

Borough of New Morgan Berks County, Pennsylvania

Borough Council Reorganizational Meeting Minutes

January 7th, 2026

The New Morgan Borough Council meeting was advertised for Monday January 7th, 2026, immediately following the Utilities Authority Meeting at 7:00pm in the offices of the Borough of New Morgan, 200 Bethlehem Drive, Suite 102, Morgantown PA.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Connie Weber, Mayor at 7:04pm.

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

ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL HAVE BEEN RE-ELECTED FOR THEIR ROLES FOR 2026

Connie Weber, Mayor of New Morgan Borough swore in Tressie Marroon Bailey, the elected President of New Morgan Borough (4-year term)

The Borough Council meeting was turned over to Tressie Marroon Bailey, President of New Morgan Borough

Tressie Bailey called all vacant elected positions to be sworn in -

Ashlyn Whittingham, notary, swore in the following positions for New Morgan Borough:

Connie Brown Weber, Mayor (4-year term)

Doreen Smith, Vice- President (4-year term)

Christopher Weber, Member (2-year term)

Borough Council voted for all members of the Utilities Authority, Planning Committee, Industrial Authority and Municipal Authority to be re-appointed and remain in their roles for the year 2026. The I's carried in favor with 0 opposed. Doreen Smith made the motion, and Chris Weber seconded it. The positions will remain the same for the year 2026. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Roll Call Tressie Marroon Bailey

Attending Officials:

Tressie Marroon-Bailey, President

Doreen Smith, Vice-President

Christopher C. Weber, Member

Connie Brown-Weber

Borough Staff:

Ashlyn Whittingham, Borough Manager

Guest: William Bailey and Tiffany Brown, Residents.

The Borough Council acknowledged the appointments for 2026 for the following positions:

Tressie Marroon Bailey as President

Doreen Smith as Vice-President

Ashlyn Whittingham as Secretary

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Ashlyn Whittingham as Treasurer

A motion was made to elect the same slate of officers for 2026. Doreen Smith made the motion and Tressie Bailey Seconded it. The I's carried in favor. The officers will remain the same for the year 2026. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

President of New Morgan Borough, Tressie Bailey, called the following positions held for 2026:

Appointment of Borough Manager – The current Borough Manager is Ashlyn Whittingham

Appointment of Borough Solicitor – The current Borough Solicitor is Nicole Plank, Esquire

Appointment of Borough Engineer – The current Borough Engineer is Woodrow & Associates

Appointment of Sewage Engineer – The current Sewage Engineer is Ebert Engineering, Inc.

Appointment of Sewage Enforcement Officer – The current SEO is Ebert Engineering, Inc.

Appointment of Borough Code Officer – The current BCO is Technicon Enterprises Inc II

Appointment of Borough Tax Collectors –

The current Real Estate Tax Collector is Berkheimer of Bangor, Pennsylvania.

The current income tax and local service tax collector is Keystone Collections.

The current Auditor for the Borough is Herbein & Company/Cherry Beakert

Appointment of Right to Know Officer – The current Right to know Officer is Ashlyn Whittingham

A motion was made to elect the same slate of professionals and individuals for the professional services for the year 2026. Doreen Smith made the motion and Tressie Bailey Seconded it. The I's carried in favor. The professional services will remain the same for the year 2026. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

President of New Morgan Borough, Tressie Bailey, called the reaffirmation of voting delegates for the Chester County Tax Collection Committee.

The positions are currently filled by Ashlyn Whittingham as primary voting delegate and Tressie Marroon-Bailey as alternate voting delegate. A motion was made to keep the committee the same for the year 2026. Doreen Smith made the motion and Tressie Marroon Bailey seconded it. The I's carried in favor. The delegates will remain the same for the year 2026. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

At this time the Reorganizational meeting ended, and the regular Borough Council meeting began at 7:15 pm.

Public Comment: None

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

Correspondence:

- Informed council that Bob Cook from Jackson Cross, realtor for the Reading Hospital property, reached out asking if the Borough had any suggestions on what they would like to see the Reading Hospital property be used for
- The Influent sampler proposal from WG Malden was approved by council
- It was discussed and decided that if a stray dog is in New Morgan Borough, Caernarvon will handle it and New Morgan will pay the fee.
- UA Council Fees

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The Following reports were submitted to Borough Council:

Borough Planner/Code Enforcement: None

Sewage Treatment Plant Operator: None

Borough Engineer: Not present

Sewage Engineer/SEO: Not present

Solicitor Report: None

Borough Manager: None

Police: None

Fire Department Report: The Twin Valley Fire Department monthly report was presented to Council.

EMS: The report was not received from Chief of Operations for EMS, Matthew Welch as of 1/6/2025.

Treasurer Reports: The financial reports were attached to the agenda. Nothing of concern was reported.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to Present.

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

Business:

- A. The Borough Council made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-01 for the tax rate of 2026. The rate will remain the same at 18.6 mills. Chris Weber motioned to approve Resolution 2026-01. Doreen Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
- B. The Borough Council acknowledged the continued use of the New Morgan Borough Sanitary Sewer Rate Schedule that was made effective October 1, 2018. Doreen acknowledged the continued use and Chris Weber seconded the acknowledgement. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
- C. The Borough Council authorized advertising for a public hearing to be held on February 9, 2026, to consider an amendment on the zoning map and a revision to the zoning ordinance for retail sale. Doreen Smith authorized the advertising, and Chris Weber seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
- D. The Borough Council acknowledged there was a change made in the budget after the budget was approved in December 2025. The change was to increase section 400.110 and 400.113 to a total of \$11,240.00. Chris Weber made the motion to accept the increase, and Doreen Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
- E. The Borough Council acknowledged their signature is required for the Panattoni Plans that were submitted in April of 2025 and last revised December 17, 2025, for the plans to be recorded. Doreen Smith acknowledged the need of signatures and Chris Weber seconded it. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
- F. **** ADDED MOTION AT THE MEETING**** Borough Council added and approved a motion for the Utilities Authority fees to be increased. Chairperson's monthly meeting pay will be \$262.08 and Utilities members will be \$206.25. Chris Weber made the motion to raise the UA meeting fee and Doreen Smith seconded it. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

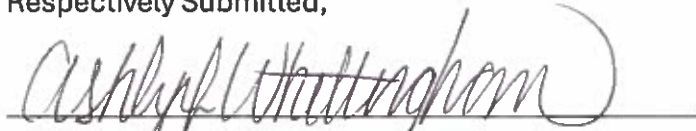
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At 7:30pm President, Tressie Bailey called to order for an executive meeting to discuss employment. The executive meeting was closed at 7:34pm

The next Regular Meeting will be held on **February 9th, 2026**, immediately following the Utilities Authority Committee at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Chris Weber motioned to adjourn the meeting and Doreen Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Respectively Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ashlyn Whittingham", written over a horizontal line.

Ashlyn Whittingham, Borough Manager/Secretary/Treasurer