



AGENDA MEETING

NOVEMBER 26, 2024

The borough agenda meeting for the month of November was called to order at 7:00 by Council President Shaunta Miller. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll was called, with the following roll call response: Council President Bernice Clark Dickerson-present, Councilor Douglass Eagar-present, Councilor Bethann Johnson-present, Councilor Michelle Miller-present, and Councilor Walter Stubbs-absent, Mayor Amanda Hammock-present.

Announcements- no Announcements

Presentation – No presentation

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Michael Lee-123 W Sylvan Avenue – Asked about the vote this evening; the answer was that it will be a vote for the preliminary budget.

Bill Heffner – 571 S Old Middletown Road, Media PA – questioned the park allocation of \$1000 in the budget; stated it doesn't seem to make sense. He also questioned if there real estate delinquent tax allocation was 97,600; asked if there were figures on the budget for Portnoff past due sewer and trash bills.

Ceil Todd -110 Althea Lane – had comments regarding the preliminary 2025 budget , and things the fire department has done to be efficient, and asked council to please step up and make sure there is an allocation of funds for the MRFD.

Don Holstein – Chief from MRFD – spoke about the maintenance the Fire Department does on the building and all fire trucks, and how grants were obtained for work for apron repair. He urged council to bring up the budget figure to where it belongs.

Christina Hays –President of Morton Rutledge Fire Department – send an email October 1 for council regarding documents requested.

Melissa Aglidian – no address given, also supportive of the Morton Rutledge Fire Department, asked council not to cut the budget.

Councilor Roberts thanked everyone from the Fire Department for their comments and stated she does appreciate them and they do make a difference in Morton.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Traffic Signal

Councilor Johnson reported that there has been some pushback from SEPTA on this entire project; we will be reaching out to our State Representative and State Senator to help us on this project.

Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project –Ms. Johnson reported that this project should be complete as of last week.

LSA Grant (Gaming Revenue) for Jacobs Park Improvements – Ms. Johnson reported that Engineer Catania sent this grant to the State as of November 25, 2024.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Council Vice President responded to an email received from former councilman Boylan earlier this week.

2025 – Preliminary Budget – Treasurer Wascovich answered questions that were posed on an email from Mr. Boylan, former councilmember.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Council President Miller had no report.

PUBLIC HEALTH, SANITATION AND RECYCLING

Rubbish Contract – Councilor Roberts reported that three bids were received for the upcoming Rubbish contract. The committee met and suggested Creative Waste Services- aka B& L disposal. The recommendation was 1 day pick up for trash –October 1 to May 31, and 2 day trash pickup from June 1 to end of September at \$200,507. 00; without the inclusion of curbside recycling.

LAW & ORDINANCE

Councilor Miller will be discussing a meeting date in January.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilor Eagar had no report at this time.

PARK AND RECREATION

Councilor Stubbs reported that mulch was being ordered for the playground area at Borough Hall, tot lot, and wear mats were being ordered as well. The crew did place a temporary fence around the lot.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hammock suggested a meeting with the Fire Department next week regarding funding.

ACTION ITEMS

Ratification of the Preliminary Budget –Motion was made by-Vice President Bernice Clark-Dickerson,--seconded by Councilor Johnson. All voted in favor of the budget, no opposition. Motion carried.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Office closed – November 28 and 29th for Thanksgiving

Regular council meeting will be December 11, 2024

CDBG meeting will be December 11, 2024

Agenda Meeting will be December 30, 2024

Announcements

There will be Breakfast with Santa with the Fire Department – 12-7-2024

Final budget vote will be 12-11-24.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Michael Lee -123 W Sylvan Avenue – suggested children should not be out after dark and should be wearing reflective clothing. He urged everyone to be thankful for something

Bill Heffner – 571 S Old Middletown Road-Media PA – questioned why there was no roll call vote; and the 10 day waiting period; questioned if council could provide the larger packets again.

Cecilia Todd – 110 Althea Lane- thanked everyone for their comments about the Fire Department and stated how important they are. Commented on the shortfall in delinquencies with Sewer and Trash and urged council not to let it lapse. Also questioned the Tower Lease and the Community Development line item.

Joseph Boylan – 23 Althea Lane – Agreed that the 2024 budget was reopened, claimed that the administrative salaries doubled. – spoke about a raise that was to be in 2024 for the crossing guards to \$18 per hour. Suggested that a perquisite to have all fees paid before new council come on.

Sally Aglidian – 211 W Sylvan – reminded council that December 3 is the 5th Anniversary of Firefighter Mike Malinowski's passing; requested a clarification on the budget. Questioned a statement made by council.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Roberts motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Preston, Secretary

