



REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

APRIL 23, 2025

The borough Regular Public meeting for the month of APRIL was called to order at 7:02 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

Bill Heffner –571 S. Old Middletown Road, Media PA –

Questioned who had the minutes of the committee meetings. And stated there is a three minute window to submit questions. Asked if a list of questions could be submitted.

Charles Lillicrapp-114 Locust – asked if the borough utilized a check scanner; he was concerned about when the second quarter sewer bills would go out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Council President Clark-Dickerson had the manager read the tax collector's monthly report.

Manager Lipsett also reported the Treasurer's report and gave the disbursements journal for the month of March.

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Councilor Johnson had Engineer Catania give the building code official report – there were 14 building permits, 3 use and occupancy permits and 3 contractors licenses issued.

Councilor Johnson reported that the 2025 Street Resurfacing bid was opened; he recommend the bid award go to A.F. Damon at \$63,186.00. This will be voted on later in the meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Lawless read the police report for the month of March – this report is on file.

Chief Holstein of Morton-Rutledge Fire Department gave his report for the MRFD for the month of March 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 March was 106.35 tons. She also reported that our recycling bin had to be picked up two times this month. Ms. Roberts reported that's the April 14 clean-up day was well attended; among the attendees was Jackie Guy – School Board rep, and the Teens of Positive Empowerment.

LAW & ORDINANCE

Councilor Miller reported that council would be voting to advertise an ordinance #801 to update restricted parking regulations.

Discussion was held regarding truck route issues throughout the borough, because of a recent incident in which a truck from UTC hit a borough sign.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Eagar reported the following events would be taking place soon: June 3, 2025 – Rain Barrel workshop; Councilor Miller explained that a free rain barrel would be given to those in attendance; and urged all to sign up.

June 14 is the Juneteenth Celebration; June 21st is the Morton-Rutledge Food Truck Event; July 11, 2025; would be Movie Night – the movie would be decided at a; later date. These items will be discussed at the next meeting on May 8th at 8:00 p.m.

PARK AND RECREATION

Councilor Stubbs asked if anyone had suggestions for summer events to please attend the next Park and Recreation President Dickerson reported that there would be dance classes held beginning first Saturday in June. Please sign up if interested. Volunteers are needed for arts and crafts.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Hammock reported that there would be an ice cream social held on May 21st. She also reported that the Police Open House on April 19th was a success.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Lipsett reported that bids were obtained for the new 2025 Road program. He also reported that we would be awarding the bid to the lowest bidder.

Manager Lipsett reported that we had two interviews for finance vacancy; and he would be making a recommendation.

ACTION ITEMS

Ord. 801-advertise

Councilor Michelle Miller made a Motion to advertise Ordinance 801, an ordinance updating restricted parking regulations. Councilor Stubbs seconded the Motion. All councilors voiced approval. Motion carried.

Bills

Councilor Roberts 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 March 2023. Councilor Stubbs seconded the Motion. All councilors voiced approval. Motion carried.

2025 Road Program

Councilor Johnson made a Motion to award the 2025 Road Program to A.F. Damon Company, Inc. in the amount of \$63,186.00 which included the base and alternative. Vice President Miller seconded the Motion. All councilors voiced approval. Motion carried.

Resolution –Small Water & Sewer Grant

Vice President Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-07 regarding the Small Water and Sewer Grant in the amount of \$500,000 from the commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Central Morton Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project. Councilor Roberts seconded the motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

DCED Grant design

Motion to authorize the design and bidding for the Jacobs Park DCED grant for a walking trail ,parking and Fitness Center; made by Councilor Roberts, seconded by Councilor Stubbs All councilors voiced approval. Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Cecilia Todd – 110 Althea Lane – gave the upcoming fundraisers that the Fire Department is having, including May 1st, Iron Hill –percentage of proceeds will go to the Morton Rutledge Fire Department,

Tag Day on 420

June 14 – Social, Crab boil, fundraiser at the Coffee Station. Ms. Todd also questioned if there was any design for a kids park at Jacobs. Councilor Stubbs answered that we will extend the children's playground.

Mario Cimino-46 S Morton –there is a misunderstanding on the rule of law on business – he then read a portion of Ordinance 731. He reminded Solicitor Ewald that the truck route needs reviewed.

Bill Heffner 571 S Old Middletown Road, Media – the newsletter is very well done, it's a shame it isn't being mailed to residents.

He also noted the new speed sign on N Morton Avenue, he noticed vehicles are slowing. He questioned why no zoom? Councilor Eagar explained it was his own account and that the borough may open its own.

Charles Lillicrapp-114 Locust Road – questioned Chief Lawless about accident report; is it mostly Morton residents? Chief reported that it is a mix.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Roberts motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Preston

Borough Secretary