



## **MORTON BOROUGH**

### **AGENDA MEETING**

**DECEMBER 30, 2024**

The borough agenda meeting for the month of December was called to order by Council President Shaunta Miller at 7:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited and roll was called. The following was roll call response: Council Vice President Bernice Clark Dickerson-present, Councilor Douglass Eagar-present, Councilor Michelle Miller-Present, Council President Shaunta Miller-present, Councilor Michele Roberts-present, Councilor Walter Stubbs-present. Absent: Councilor Bethann Johnson.

Also present: Mayor Amanda Hammock

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council President Miller announced that there had been an Executive session regarding the CBA and a Personnel matter

### **PRESENTATION**

Auditor Woodworth arrived and provided a presentation on budget issues with the sewer and rubbish funds. He mentioned that no repairs were budgeted for and it appears the fund has suffered a loss; apparently a grant was funded with \$162,000 from the sewer fund which appears was from the incorrect fun. Sewer fund is holding money that belongs in general fund and that needs to be refunded to the correct fund.

Question and discussion raised by Mario Cimino, Charles Lillicrapp, and Bill Heffner on the items he mentioned..

A vote will be held later in the meeting for the sewer rate for 2025.

### **PUJBLC COMMENT**

Bill Heffner – 571 S Old Middletown Road, Media PA –owns many business – wanted to discuss why the costs for sewer and/or water.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Public Facilities & Infrastructure

No report

## **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

Vice President Bernice Clark Dickerson announced that we would be discussing the new Sewer Rate, Rubbish fee and Tax ordinance.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Council President Miller had no report; but she did thank the fire department for their hard work; as she had a recent small fire at her house and they were right there.

## **FOP Contract**

Council President Miller announced that council met earlier about the FOP and there would be a 1 year agreement with 3% raise; working on clarifying medical information.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH/SANITATION & RECYCLING**

Councilor Roberts had no report, but advised that we would have one day trash pickup until June and then a 2 day pick up Monday and Thursday until September 30. No more curbside. This will be under action items for later in the meeting.

## **LAW & ORDINANCE**

Councilor Miller reported that council would be voting on the Work Zone ordinance, which would maintain work standards, making contractors responsible to notify the borough when they're working in certain areas of the borough.

## **COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Councilor Eagar announced that there would be a meeting shortly to discuss some issues with the Hometown Hero Banners.

He also suggested some events of local volunteering, cleanups and such to give back to the community to commemorate Martin Luther King Day on January 20, 2025.

## **PARK AND RECREATION**

Councilor Stubbs announced the sad passing of former President Jimmy Carter who was 100 years old.

He then suggested we add the word "team" under Park and Recreation. He stated he was waiting to hear from the manager regarding grants.

## **MAYOR REPORT**

No report.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **TAX Rate/Sewer Rate/Rubbish fee**

Vice President Bernice Clark-Dickerson made a Motion to approve the Ordinance 2024-801 for Sewer Fee and Refuse Fee, and Tax rate. The Tax rate would remain at 7.4 mils; the Sewer rate to be \$18.62

per thousand gallons of water, and the rubbish fee at \$330.00 per dwelling unit. The Motion was not seconded so it failed. Councilor Roberts made a Motion to have a fee for sewer at \$16.50 per thousand gallons for sewer rate, seconded by Councilor Miller. Roll call: Vice President Dickerson-no, Councilor Douglass Eager-yes, Councilor Michelle Miller-yes, Council President Shaunta Miller-no, Councilor Walter Stubbs-yes, Councilor Michele Roberts-yes. Motion carried.

#### 2024-800-Chapter 21 Amendment – Work Zone Maintenance

Councilor Miller made a Motion to approve this ordinance. Councilor Eagar seconded the Motion. All voiced approval Motion carried.

#### FOP Contract

Council President Miller requested a Motion to approve the FOP Collective Bargaining Agreement at 1 year option at 3% increase. Councilor Roberts made the Motion, Council Vice President Clark-Dickerson seconded the Motion. All council voiced agreement and Motion carried.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Michael Lee -123 W Sylvan – stated people who won't pay sewer now, won't pay sewer at a higher rate; wished everyone happy new year, and reminded everyone of Jimmy Carter's legacy; and urged courtesy towards each other.

Mario Cimino-46 S Morton Avenue – thanked the four experienced council members for the vote on the sewer rate.

Charles Lillicrapp-114 Locust Road – questioned the billing from the company for sewer and trash fees; and the budget figure of \$1200; but \$50,00 for sewer. He questioned if the cost may be understated; and asked if this is a correct differential. The solicitor stated this would have to be inquired through MuniBilling.

Bill Heffner -571 S Old Middletown Road, Media PA – questioned an escrow for the Fire Department Is \$15,000 and not \$30,000. The other item was that there was only \$1000 for Park and Recreation, and this was allocated for the cushion under the swings; but this came out of this year's budget. At this time, that \$1000 is correct; Council stated that there are still grants to be utilized.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Council Vice President made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Martha Preston

Secretary

