



AGENDA MEETING

FEBRUARY 12, 2025

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

Executive session was held prior to the meeting –litigation matters.

ANNOUNCEMENT – ‘anyone who wishes to comment at a borough council meeting must sign in before 6:58 p.m. before sign up board comes in to council chamber and each resident will be provided 3 minutes to give comments. This is not a question and answer period or debate to go back and forth or to call out from the audience during council meetings.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Paul Robinson – gave an presentation on PLIGIT

Robert Linn- Architect – discussion with photos of proposed building use for 32 S Morton for Church. The plan is to sell the building currently on Pennington. They did make presentation to the council.

Jacqueline Guy – 635 Country Lane – School Board representative – informed the public of vocational educational seminar, Springfield High School wants to expand apprenticeship program, SAT testing is in March, and the school district won a Blue Ribbon Award.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mario Cimino – 46 S Morton – requested an update on pedestrian safety traffic light. He is on the Greenspace Task force – no greenways grant this year. Commented that Council needs to look in the mirror at the rule of law.

Bill Heffner – 571 S Old Middletown Road – Questioned the Motion to waive 9% retro on all past due sewer and rubbish urged council not to waive the 9%; and he will advise all residents of the vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Councilor Johnson gave the update on the traffic light; this is currently being worked on and hopefully will be completed by Friday. She also reported that this evening a tractor trailer hit the railroad gates. She thanked the highway department for the plowing that was done in the recent snowstorm.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Council President Clark Dickerson reported that the next committee meeting is Thursday at 7:00 p.m. There will be a vote this evening on waiving the 9% retroactive interest and to send all past due sewer and trash fees.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Vice President Miller stated that we had our first 2025 committee meeting, and goals were discussed. Minutes will be posted.

Update on Civil Service Commission – Carlton Bagby’s appointment has expired; and a decision will have to be made to reappoint.

PUBLIC HEALTH, SANITATION AND RECYCLING

Councilor Roberts reported that the first meeting of 2025 was also held and they spoke about goals such as a clean-up date, maybe April 26th, and possible signage regarding recycling properly; having the residents involved and recycling here.

LAW & ORDINANCE

Councilor Miller stated the law and ordinance committee also met; first meeting of the year, and discussed parking ordinance.

Update – Zoning hearing board – members are to rotate –a third person is needed

Planning Commission – members are also to rotate and reconstitute.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilor Eagar reported that the Tuskegee Airmen’s

PARK AND RECREATION- Councilor Stubbs introduced his MVP sign. Morton’s Valuable People

ACTION ITEMS-

President Shaunta Miller made a Motion to approve Resolution regarding Public Guidelines for Participation at council meetings. Councilor Roberts seconded the Motion. All voiced approval Motion carried.

Motion to waive 9% retroactive interest and to send all past due sewer and trash fees from 2018 -2023 to Portnoff Associates for Collections was made by Councilor Stubbs, seconded by Councilor Johnson. All voiced approval Motion carried.

President Miller made a Motion to approve minutes from January 8, 2025, January 22, 2025, July 13, 2022, September 14, 2022, October 12, 2022, and October 26, 2022. Councilor Stubbs seconded the Motion. All voiced in favor. Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Lisa Lockley -114 Harding – has use of the borough hall for facility regarding the Tuskegee Airmen_event; and has a receipt.

Ceil Todd – 110 Althea Lane – thanked council for not collecting the 9% interest.

Tony Brown – 302 Newell Street – questioned the snow ordinance for removal from sidewalks.

Bill Heffner – 571 S Old Middletown Road – was disappointed in the 9% vote waiving fees.

Ronald Shipman – 44 Yale – thank you to Mr. Stubbs for his recommitment to our youth. Questioned an Air BNB home – no regulations.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Dickerson made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Johnson

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Preston, Secretary