubblelicious Blues Band" - tickets are \$45.00. Contact: [events@epz.com](mailto:events@epz.com).

Norristown Garden Club is accepting entries for their Garden Contest until June 28, 2019. Find entry forms in the Municipal Hall lobby or online at [norristown.org](http://norristown.org).

TOWN HALL - Councilwoman Scott-Cooper, 3<sup>rd</sup> District. Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 7:30 pm at the Montgomery Senior Apartments, 1301 Powell Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Norristown. Free - Open to the public. Congresswoman Madeleine Dean will be there. Discussions include the Census 2020 and the Norristown Recreation Center with Recreation Director, Erica Genuardi.

Central Montgomery Technical High School in Plymouth Township is having their Open House on April 8, 2019 from 6 pm to 8 pm.

“Comic Fest” at the Norristown Public Library on Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Norristown Men of Excellence and Philadelphia Urban League are hosting “Education Advocacy and Community Building” on April 20, 2019.

Student Leadership Academy eight-week course hosted by Councilwoman Sanders.

Wizards Game at Norristown Area High School on Friday, April 5, 2019. Tickets through Eventbrite.

Councilwoman Scott-Cooper stated there will be a new voting machine demonstration at the Norristown Public Library on Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 10 am to 1 pm.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michael Kerstetter, 430 Summit Avenue, Fort Washington, PA - Mr. Kerstetter voiced his opposition to the closing of Riverfront Park at night. He asked if there could be a way for anglers to have access.

Bill Somma, 3153 Winding, Kintnersville, PA - He opposes the closing of the Riverfront Park at night. He has a fishing boat and said that this park is an enjoyable resource. He asked Council to consider other options.

Shawn Gilmore, 320 W. Main Street, Norristown - He explained that he has no where to park on his street. There are no-parking zones and he noted that people park on the sidewalk. He requested a parking permit. Council President Sanders requested Chief Talbot speak with him about a resolution.

Heather Bell, 610 E. Basin Street - She asked why a food truck from Philadelphia has to pay again when they come to Norristown?

Kevin Metz, 211 Brookside Rd., East Norriton - He asked Council to re-consider the closing of Riverfront Park at night and consider fisherman being able to use it.

Michael Heise, 450 Forrest Avenue - He urged Council to look into the decriminalization of marijuana. He noted it is done in other areas and claimed that 70% of voters in Norristown were in favor of it.

James Watters - He told Council that he is hoping that anglers can have a permit and receive dispensation to enter the Riverfront Park at night. He suggested a club be formed that is allowed access.

## **COMMUNICATION**

There were no communication items.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

### **Resolution 19-116: Promotion to Fire Captain**

There was a motion to approve Resolution 19-116 by Councilwoman Brady, seconded by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper promoting Anthony Barbato to the rank of Fire Captain in the Norristown Fire Department. The motion passed unanimously.

The Oath of Office was administered by Council President Sanders.

## **MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR**

### **Bargaining Agreement with Firefighters Local 2335**

There was a motion by Councilman Perry, seconded by Councilwoman Brady, to approve the Bargaining Agreement with Firefighters Local 2335 for a four-year term until December 1, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Resolution 19-115: Ready for 100 Commitment**

There was a motion by Councilwoman Brady, seconded by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper, to approve Resolution 19-115 declaring Norristown's commitment to join the Ready for 100 movement. The motion passed unanimously.

## **FINANCE**

### **Resolution 19-117: QNB Authorized Signatures**

There was a motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilwoman Smith, to approve Resolution 19-117 changing the list of authorized signatures to approve drawdowns for Capital Improvement Funds. The motion passed unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There was a motion to adjourn the Council Meeting by Councilwoman Smith, seconded by Councilman Perry. The motion passed unanimously. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann M. Santangelo, Clerk of Council