Borough of New Morgan Berks County, Pennsylvania

Borough Council Regular Meeting Minutes

March 11th, 2024

The special meeting of the New Morgan Borough Council was advertised for Monday, March 11th at 7:00pm in the offices of the Borough of New Morgan, 200 Bethlehem Drive, Suite 104, Morgantown, PA.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Tressie M. Marroon-Bailey at 7:13 p.m.

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

Attending Officials:

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

Borough Staff:

Ashlyn Whittingham, Borough Manager/Secretary Thomas Barbine, Finance Director

Guests: William Bailey, Scott Cahill residents. Beth Vopper, SBLC.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. 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:

Codes Enforcement Officer: None Sewage Treatment Plant: None

Engineer/SEO: None Solicitor: None

Treasurer: Treasurer reports were presented to council and reviewed

Borough Manager:

A. All Audit Confirmation Letters have been sent to our Auditors, for them to start/complete our 2023

Fire Department: The Twin Valley Fire Department sent the monthly report, and it was presented to Council. There were 2 calls in the Borough.

EMS: The report was not received for the month of March from the Chief of Operations for EMS, Matthew Welch.

Mayor: Nothing to present

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

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Business:

- A. The Borough Council reviewed the Amended Subdivision Plan.
 - a. The Borough Council voted on the Amended Subdivision plan, the vote was 3/0 and the Subdivision passes.
- B. The Borough Council acknowledged the approval letter from PA DEP of the Planning Module for the Southern Berks Industrial Park.
 - a. The Borough Council made a motion to approve the Borough Council President, Tressie Marroon-Bailey to sign the Water Quality Management permit applications for each of the pump stations, which was recommended by NMB's Wastewater Engineer, Fred Ebert. Christopher Weber made that motion. Doreen Smith seconded it. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
 - b. The Borough Council made a motion to approve the Borough Council President, Tressie Marroon-Bailey to sign the Public Water Supply Permit application, which was recommended by the NMB's Wastewater Engineer, Fred Ebert. Doreen Smith made that motion. Christopher weber seconded it. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
 - c. The Borough Council made a motion to approve the Borough Wastewater Engineer to submit all permits to PA DEP. Christopher Weber made that motion. Doreen Smith seconded it. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
- C. The Borough Council approved the 2024 Polling Place agreement between the County of Berks and NMB. Doreen Smith made that motion. Christopher Weber seconded it. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
- D. The Borough Council made a motion to approve Resolution 02-2024 which adopted the updated Berks County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Doreen Smith made that motion. Christopher Weber seconded it. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
- E. The Borough Council made a motion to approve the proposal from New Morgan Management, LLC to renovate the Wastewater Treatment Plant building. Christopher Weber made that motion. Doreen Smith seconded it. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
- F. The Borough Council made a motion to approve the Borough Manager to work with PUE to update the contract between PUE and NMB. Doreen Smith made that motion. Christopher Weber seconded it. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
- G. The Borough Council made a motion to allow the Borough Manager to work with PEMA to completely close out and "outstanding grant" project in the Grant Portal system. Christopher Weber made that motion. Doreen Smith seconded it. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, April 8th, 2024, immediately following the Utilities Authority Meeting at 7:00pm.

Adjourn: Doreen Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting and Christopher Weber seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Ashlyn Whitengham, Borough Manager/Secretary/Treasurer

Respectively Submitted