

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

Borough Council
Regular Meeting Minutes

September 13th, 2021

The regular meeting of the New Morgan Borough Council was advertised for Monday, September 13th, 2021, following the Utilities Authority meeting at 7:00 pm 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 7:17 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Doreen Smith, Council Member.

Attending Officials:

Tressie M. Marroon-Bailey, President
Christopher C. Weber, Vice-President
Connie Brown-Weber, Mayor

Borough Staff:

Margie Bishop, Borough Manager/Secretary/Treasurer – via/phone

Not Present:

Doreen Smith, Member

Guests: William Bailey and Ashlyn Whittingham, residents; Tom Barbine, CPA for New Morgan Borough; Beth Vopper, Southern Berks Land Company, LP.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Christopher C. Weber motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Connie Brown-Weber seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Correspondence: Reminded Council of requirement to post agendas to website as of August 30th, 2021, at a minimum of 24 hours prior to the Borough Council meeting, according to the revised Sunshine Act. Additionally, informed Council of the Berks County Phase II 911 project to review areas for possible re-addressing for 911 purposes. Our area is scheduled for approximately October 2021. Lastly, informed Council that WBP Leasing Inc.'s appeal of their property taxes was deemed necessary to have additional conference on it. Pre-trial conference is scheduled for Monday, October 18th, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

After, much discussion arose on the Second Amendment to the Land Exchange agreement. Tressie Marroon-Bailey questioned the wording in Item 5 of the agreement that required remediation of contaminated land in accordance with the Pennsylvania Land recycling and Environmental Remediation Standards Act (“Act 2”) where permits are required to implement the Act 2 Remediation Plan and implement the plan to its completion. Tom Barbine, CPA also noted it as it states, “The Borough confirms that the obligations of the Partnership have been satisfied”. Research needed to be done to confirm this. Beth Vopper, Southern Berks Land Company, was able to obtain a copy of the DEP Act letter documenting approval to Mr. Ray Carr (original owner of said property) in January 2008, thereby satisfying Borough’s concerns.

The following reports were submitted to Borough Council:

Codes Enforcement Officer: None

Sewage Treatment Plant: None

Engineer/SEO: None

Solicitor: None

Treasurer: Treasurer reports were presented to council and reviewed

Borough Manager: None

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

EMS: Joe Carmen – July report was presented to Council.

Mayor: None – Not present

Christopher C. Weber motioned to approve the reports as given. Connie Brown-Weber seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Business:

- A. Borough Council considered approval of the Second Amendment to the Land Exchange agreement originally signed August 15, 2006, after documented clarification was provided that the condition under item 5 of the agreement that permits were obtained, and the work completed and approved by DEP for the Act 2 Remediation Plan listed in the original agreement. Connie Brown-Weber motioned to approve the agreement. Christopher C. Weber seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
- B. Borough Council considered approval of the Professional Services Agreement which is to be used for New Morgan Borough reimbursements purposes to Southern Berks Land Company, LP. in connection with the Land Exchange project. Christopher C. Weber motioned to table the approval of the contract until further discussions and meetings can be set regarding the amendment and the developers. Connie Brown-Weber seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
- C. Borough Council considered approval of the representation letter for the RKL 2020 audit of New Morgan Borough. Connie Brown-Weber motioned to approve of the representation letter as presented. Christopher C. Weber seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

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The next Regular Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 12th, 2021**, immediately following the Utilities Authority meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Christopher C. Weber motioned to adjourn the meeting and Connie Brown-Weber seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Margie Bishop, Borough Manager/Secretary/Treasurer