

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

Borough Council
Regular Meeting Minutes

October 11th, 2022

The regular meeting of the New Morgan Borough Council was advertised for Tuesday, October 11th, 2022, following the NMB Utilities 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 7:07 p.m.

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

Attending Officials:

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

Borough Staff:

Margie Bishop, Borough Manager/Secretary/Treasurer

Guests: William Bailey and Ashlyn Whittingham, residents; Tom Barbine, NMB Chief Financial Officer; Beth Vopper, Southern Berks Land Company

Public Comment: None

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

At this time, an executive session was called by President Tressie Marroon-Bailey at 7:09 p.m. The executive session was adjourned at 7:30 and the regular meeting resumed.

Correspondence: Informed Council of a request by Berks History Center for gift of support. Also informed Council that the annual contract for the Animal Rescue League was posted on their website and will be presented at the next meeting. We also received notice from Mike Setley that his firm will be increasing their hourly rate for the borough from \$205/hour to \$225/hour in January of 2023.

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: Discussed receipt of the financial audits for New Morgan Borough, NNB Utility Authority and NM Municipal Authority. Information was published and submitted to DCED.

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

EMS: The September report was received from the new Chief of Operations for EMS, Matthew Welch.

Mayor: Nothing to present

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

Business:

- A. The Borough Council considered approval of Resolution 2-2022 for New Morgan Borough to implement Act 57 which amends the Local Tax Collection Law; Doreen Smith motioned to approve Resolution 2-2022. Christopher C. Weber seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
- B. The Borough Council considered approval of the proposal as presented by RKL LLP for professional audit services for the years ending December 31st, 2022, 2023 and 2024; Christopher C Weber motioned to approve the audit proposal as presented. Doreen Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
- C. The revised proposal from Almeda and Hudak to correct the sink hole issue located at/near the sewage treatment plant was not available for this meeting. Borough Council President Tressie Marroon-Bailey directed Tom Barbine to work directly with Almeda and Hudak to request the contract by Friday, October 14th and stipulate that the work must begin within 30 days. A motion was made to approve a quote at \$250,000 or less to alleviate it waiting until the next borough meeting for approval. Doreen Smith motioned to approve the contract. Christopher C. Weber seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
- D. Borough Council considered approval of the new rate schedule for Technicon Enterprises, II for the remainder of 2022 and 2023; Christopher C Weber motioned to approve the rate increase as presented. Doreen Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
- E. The Borough Council considered approval of the draft copy of the New Morgan Borough/STP 2023 Proposed Operating Budget. Doreen Smith motioned to approve the proposed 2023 budget draft. Christopher C. Weber seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
- F. The Borough Council considered the recommendation of the Planning Commission recommendation to approve the Preliminary/Final Plans for the subdivision of Southern Berks Land Company property and New Morgan Borough property reassignment as presented on both the Witman and Kaufman plans; Christopher C Weber motioned to approve authorizing the preparation of executable documents. Doreen Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
- G. A motion was made by Council President Tressie Marroon-Bailey to authorize a gift/donation to the Berks Historical Center in the amount of \$100. Doreen Smith motioned to approve the donation. Christopher C. Weber seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

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At this time a discussion was held on the possibility of contracting with Caernarvon Township Police Department for the 2023 fiscal year. It was directed that a meeting needs to be scheduled with Abraxas, Southern Berks Land Company, Republic Services, and Borough Council to present sharing the cost involved with contracting with the department.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on **Monday, November 14th, 2022**, immediately following the Utility Authority meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Doreen Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting and Christopher C. Weber seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Margie Bishop, Borough Manager/Secretary/Treasurer