

**NORRISTOWN MUNICIPALITY**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 6, 2018**

The Council Meeting of the Municipality of Norristown 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.

Council President Sanders asked everyone to join in for a Moment of Silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Council members were present:

Sonya Sanders, Council President, 1st District  
Derrick Perry, Vice-President, At-Large  
Olivia Brady, At-Large  
Hakim Jones, 4th District  
Heather Lewis, 2nd District  
Valerie Scott-Cooper, 3rd District  
Rebecca Smith, At-Large

Also present:

Crandall Jones, Municipal Administrator  
Anthony Ciuca, Acting Municipal Solicitor  
Chief Mark Talbot, Norristown Chief of Police  
Jayne Musonye, Director of Planning and Municipal Development  
Chenora Burkett, Director of Finance  
Thomas Odenigbo, Director of Public Works

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Workshop Minutes from 2-20-2018

There was a motion by Derrick Perry with a second by Olivia Brady to Motion to approve/disapprove Workshop Minutes from the February 20, 2018 meeting.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Ayes: Brady, Jones, Lewis, Perry, Sanders, Scott-Cooper, Smith  
**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Council President Sanders announced that Council met in Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss real estate matters.

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

Proclamation to the Norristown NAACP

A Proclamation Commemorating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the Norristown NAACP.

Council President Sanders read and presented the proclamation to the Greater Norristown Branch of the NAACP.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

A Snow Emergency has been declared starting 6:30 am Wednesday 3/7/18 due to the impending inclement weather. The Municipality offices will be closed. There will be no trash pick up.

There will be a modified SEPTA schedule available on the website or the SEPTA app.

Coffee with a Cop has been rescheduled for March 15 from 8-10 am at the 7-11 on Johnson Hwy.

Councilwoman Scott-Cooper will be a panelist on the Resiliency Workshop on March 13th.

The Municipality of Norristown will host a "Career Fair" on April 25th from 10-2 in order to connect job seekers with local employers. Contact Darlene Norwood at 610-279-3673 or Gabriella Prete at 610-270-0429.

"Small Business Workshop" on March 20 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Norristown Public Library. Contact phone number is 610-277-1085 or [msankofa@norristown.org](mailto:msankofa@norristown.org).

Norristown Recreation Summer Camp Program - Runs from Monday June 25 to August 3, no July 4th. Hours: 9 to 2:45, ages 5-13. Extra cost for trips. Fee \$300 per child resident; \$400 non-resident per child. Register June 9 from 10 to 11 am in Municipal Hall.

Sign up for the MontcoSafer notification system. Go to [Montcopa.org](http://Montcopa.org) regarding a number of ways to be notified.

"Manifest Summit" for students interested in manufacturing careers. Saturday, March 10 from 8:30 to 12:30 pm. Free bus transportation provided by NASD to the event.

Norristown High School Boys Basketball will be in the first round of the playoffs.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*Gloria Llanos-Divon -*

has documentation for Handicapped Parking but others are parking there. Asked to repaint lines. Still waiting. She was told to see Mr. Odenigbo after the meeting regarding striping and Chief Talbot regarding the parking issue.

*Jamesette Arthur -*

wants trash fee back because trash not being picked up. She said she paid \$1200 for the services Councilwoman Scott-Cooper will speak with her after the meeting.

## **COMMUNICATION:**

There were no Communication items.

## **ITEMS FOR ACTION:**

### **Appointments**

Resolution 18-116: Board and Committee Appointments

Council will be making appointments to the following citizen advisory boards: Civil Service Commission

Mr. Crandall Jones noted this is a request for a re-appointment of Mr. Ray Ragland to the Civil Service Commission with a term expiring on December 31, 2024 and an appointment of an alternate - Mr. Terry Butler with a term expiring on December 31, 2024.

There was a motion by Valerie Scott-Cooper with a second by Heather Lewis to Motion to approve/disapprove Resolution 18-116: Board and Committee Appointments.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

## **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Resolution 18-117 Promotion - Police Corporal

Approval of Resolution 18-117 the promotion of Brian Kozera to Police Corporal and administration of the oath by DJ Francis Lawrence Jr.

Chief Talbot explained that Mr. Brian Kozera has met all requirements and is qualified to be promoted to Police Corporal.

There was a motion by Olivia Brady with a second by Valerie Scott-Cooper to Motion to approve/disapprove Resolution 18-117: Promotion to Police Corporal.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Ayes: Brady, Jones, Lewis, Perry, Sanders, Scott-Cooper, Smith  
**All in favor. Motion carries.**

District Justice Francis Lawrence, Jr. administered the swearing in.

Appointment of Entry Level Police Officer

Administration of oath to Entry Level Police Officer Sean Gallagher by District Justice Francis J. Lawrence Jr.

Chief Talbot explained that Mr. Sean Gallagher has been certified for appointment to Entry Level Police Officer.

There was a motion by Derrick Perry with a second by Hakim Jones to Appointment of Entry Level Police Officer.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Ayes: Brady, Jones, Lewis, Perry, Sanders, Scott-Cooper, Smith  
**All in favor. Motion carries.**

### **PLANNING AND MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT:**

Ratification of Submittal of MontCo 2040 Grant Application

Adopt Resolution 18-118 of 2018 authorizing the submission of a grant application to the County of Montgomery for \$152,000 to construct Phase One of the Arch Street Greenway Corridor Improvements project.

Planning Director Jayne Musonye conducted a slide presentation providing details of the proposed project. :She noted that one of the goals of this project is to invite use of the bike trail.

There was a motion by Valerie Scott-Cooper with a second by Rebecca Smith to Motion to approve/disapprove Resolution 18-118 of 2018: authorizing the submission of a grant application to the County of Montgomery for \$152,000 to construct Phase One of the Arch Street Greenway Corridor Improvement Project.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Ayes: Brady, Jones, Lewis, Perry, Sanders, Scott-Cooper, Smith  
**All in favor. Motion carries.**

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There was a motion by Olivia Brady with a second by Rebecca Smith to Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting of March 6, 2018.. A Roll Call Vote resulted in:

Ayes: Brady, Jones, Lewis, Perry, Sanders, Scott-Cooper, Smith  
**All in favor. Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann M. Santangelo