



REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

May 28, 2025

The borough Regular Public meeting for the month of May was called to order at 7:00 by Council President Bernice Clark-Dickerson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll was called, with the following roll call response: Council President Bernice Clark Dickerson-present, Councilor Douglass Eagar-present, Councilor Bethann Johnson-present, Council Vice President Shaunta Miller-present, Councilor Michelle Miller-present, Councilor Michele Roberts-present, and Councilor Walter Stubbs-present, also present, Mayor Amanda Hammock.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Michael Lee – 123 W Sylvan Avenue –Made comments regarding voting; thanked all who recently voted. Made comments regarding Action items – questioned why voting was taking place twice. Manager Lipsett stated that this was an error.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Council President Clark-Dickerson had the tax collector read her report for the month of April. The balance collectible this month is \$173,612.

Treasurer report – the manager introduced the new Finance Director – Paulina Henry. She then gave the treasurer's report and disbursement report.

Disbursement journal for bills will be approved later in the meeting.

Resolution- A resolution to appoint a liaison between the Borough and Berkheimer, the duly appointed Collector of local taxes for the expressed purpose of sharing confidential tax information with the Borough for official purposes.

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Councilor Johnson had Engineer Catania give the building code official report – there were 10 building permits, 3 use and occupancy permits and 2 issued – there were 5 contractors licenses issued.

Councilor Johnson reported that there would also be a vote this evening regarding a Motion to authorize application for 2025 Greenways, Trails, and Recreation program grant in the amount of \$243,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Jacobs Park Playground Improvement.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Lawless read the police report for the month of April; He reported on trailing, reduction of accidents, community engagements, and traffic checks. He reported on the Ice cream Social; possible stop sign enhancements, flashing lights and CPR Event for June 14 was announced.

Vice President Miller gave the Fire Report for Morton-Rutledge Fire Department for the month of April, 2025.

Vice President Miller gave the report from Fire Marshal Stokes.

PUBLIC HEALTH/SANITATION AND RECYCLING

Councilor Roberts reported that the trash report for the month of April – there were 8 pickups and the total tonnage was 89.86. She also reported that beginning June 5 we will begin our 2 day a week pick up – Monday and Thursdays. She encouraged all to recycle. The next scheduled Clean-up Morton Day would be October 11.

LAW & ORDINANCE

Councilor Miller reported that she had nothing on the agenda for her committee, however, she mentioned that the Eastern Storm water Collaborative minutes are available.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Eagar announced Rain Barrel workshop would be June 3rd. He also mentioned other activities – Juneteenth on June 14th at 12:00 at Scoscia Field – a potluck.

June 21 – there will be a food truck event sponsored by Morton-Rutledge Fire Department –from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

July 11 – there will be Movie Night on Scoscia Field.

PARK AND RECREATION

Councilor Stubbs had some donated articles of sports equipment donated from the Clifton family. He reminded all that June 7th would begin line dancing.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Hammock reported again on the food truck event on June that there was an ice cream social held on May 21st, that was a successful event. Mayor informed everyone of the EMS meetings about Crozer closing; and we should remain vigilant. Solicitor Ewald stated the group is very proactive.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Lipsett reported that the Hometown Hero Banners were re-installed. Thanks to Mr. Johnson and Mr. King for their hard work; and thank you to Haverford Township for the use of their bucket truck.

Manager Lipsett also reported that the fence at the borough building would be removed and replaced very soon.

Manager Lipsett reported that we would soon be meeting some new vendors for tree work at Jacob's Park and Sycamore Woods.

ACTION ITEMS

Minutes

Council President Dickerson made a motion to approve the minutes of April; Councilor Johnson seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

Bills

Council President Dickerson made a Motion to ratify and affirm the payment of bills as listed for the month of March 2025. Councilor Miller seconded the Motion. All councilors voiced approval. Motion carried.

Vice President Miller made a Motion to approve the payment of the bills as listed for April 2025. Councilor Stubbs seconded the Motion. All councilors voiced approval. Motion carried.

Resolution –2025-08 Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program.

Vice President Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-08 regarding the 2025 Greenways Trails and Recreation Program in the amount of \$243,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Jacob's Park Playground Improvement. Motion for Approval by Councilor Roberts, Seconded by Vice President Miller, all voiced approval. Motion carried.

Resolution 2025-09 - Berkheimer

Motion was made by Councilor Roberts to authorize the Resolution of the Governing Body of Borough of Morton to appoint a Liaison between the Borough and Berkheimer, the Duly Appointed Collector of Local Taxes for the Borough for the expressed purpose of sharing confidential tax information with the borough for official purposed. Seconded by Councilor Stubbs – all voiced approval, Motion carried.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

June 11, 2025 – Agenda Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (Collier's Engineering on Comprehensive Plan)

June 25 – Regular Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Michael Lee – 123 W Sylvan Avenue - – gave a suggestion for those running for office to be in attendance at a council meeting a minimum of six times. Solicitor Ewald stated that this is mandated on the State level, and the borough cannot mandate this.

Bill Heffner – “you know who I am”– asked when the minutes from the committees would be available. He was told to come in the office and they would be made available.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Miller motion to adjourn at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Martha Preston-Secretary

