

NORRISTOWN MUNICIPALITY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 2, 2018

The Council Meeting of October 2, 2018 was called to order by Council President, Sonya Sanders, at 7:30 PM in Municipal 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
Heather Lewis
Rebecca Smith
Derrick Perry
Sonya Sanders

Also present:

Crandall Jones, Municipal Administrator
Patrick Hitchens, Acting Municipal Solicitor
Chief Mark Talbot, Norristown Police Department
Thomas Odenigbo, Director of Public Works
Amrinder Singh, Code Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There was a motion on the floor to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2018 by Councilman Perry with a second by Councilwoman Brady. 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 personnel and litigation issues.

PRESENTATIONS:

Proclamation: October 2018 as Bullying Prevention Month

Mr. Crandall Jones provided an explanation of bullying stating that it occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, the Internet and that it is a common form of violence affecting thousands of children. He announced that the Municipality of Norristown proclaims October 2018 as "Bullying Prevention Month."

Police Community Partnership Unity Softball Game

Ms. Phyllis Mason of the George Washington Carver Community Center came before Council to ask for support for the first Unity Softball Game which will build police and community relationships and to raise funds to support after-school activities and summer programming at the George Washington Carver Community Center.

The “Pitching for Unity” softball game will be held on Sunday, October 28 from 11 am to 5 pm at the Eisenhower Science and Technology Leadership Academy, 1601 Markley Street. There will a DJ, food vendors and games. Ms. Mason provided a brochure about it and said they need players.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The “Pitching for Unity” Softball Game - Sunday, October 28 from 11 to 5 at Eisenhower Leadership Academy. Team Captain Lamar 610-279-4556 or Bernie 610-679-0069. If interested in being a vendor, contact Theresa 267-979-7700, donations: contact Phyllis 610-272-7480.

CADCOM “Trunk or Treat” October 31st (Halloween) at the Roosevelt School parking lot from 4 pm to 7 pm. Candy donations are accepted. Event is free for the community. Any questions, contact hlewis@cadcom.org or 610-277-6363 ext. 166.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bernie Gordon, 32 West Basin Street, Norristown - Mr. Gordon came to commend the street department for doing a good job on the streets and in the alleyways.

Mary Ellen DiGregorio, 564 East Main Street, Norristown - Ms. DiGregorio provided the Clerk of Council with a copy of a letter she wrote and read before Council. It addressed such issues as imposing a Stormwater Fee on Norristown taxpayers and asking for proof that the Municipality is doing “due diligence” in collecting all taxes from every occupant living in the 7,000 rental units.”

COMMUNICATION: None.

ITEMS FOR ACTION:

FINANCE

Resolution 18-150: QNB Authorized Signatures

Mr. Crandall Jones asked Council to consider this Resolution which will approve and authorize the Municipality’s Controller, Blendine Ozorowski, to be added to the list of authorized signatures permitted to approve drawdowns on the Municipality’s Quakertown National Bank account. He added that the Assistant Finance Director is on extended leave.

There was a motion on the floor by Councilwoman Scott-Cooper with a second by Councilwoman Lewis to approve Resolution 18-150. A Roll Call Vote was taken:

Olivia Brady	yes
Valerie Scott-Cooper	yes

Hakim Jones	yes
Heather Lewis	yes
Rebecca Smith	yes
Derrick Perry	yes
Sonya Sanders	yes

All in favor. Motion carries.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Resolution 18-146: Disabled Parking

Police Chief Talbot informed Council of 4 Disabled Parking spaces that need to be established: They are for addresses:

312 West Wood Street 1810 Pine Street 600 Chain Street 535 E. Marshall Street

Chief Talbot explained that these residents demonstrated physical limitations that warrant these parking spaces.

There was a motion on the floor by Councilwoman Smith with a second by Councilman Perry. A Roll Call Vote was taken:

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

All in favor. Motion carries.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Resolution 18-149: Disposal of Municipal Vehicles

Director Odenigbo advised Council that 10 police vehicles (years 2000-2009), 2 code enforcement vehicles (years 2000-2010), and pieces of equipment and public works vehicles (purchased between 1986 and 2013) will be put on an online auction site. Mr. Odenigbo explained that city policy cites that if they do not sell through the auction, they must be disposed of.

There was a motion on the floor by Councilwoman Lewis with a second by Councilwoman Brady to approve Resolution 18-149. A Roll Call Vote was taken:

Olivia Brady	yes
Valerie Scott-Cooper	yes
Hakim Jones	yes
Heather Lewis	yes

Rebecca Smith	yes
Derrick Perry	yes
Sonya Sanders	yes

All in favor. Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted.

Roseann M. Santangelo