

**Borough of New Morgan  
Berks County, Pennsylvania**

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**Borough Council  
Reorganizational Meeting Minutes**

January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

The New Morgan Borough Council meeting was advertised for Monday January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 immediately following the Utilities Authority Meeting at 7:00pm in the offices of the Borough of New Morgan, 200 Bethlehem Drive, Suite 1024, Morgantown PA.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Tressie M. Marroon-Bailey, President at 7:04pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Connie Brown-Weber, Mayor.

**Attending Officials:**

Tressie Marroon-Bailey, President  
Doreen Smith, Vice-President  
Christopher C. Weber, Member  
Connie Brown-Weber, Mayor

**Borough Staff:**

Ashlyn Whittingham, Borough Manager  
Thomas Barbine, Financial Director

**Guest:** Scott Cahill and William Bailey, residents. Steve Najarian, SBLC.

**The Borough Council acknowledged the continued appointments for 2024 for the following positions:**

Appointment of Borough Manager – The current Borough Manager is Ashlyn Whittingham

Appointment of Secretary – The current Secretary is Ashlyn Whittingham

Appointment of Treasurer – The current Treasurer is Thomas Barbine

Appointment of Borough Solicitor – The current Borough Solicitor is Nicole Plank, Esquire

Appointment of Borough Engineer – The current Borough Engineer is Woodrow & Associates

Appointment of Sewage Engineer – The current Sewage Engineer is Ebert Engineering, Inc.

Appointment of Sewage Enforcement Officer – The current SEO is Ebert Engineering, Inc.

Appointment of Borough Code Officer – The current BCO is Technicon Enterprises Inc II

Appointment of Borough Tax Collectors –

Borough Council will consider reaffirming Berkheimer of Bangor, Pennsylvania as real estate tax collector.

Borough Council will consider reaffirming Keystone Collections as earned income tax and local service tax collector.

Borough Council will consider reaffirming voting delegates for Chester County Tax Collection

Committee – These positions are currently filled by Ashlyn Whittingham as primary voting delegate and Tressie Marroon-Bailey as alternate voting delegate.

Appointment of Right to Know Officer – The current Right to Know officer is Ashlyn Whittingham

Christopher Weber motioned to approve the continuance of the appointed positions. Doreen Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

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**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes:** Doreen Smith motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Christopher Weber seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

**Correspondence:** None

**The Following reports were submitted to Borough Council:**

Borough Planner/Code Enforcement: None

Sewage Treatment Plant Operator: None

Borough Engineer: Not present

Sewage Engineer/SEO: Not present

Solicitor Report: None

Borough Manager: None

Police: None

Fire Department Report: The Twin Valley Fire Department monthly report was presented to Council.

EMS: The December report was received from Chief of Operations for EMS, Matthew Welch

Treasurer Reports: None

Mayor's Report: Nothing to Present.

Doreen Smith motioned to approve the reports as given. Christopher Weber seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

**Business:**

- A. The Borough Council acknowledged the continued use of the New Morgan Borough Sanitary Sewer Rate Schedule that was made effective October 1, 2018. Christopher Weber motioned to approve the continuance Sanitary Sewer Rate. Doreen Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
- B. The Borough Council approved of Resolution 01-2024 which adopts the 2024 Tax Rate for New Morgan Borough at 18.6 mil. Doreen Smith motioned to approve Resolution 01-2024. Christopher Weber seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
- C. The Borough Council approved the new rates, for the calendar year 2024, for Woodrow & Associates services. Doreen Smith motioned to approve the rates. Christopher Weber seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
- D. The Borough Council approved the new rates, for the calendar year 2024, for SOLVE IT services. Christopher Weber motioned to approve the rates. Doreen Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
- E. The Borough Council acknowledged and approved the letter submitted by the Borough Engineer, Tim Woodrow.
  - a. The Borough Council acknowledged permitting Panattoni (the developer) to enter into a specific contract for the services with Traffic Planning and Design Inc (TPD) so long as the same acknowledges that TPD will keep the best interests of the Borough as part of their contractual obligations.
  - b. The Borough Council waived the conflict of interest for TPD to work directly with Panattoni. The Borough Council will also consider approving the Borough Manager to sign a No Conflict Letter.

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- c. The Borough council approved keeping TPD as New Morgan Borough's traffic engineers to complete the highway occupancy permit plans for the Panattoni project.

Christopher Weber motioned to approve and acknowledge the letter submitted by the Borough Engineer along with A-C of the following terms. Doreen Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on **February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**, immediately following the Utilities Authority Committee at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjourn:** Doreen Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting and Christopher Weber seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Respectively Submitted,

  
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**Ashlyn Whittingham, Borough Manager/Secretary/Treasurer**