



Biennial Organization Meeting (Minutes) **January 2, 2024 @ 6:00 PM**

Call to Order (Mayor Amanda Hammock)

Mayor Amanda Hammock called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Oath of Office for Newly Elected Officials

(Administered by the Honorable Wilden H. Davis – Magisterial District Judge)

Bernice Clark-Dickerson (Council – 4 Year Term)

Bethann M. Johnson (Council - 4 Year Term)

Shaunta Miller (Council – 4 Year Term)

Presentation of documents to include: Certificate of Election; Notarized Affidavit of Residency; and signed Oath of Office.

Roll Call

Councilor Bernice Clark-Dickerson (Present)

Councilor Douglas Eagar (Present)

Councilor Bethann M. Johnson (Present)

Councilor Michelle Miller (Present)

Councilor Shaunta Miller (Present)

Councilor Michele Roberts (Present)

Councilor Walter Stubbs (Present)

Mayor Amanda Hammock (Present)

Election of Council President

Shaunta Miller nominated Shaunta Miller for Council President.

Michele Roberts nominated Doug Eagar for Council President.

No other nomination were received.

Roll Call Vote for Shaunta Miller as Council President

Councilor Bernice Clark-Dickerson (Y)

Councilor Douglas Eagar (N)

Councilor Bethann M. Johnson (Y)

Councilor Michelle Miller (N)

Councilor Shaunta Miller (Y)
Councilor Michele Roberts (N)
Councilor Walter Stubbs (Y)

Motion passed with 4 votes yes; 3 votes no. No vote required on the motion for Doug Eagar. Congratulations to Shaunta Miller on her election as Morton Borough Council President.

Election of Council Vice-President

Michele Roberts nominated Michelle Miller for Council Vice-President.

Shaunta Miller nominated Bernice Clark-Dickerson for Council Vice-President.

No other nominations were received.

Roll Call for Michelle Miller as Council Vice-President.

Councilor Bernice Clark-Dickerson (N)
Councilor Douglas Eagar (Y)
Councilor Bethann M. Johnson (N)
Councilor Michelle Miller (Y)
Councilor Shaunta Miller (N)
Councilor Michele Roberts (Y)
Councilor Walter Stubbs (N)

Motion failed with 3 votes yes; 4 votes no.

Roll Call for Bernice Clark-Dickerson as Council Vice-President.

Councilor Bernice Clark-Dickerson (Y)
Councilor Douglas Eagar (Y)
Councilor Bethann M. Johnson (Y)
Councilor Michelle Miller (Y)
Councilor Shaunta Miller (Y)
Councilor Michele Roberts (Y)
Councilor Walter Stubbs (Y)

Motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of the Vacancy Board Chair

Shaunta Miller nominated Michael Fiorentino for the Vacancy Board Chair.

No other nominations.

A brief review of his experience was offered by Michelle Miller.

Roll Call for Michael Fiorentino for the Vacancy Board Chair.

Councilor Bernice Clark-Dickerson (Y)
Councilor Douglas Eagar (Y)

Councilor Bethann M. Johnson (Y)
Councilor Michelle Miller (Y)
Councilor Shaunta Miller (Y)
Councilor Michele Roberts (Y)
Councilor Walter Stubbs (Y)

Motion passed unanimously.

Professional Service Appointments:

- Borough Solicitor – Carl Eward, Esq.

Shaunta Miller nominated Carl Ewald, Esq. for Borough Solicitor.

Roll Call Vote for Carl Ewald, Esq. as Borough Solicitor

Councilor Bernice Clark-Dickerson (Y)
Councilor Douglas Eagar (Y)
Councilor Bethann M. Johnson (N)
Councilor Michelle Miller (Y)
Councilor Shaunta Miller (Y)
Councilor Michele Roberts (Y)
Councilor Walter Stubbs (Y)

Motion passed with 6 votes yes; 1 vote no.

- Labor Relations Solicitor (Campbell Durant, PC)
- Engineer (Catania Engineering Associates, Inc.)
- Alternate Engineer (Kelly & Close Engineers)
- Building Code Official (Catania Engineering Associates, Inc.)
- Fire Marshall (Rufus Stokes)
- Finance Support (Brinker Simpson and Company)
- Auditor (Ronald R. Woodworth, CPA, PC)
- Treasurer (Maureen Koch)
- Actuary for Police Pension Plan (Thomas J. Anderson & Associates)
- Borough Manager (William Stewart)
- Borough Secretary (Martha Preston)
- Right to Know Officer (William Stewart)

Motion was made by Shaunta Miller and seconded by Bernice Clark-Dickerson to approve the above listed Professional Services. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

- No one signed up for Public Comment

Action Items

Listed motions are draft Motions. Council may take action on any item listed on the agenda, and the Motion which is passed may be different from, and have different effect than the Motion below.

- No scheduled motions.

New Business

- Council Committee Assignments
 - Community Development
 - Facilities/Infrastructure/Highway
 - Finance/Administration/Insurance
 - Health/Sanitation/Recycling
 - Law and Ordinance
 - Public Safety
 - Parks & Recreation
- CDCA Representative

President Shaunta Miller advised that the Committee Assignments will be announced at the 01/10/2024 Regular Meeting of Council.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- 01/10/2024 @ 7:00 PM – Regular Meeting (BH)
- 01/24/2024 @ 7:00 PM – Agenda Meeting (BH)

Open Discussion

- No open discussion.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Shaunta Miller and seconded by Bernice Clark-Dickerson. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.