

**MINUTES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 18, 2010**

Media Borough Council met in Council Chambers on the above date with the following officials present: Mayor McMahon, President Williamson, Vice-President Simpson, Councilwomen Rehoric and Roe, Councilmen Cunningham, Stein and Alyanakian. Also present were Borough Manager Smith, Treasurer Deitch, Solicitor Scott and Engineer Walton. Councilwoman Roe left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

President Williamson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and led the salute to the flag.

**Presentation of Police Awards**

Nativity B.V.M. Knights of Columbus presents awards each year to deserving individuals within the Media Police Department. This year's recipients are as follows: Public Information Officer Jean DeRosa – 2009 Civilian Employee of the Year Award, Patrolwoman Maria McKnight – 2009 Officer of the Year, and 2009 John J. Davidson Memorial Officer of the Year Award – Steve Longbottom. All recipients thanked the Knights of Columbus, Mayor, Borough Council, Chief Wusinich and fellow employees for the honor.

On behalf of the Police Department, Lieutenant Richard Johnson presented Chief Wusinich with an award recognizing his 30 years of service.

President Williamson recessed the meeting for five (5) minutes.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Vice-President Simpson made a motion to adopt the January 4, 2010 recessed meeting minutes of December 17, 2009. Councilwoman Rehoric seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Simpson made a motion to adopt the January 4, 2010 Council reorganization meeting minutes. Councilman Stein seconded the motion. Councilman Cunningham requested that the minutes include information on the vote taken by Council with regard to the committee assignments. It was determined that the minutes will be revised accordingly. The motion to adopt the January 4, 2010 Council reorganization meeting minutes with the revision mentioned above carried unanimously.

Vice-President Simpson made a motion to adopt the January 7, 2010 Workshop meeting minutes. Councilwoman Rehoric seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Simpson made a motion to adopt the January 21, 2010 Council meeting minutes. Councilwoman Rehoric seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Proclamation #2010-01**

Mayor McMahon presented Proclamation #2010-01 to Lou Bellace in recognition of his faithful military service. Major Bellace gave Borough Council a certificate and a flag flown on a combat mission in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

## **Public Comment & Privilege of the Floor**

Paul Cavanagh, 5<sup>th</sup> & Olive Streets, thanked the Public Works Department for their work on snow removal during the last snowstorm. Mayor McMahon mentioned that it was an enormous challenge with a historic snowstorm, but that the work completed was extraordinary considering there were eight (8) employees plus the Public Works Director. Councilman Cunningham mentioned that the Public Works Department did a really good job under difficult circumstances and learned some things to apply to future storms. Councilman Cunningham mentioned that the Borough had twice the manpower and equipment when the Borough owned the water and sewer companies.

Michael Jordan, 620 N. Monroe Street, mentioned that Public Works did a great job with snow removal under difficult circumstances and also managed the regular trash pick-ups.

## **Solicitor's Report**

Solicitor Scott provided an update on nuisance abatement work on a property on S. Vernon Street. Solicitor Scott mentioned that a lien was placed on this property and that the Borough got paid with interest this week.

## **Mayor's Report** – Mayor McMahon

Mayor McMahon reported that the Police Department received and investigated 806 complaints during the month of January. There was one (1) reported burglary for the month of January.

Mayor McMahon mentioned that the police department performed 71 traffic details during the month of January.

Councilman Cunningham mentioned an outside burglary whereby an antique hitching post was stolen on Edgmont Street.

Councilman Cunningham inquired if there was any progress on a suggestion to start a monthly report of part-time police utilization. Mayor McMahon mentioned that two (2) part-time officers currently work 35-40 hours per week at a rate of \$23 per hour. The part-time officers are replacing one (1) officer who is currently out. The part-time officers are also used for coverage of the Public Information Officers and occasionally for Turnkeys. Councilman Cunningham inquired if a part-time officer position will be advertised since the Borough lost a part-time officer. Mayor McMahon believes this position will be advertised, but the current part-time officers are filling the bulk of this position.

## **Council Committee Reports**

### **Police, Public Safety, Lighting & Media Arts Council** - Mrs. Roe

Councilwoman Roe made a motion to appoint Ernest Derrickson, Jr. to an unexpired term on the Civil Service Commission, which will expire on December 31, 2010. Vice-President Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

As a follow-up to previous discussion, Councilwoman Roe mentioned a minimum of two (2) police officers and four (4) highway personnel for mass gatherings.

Councilwoman Roe made a motion to approve the Mass Gathering Permit Application for Iron Hill Brewery's Brandywine Valley Craft Brewers Festival to be held on Saturday, May 15, 2010. Councilwoman Rehoric seconded the motion. Councilman Cunningham inquired if there were any negative comments about this year's permit application from the affected merchants on State Street between Monroe and Jackson Streets. Councilwoman Roe mentioned that she is not aware of any. Borough Manager Smith mentioned that he is not aware of any as well. Vice-President Simpson mentioned that the Borough worked closely with Iron Hill last year to modify the event and that everyone seemed satisfied with the outcome.

