



JANUARY 8, 2025

Agenda Meeting

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

NO ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO PRESENTATIONS

Motion was made by Vice President Dickerson to approve hiring of Jeffrey Brown as Sergeant of the Morton Police Department. Motion Seconded by Councilor Michelle Miller. All voiced approval, Motion carried.

SWEAR-IN- NEW SERGEANT

Mayor Hammock presented the Oath of Office to the borough's new sergeant, Jeffrey Brown. Officer Brown will begin working for the borough the week of January 13th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Heffner – 571 S Old Middletown Road, Media

Spoke regarding sewer fees again, that there is close to \$500k – and people cannot help the community without knowledge; and he then gave some ideas to council and questioned if the sewer fees would be increasing. Vice President Dickerson stated that council is moving forward, and as of January 31st, those who have not paid will be turned over to the Portnoff Law offices for collections.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE

Councilor Johnson reported that there would be a Resolution to enter into Agreement with Delaware County Land Bank up for Action item later in the meeting. Solicitor Ewald described the Resolution to council- this is a strategic approach for when properties have a tax sale.



420 –Intersection

Ms. Johnson also reported that we have recently learned that SEPTA will be paying for work to be done at the intersection; which is a beginning step.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Right to Know policy – Solicitor Ewald explained that this policy is a necessary step due to some recent multiple anonymous RTK requests that have been received.

2025 Reorganization-Council President

Council President Shaunta Miller announced to council that there would be some changes, she stated her reasons that this vote would take place; She then nominated Bernice Dickerson as the new president of Council for 2025 Mr. Stubbs seconded the Motion. Roll Call –Vice President Bernice Clark-Dickerson-yes, Councilor Eagar-yes, Councilor Johnson-yes, Councilor Michelle Miller-no, Council President Shaunta Miller-yes, Councilor Michele Roberts yes, Councilor Stubbs-no. Motion carried 6-1. Bernice Clark-Dickerson is now the President of council for 2025.

President Clark-Dickerson made a Motion to have Shaunta Miller as Vice President of council for 2025; Seconded by Bethann Johnson. Motion was also made by Councilor Roberts to have Michelle Miller as Vice President of Council. Roll call for Shaunta Miller as Vice President was as follows: President Bernice Clark-Dickerson-yes, Councilor Eagar-no, Councilor Johnson-yes, Councilor Michelle Miller-no, Councilor Shaunta Miller-yes, Councilor Michele Roberts-no, Councilor Walter Stubbs-yes. The vote was 4 Yes-3 No. Motion carried in favor of Shaunta Miller as Vice President. There was no vote necessary for the other Motion.

2024 overview

Council President Bernice Clark Dickerson then gave an overview of all that council had accomplished in the year 2024 and spoke about the future in a positive note.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Resolution –Destruction of Police Department Records would be an action item for later in this meeting. Solicitor Ewald described and explained this resolution.

PUBLIC HEALTH/SANITATION/RECYCLING

Councilor Roberts had no report – but reminded residents that the containers are full at the borough dumpster; and that council was still looking at changes to sewer rate.



LAW AND ORDINANCE

Councilor Miller had no report. Councilor Johnson asked about a parking ordinance possibility on Baker Street – due to the fact that the snowplow could not get by in the snow because of cars parking on the street where they shouldn't be. Solicitor Ewald stated that there is an ordinance on the books.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilor Eagar announced that on Martin Luther King Day, the borough would be closed, but he would encourage all to come and 'give back' by getting involved in a work of service at the borough, such as painting the borough hallway. He encouraged all to attend.

Councilor Eagar also announced that the first Community and Economic Development meeting would be held Thursday February 13 at 7:00 p.m.

PARK AND RECREATION

Councilor Stubbs remembered former President Jimmy Carter whose funeral would be held 1/9/25.

Mr. Stubbs reported that in 2025 we would be moving to start developing more things for the borough; such as a recent person interested in pickle ball for seniors; and a recent person he met who is a chess player. Mr. Stubbs again mentioned that if each house hold would contribute \$3.65 to the park and recreation it would be a big help.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Hammock reported that the full time police position is available and applications are at the borough office. Mayor Hammock thanked the borough highway workers – Mr. William Johnson and Spurgeon King for their work on plowing during the recent snowstorm.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-01 – of the Borough of Morton regarding Destruction of Police Department records. Motion was made by Councilor Roberts, seconded by Councilor Johnson. All voiced approval, Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution 2025-02 of the Borough of Morton, to enter into an Agreement with the Delaware County Land Bank to participate with Land Bank. Motion was made by Councilor Johnson, seconded by Walter Stubbs.

Motion to approve the Right-to Know Policy made by Councilor Michelle Miller, seconded by Bethann Johnson. All voiced approval – Motion carried.

Motion to approve 2024 meeting minutes from December, November, August, July. Motion made by Councilor Stubbs, seconded by Vice President Miller. All voted approval, with the exception of Councilor Michelle Miller. Motion carried.



Upcoming meetings/events – MLK Jr. Day – work assignments to ‘give back’ to Morton, but borough offices closed.

Regular Council Meeting is January 22, 2025.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Cecelia Todd – 110 Althea Lane – thanked President Clark-Dickerson for her year in review, she was not aware of the work it took; and she agreed that this council inherited a monster. She thanked council for their hard work on the taxes and sewer fees.

Bill Heffner – 571 S Old Middletown Road, Media – questioned the status of the grants and their time frame. President Dickerson stated that she would answer his questions at a later time.

Mario Cimino-46 S. Morton Avenue - commented that he feels certain people are insulated; and commented that if records are missing, it's the borough secretary's responsibility to maintain records and why are they missing. He commented on the sending of the delinquent accounts to Portnoff; and Solicitor Ewald did describe the Portnoff process.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Roberts made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Preston, Secretary