

**Borough of New Morgan
Berks County, Pennsylvania**

Borough Council
Regular Meeting Minutes

December 14th, 2020

The regular meeting of the New Morgan Borough Council was advertised for Monday, December 14th, 2020 immediately following the Utility Authority meeting at 7:00pm in the offices of the Borough of New Morgan, 200 Bethlehem Drive, Suite 104, Morgantown, PA.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Tressie Marroon-Bailey at 7:10 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Connie Brown-Weber, Mayor.

Attending Officials:

Tressie M. Marroon-Bailey, President
Christopher Weber, Vice-President
Doreen Smith, Member
Connie Brown-Weber, Mayor

Borough Staff:

Margie Bishop, Borough Manager/Secretary/Treasurer

Guests: William Bailey and Ashlyn Whittingham, residents; Beth Vopper, Southern Berks Land Company – via/phone.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Doreen Smith motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Christopher Weber seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Correspondence: The borough's 2021 meeting dates for the Borough, Utilities Authority, Planning Commission, Municipal Authority and Industrial Development Authority were advertised as required by law in the Reading Eagle on November 18th, 2020.

The following reports were submitted to Borough Council:

Codes Enforcement Officer: None

Sewage Treatment Plant: None

Engineer/SEO: None

Solicitor: None

Treasurer: The treasurer's report for October was presented.

Borough Manager: Borough Manager reported a phone call received from John Montgomery regarding an incident between SBLC hunting security officer Rob Bennett and a small group of men rifle hunting on borough property. The confrontation was taped by Mr. Bennett and sent to SBLC for review. The borough had a conversation about posting signs on the borough's 500-acre property.

Police: None

Fire Department: The Twin Valley Fire Department sent the monthly report, and it was presented to Council.

EMS: Joe Carmen – Honeybrook EMS report for November was received and presented to Council.

Mayor: none

Christopher Weber motioned to approve the reports as given. Doreen Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Business:

- A. The New Morgan Borough Council considered approval of the finalized version of the New Morgan Borough/STP 2021 Operating Budget. Christopher Weber made a motion to approve the budget as presented and Doreen Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried
- B. The Borough Council considered approval of Resolution 1-1021 which adopts the 2021 Tax rate for New Morgan Borough at 18.6 mil.; Doreen Smith made a motion to accept the resolution as presented and Christopher Weber seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
- C. A motion was entered by Tressie Marroon-Bailey to consider purchasing No Hunting, No Firearms signs for the borough's 500 acre property. Christopher Weber made a motion to approve the purchase and Doreen Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried

An executive session was called at 7:22 to discuss personnel and borough matters. All attendees left the room except for Borough Council. The meeting reconvened at 7:28 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on **Monday, January 4th, 2021** immediately following the Utility Authority meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Christopher Weber motioned to adjourn the meeting and Doreen Smith seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Margie Bishop, Borough Manager/Secretary/Treasurer