



## AGENDA MEETING

MARCH 12-2025

The borough agenda meeting for the month of March 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.

### ANNOUNCEMENT-

Jackie Guy – school board representative – gave an update on the happenings with the Springfield School District, they recently held the 23<sup>rd</sup> Thon for Childhood Cancer. Haldeman Field in Springfield is open, but has a drainage issue, ETR will be having their air conditioning fixed; and 'Mama Mia' the play, is going to be presented March 20-22<sup>nd</sup>.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Bill Heffner –largest tax payer in Morton– questions about the borough treasurer resigning, asked about the posting of the minutes, asked about timeline for grants, and asked when the balance sheet would be updated. He reported that he has gotten no answers to any of his questions from council nor borough staff.

Herbert White – 310 N Morton was angry he had received a letter regarding his car. His car was under a cover and it has current tags. All the code enforcement had to do was ask. Code enforcement officer was at his residence and the problem was solved.

Charles Lillicrapp-114 Locust – asked if the large packet of information could be available to everyone again.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Councilor Johnson had a Resolution authorizing an application to the Delaware County Council for an allocation of County Liquid Fuel Tax funds in 2025 for the Municipal Roadway/Street Improvement for

2025. - This is a revision of the former resolution already passed; the amount of this new resolution is \$2700.

#### **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

Council President Clark-Dickerson had the manager report on a DCNR grant which we will need to pass a resolution for this grant at the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting if we are going to apply. Possible ideas are to Jacobs Park –Phase 2 – upgrade the playground or community center, upgrades to the kitchen, restrooms, and entryway. A decision will have to be made by council.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Council Vice President Miller had no report.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH, SANITATION AND RECYCLING**

Councilor Roberts had no report on the agenda, however reported to everyone that a Clean up Day would be held April 12, 2025 from 9-12, and encouraged all to attend. Councilor Roberts also explained the recent problem with the billing of the trash fee – the 10% discount was omitted; the MuniBilling company will adjust this by placing a credit on all the accounts that paid at the face amount when they should've paid at discount.

#### **LAW & ORDINANCE**

Councilor Miller reported that she and the chief did a drive around, and discussed some parking issues that need to be corrected.

#### **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Councilor Eagar had on the agenda the issue of the Blue Swim School which wants to go in at the property at 32 S Morton. Solicitor Ewald reported that the ordinance provides in the NC District the wording of "same as other uses" in the Neighborhood Commercial District. This will need a Motion from Council if they feel a swim school is of the "same as other uses" in the NC District. Depending on the vote, they may have to go to zoning for a variance. Solicitor Ewald reported that there have also been complaints about short-term leases and Air Bibb's which has been brought to his attention.

#### **PARK AND RECREATION**

Councilor Stubbs had no report; he stated he will be speaking with the manager to discuss safety issues in our parks. Mr. Stubbs was also concerned with some speeding on N Morton Avenue near the railroad tracks.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hammock gave an upcoming events at the firehouse.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

Councilor Roberts made a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-06, authorizing an application for allocation of Liquid Fuels Tax funds in 2025 for Municipal roadways/street improvement for 2025.

Councilor Johnson seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried. No opposition. Motion carried.

Councilor Eagar made a Motion to find that the Big Blue School proposal is of the same general character as noted in our zoning ordinance. Vice President Miller seconded the Motion. All council voiced approval. Motion carried.

Councilor Eagar gave an update on the Hometown Hero banner situation,

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS**

March 23, 2025- Pasta with a Purpose – Morton-Rutledge Fire Company

March 26 2025 Regular council meeting

March 29, 2025 – Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration

April 5, 2025 – Breakfast with Easter Bunny – Morton-Rutledge Fire Company

April 12, 2025 – 9-12 –Clean up Morton

April 12, 2025 – Egg Hunt – (free event with Selling Delco)

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mario Cimino -46 S Morton Avenue – stated the Comprehensive Plan committee assured that they would be given an opportunity to review. He also suggested that in regard to the DCNR grant, we may want to speak with the regional advisor because the community center and building may not be eligible items to apply for. He provided her name and phone number.

Bill Heffner – thanked the office for doing the minutes in reverse order. He questioned a parking issue on 10 Pennington area. He reported that when he paid for his sewer fees, he deducted his own discount.

Michael Lee – 123 W Sylvan – encouraged everyone to come to the Pasta night at the fire house. He reminded all that we need the police and to appreciate each other.

Ceil Todd – 110 Althea Lane – announced the Pasta with a Purpose dinner for March 23<sup>rd</sup>, announced the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on April 5 from 9-11; and thanked the committee that is working on the Hometown Hero Banners, and stated that Mike Scoscia would be back in May and hopes the Banners can be in place by then. She reminded all that the last day to register to vote is May 5<sup>th</sup>, and Election Day is May 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Clark-Dickerson adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Preston, Secretary

