

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

Borough Council
Regular Meeting Minutes

January 3rd, 2022

The New Morgan Borough Reorganization and Special meetings were advertised for Monday, January 3rd, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the offices of the Borough of New Morgan, 200 Bethlehem Drive, Suite 104, Morgantown, PA.

The Certificate of Elections for the newly Elected Council Member was presented to the Secretary before the official was sworn into office.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Margie Bishop, Notary at 7:17 p.m.

Swearing In Of Newly Elected Officers: Notary Margie Bishop swore into office newly elected officials Doreen Smith and Tressie M. Marroon who signed the Oath of Office document and returned it to the Secretary.

Election of Officers: Margie Bishop, Notary, called for nominations for President of Council. Doreen Smith nominated Tressie Marroon-Bailey. The vote was unanimous. Tressie accepted the nomination.

Nominations for Vice-President of Council were called for and Tressie M. Marroon nominated Dorren Smith. The vote was unanimous. Dorren accepted the nomination.

AT THIS TIME THE MEETING WAS TURNED OVER TO THE BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT. Tressie Marroon-Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:23.

AT THIS TIME THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL was convened to fill the current vacancies of New Morgan Borough which include one member of council and the mayor seat.

Nominations for Mayor of New Morgan Borough were called for and Tressie M. Marroon nominated Connie Ann Brown-Weber. The vote was unanimous. Connie Ann Brown-Weber accepted the nomination.

Nominations for Member of Council were called for and Tressie M. Marroon nominated Christopher C. Weber. The vote was unanimous. Christopher C. Weber accepted the nomination.

Call to Order: The Regular meeting was reopened by Council President.

Roll Call

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

Guests: William Bailey and Ashlyn Whittingham, residents.

Appointment of Secretary - The current Secretary is Margie Bishop. Doreen Smith made a motion to reappoint Margie Bishop as Secretary, Christopher Weber seconded it. The vote was unanimous. Ms. Bishop accepted the position.

Appointment of Treasurer – The current Treasurer is Margie Bishop. Doreen Smith made a motion to reappoint Margie Bishop as Treasurer, Christopher Weber seconded it. The vote was unanimous. Ms. Bishop accepted the position.

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Appointment of Borough Solicitor – The current Borough Solicitor is Georgeadis||Setley. Doreen Smith made a motion to reappoint Georgeadis||Setley as Borough Solicitor. Christopher Weber seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

Appointment of Borough Engineer – The current Borough Engineer is Woodrow & Associates. Doreen Smith made a motion to reappoint Woodrow & Associates as Borough Engineer. Christopher Weber seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

Appointment of Sewage Engineer – The current Sewage Engineer is Ebert Engineering, Inc. Doreen Smith made a motion to reappoint Ebert Engineering as Sewage Engineer. Christopher Weber seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

Appointment of Sewage Enforcement Officer – The current SEO is Ebert Engineering, Inc. Doreen Smith made a motion to reappoint Ebert Engineering as Sewage Enforcement Officer. Christopher Weber seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

Appointment of Borough Code Officer – The current BCO is Technicon. Doreen Smith made a motion to reappoint Technicon as BCO. Christopher Weber seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

Appointment of Borough Planner – This position is currently vacant. Doreen Smith made a motion to reappoint this position vacant. Christopher Weber seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

Vacancy Board – This position of Chairperson is currently vacant. Tressie Marroon-Bailey nominated Scott Cahill, resident, for Chairperson of the board. Doreen Smith made a motion to appoint Ashlyn as Chairperson. Christopher Weber seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

Appointments to the New Morgan Municipal Authority:

Tressie Marroon-Bailey recommended reappointing the same members to the Municipal Authority for 2022 and reappointing Margie Bishop as Executive Director. Doreen Smith made a motion to appoint, Christopher Weber seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

Appointments to the New Morgan Industrial Development Authority:

Tressie Marroon-Bailey recommended reappointing the same members to the Industrial Development Authority for 2022 and reappointing Margie Bishop as Executive Director. Doreen Smith made a motion to appoint, Christopher Weber seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

Appointments to the New Morgan Utility Authority:

Tressie Marroon-Bailey recommended reappointing the same members to the Utility Authority with the exception of Stephen Caramenico for 2022 and reappointing Margie Bishop as Executive Director. Doreen Smith made a motion to appoint, Christopher Weber seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

Appointments to the New Morgan Zoning Hearing Board:

The current board has vacancies due to some members moving out of borough. Tressie Marroon-Bailey recommended leaving the vacancies for 2020 until there is a need. Doreen Smith made a motion to leave vacant, Christopher Weber seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

Tax Collectors:

Borough Council considered reaffirming Resolution No. 1-2020 appointing Berkheimer of Bangor, Pennsylvania as real estate tax collector. Doreen Smith made a motion to approve the resolution. Christopher Weber seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

Borough Council will consider reaffirming Keystone Collections as income tax collector. Doreen Smith made a motion to reaffirm Keystone as income tax collector. Christopher Weber seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

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Borough Council will consider reaffirming Resolution No. 02-2018 appointing voting delegates for Chester County Tax Collection Committee filled by Margie Bishop and Tressie Marroon-Bailey, respectively. Doreen Smith made a motion to reaffirm Resolution 02-2018. Christopher Weber seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

Appointment of Right to Know Officer – The current Right to Know Officer is Margie Bishop. Doreen Smith motioned to approve the reappointment of Margie Bishop as Right to Know Officer. Christopher Weber seconded it. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Robert’s Rules of Order and the Sunshine Act - Borough Council will consider reaffirming stating the following: “The Borough Council of New Morgan Borough will follow Robert’s Rules of Order for the conduct of its meetings, except in those instances when Robert’s Rules are inconsistent with the laws and Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Borough Council further resolves to comply with all provisions of Pennsylvania’s Open Meetings Act, also known as the Sunshine Act.” Doreen Smith motioned to approve reaffirming the Sunshine Act as stated. Christopher Weber seconded it. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Christopher C. 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 the Statement of Financial Interest forms were received that they are all required to completed and returned to borough secretary to be kept on file in the borough office.

The following reports were submitted to Borough Council:

Treasurer: December Treasurer Reports were not available at this time.

Fire Department: The Twin Valley Fire Department monthly report was not available at this time.

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

Business:

- A. Council considered reaffirming select check signing authorities for the various NMB bank accounts, which currently are Margie Bishop and Tressie Marroon-Bailey. Doreen Smith motioned to approve reaffirming, Christopher C Weber second the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
- B. Council considered approval of the new rates and fees presented for Technicon II services for the 2022 calendar year. Christopher C. Weber motioned to approve the new rates. Doreen Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
- C. Council considered reaffirming the existing rate schedules for water and sewer as presented by Ebert Engineering. Doreen Smith motioned to approve reaffirming, Christopher C Weber second the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

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- D. Council considered approval of the service agreement between New Morgan Borough and Twin Valley Fire Department for \$15,500 for 2022. Christopher C. Weber motioned to approve the contract. Doreen Smith seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.
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The next Regular Meeting of the New Morgan Borough will be held on Monday, February 14th, 2022 immediately following the NM Utilities Authority meeting at 7:00 pm.

Adjourn: Doreen Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting and Christopher C. Weber seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Bishop, Borough Manager/Secretary/Treasurer