Councilwoman Roe made a motion to approve the Mass Gathering Permit Application for Media Business Authority's Dining Under the Stars events from May 19 through September 15, 2010. Vice-President Simpson seconded the motion. Councilman Cunningham inquired if the applicant has any interest in extending past the September 15, 2010 date and if so, will they need to come back to Council for approval. Councilwoman Roe indicated that the application mentions September 22, 2010 as the rain date. Councilwoman Roe amended the motion to reflect the September 22, 2010 rain date. Vice-President Simpson seconded the amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Roe mentioned the police overtime report for the month of January as follows: 134 hours of festive double time, 44 hours of festive time and a half, 44 hours of court time, 24 hours of special detail, 8 hours of shift coverage and 30 hours of investigation for a total of 310 hours.

Councilwoman Roe announced that the Media Arts Council Film Festival will take place on February 26 & 27, 2010.

Councilwoman Roe announced that the Media Area NAACP will host a luncheon at the Towne House on February 27, 2010.

Councilwoman Roe left the meeting at this time.

### **Code Enforcement, Health, Shade Tree Commission, Streets & Historic Architectural Review Board** - Mr. Cunningham

Councilman Cunningham made a motion to authorize the advertisement for street/sewer maintenance bids. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Cunningham made a motion to authorize the Borough to participate in a road salt contract agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Costars Program for 2010-2011. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. President Williamson inquired on the cost difference. Borough Manager Smith indicated that we do not know the cost as of yet, however, the current cost is \$59.80 per ton.

**Media Business Authority, Environmental Advisory Council & Recycling** - Dr. Stein

Councilman Stein made a motion to authorize an agreement for the purchase of clean energy. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. President Williamson inquired about the cost of the premium. Borough Manager Smith responded that the cost is approximately \$8 per megawatt hour. Councilman Alyanakian mentioned that the cost is offset by the various solar projects throughout the Borough and that this enhances the Borough's status as a clean community. It was determined that the total cost to the Borough for clean energy is \$2,952. Councilman Cunningham mentioned his belief that the Borough should purchase at the lowest possible price and that he does not intend to vote in favor of this motion. The motion to authorize an agreement for the purchase of clean energy carried 5-1, with Councilman Cunningham casting the dissenting vote.

Councilman Stein made a motion to appoint Addie Ciannella to the unexpired term on the Environmental Advisory Council, which will expire on December 31, 2010. Vice-President Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1, with Councilman Cunningham casting the dissenting vote.

Councilman Stein made a motion to appoint Kristina Rutsky to the unexpired term on the Environmental Advisory Council, which will expire on December 31, 2011. Vice-President Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1, with Councilman Cunningham casting the dissenting vote.

Councilman Stein made a motion to appoint Dean Sherwin to a full term on the Environmental Advisory Council, which will expire on December 31, 2012. Vice-President Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Stein mentioned the Community Action Agency of Delaware County's Home Weatherization Program. Information will be posted on the Borough's website and will be available at Borough Hall.

Councilman Stein mentioned that he is meeting with the Chairman of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) on environmental issues and to look into long-term strategic issues.

With regard to the Media Business Authority, Councilman Stein met with the Board President and Vice-President in order to work on a plan of common interest.

Councilman Stein announced that a business district breakfast will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 (tentatively) at 8:00 a.m. President Williamson indicated that this will be an advertised meeting of Borough Council.

**Properties, Personnel, Technology, Fire & Emergency Management** - Mrs. Simpson

Vice-President Simpson mentioned that a Public Hearing was held earlier this evening regarding the status of 1 W. State Street. The Borough received a lot of good comments/suggestions. The committee will continue to discuss options for this property.

Vice-President Simpson made a motion to authorize an advertisement for a part-time Administrative Secretary position within the Borough. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. Councilman Cunningham suggested that a minimum number of hours be placed in the ad. President Williamson indicated that the Personnel Committee discussed the number of hours earlier this week when they met. The motion to authorize an advertisement for a part-time Administrative Secretary position carried unanimously.

Vice-President Simpson mentioned that she will continue meeting with the fire department over the next couple of weeks to look at the business end of fire company including revenue/expenditures, staffing and volunteerism.

Vice-President Simpson mentioned that a grant was previously awarded to the fire company in order to attract volunteers.

Vice-President Simpson announced that the Media Fire Company handled 26 fire calls and 175 EMS calls during the month of January. There was one (1) small fire in the kitchen of a residence on W. Jefferson Street. The fire company thanks all individuals who assisted with digging out fire hydrants during the last snowstorm.

**Community Design, Finance, Stormwater & Sanitation** - Mr. Williamson

Treasurer Deitch read the finance report. The Finance Committee reported checks drawn on the Central Disbursement account for the following funds:

General Fund	\$ 265,509.46
Recreation Fund	\$ 1,517.05
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 0
Capital Fund	<u>\$ 13,154.31</u>
Total	\$ 280,180.82

President Williamson motioned that bills be paid when properly approved for all funds. Vice-President Simpson seconded the motion. Councilman Cunningham inquired if CMAQ and Third Street Bridge project invoices were included with the bills. Treasurer Deitch responded there is one (1) bill in the amount of \$948 for the Third Street Bridge. The motion carried 4-2, with Councilmen Cunningham and Alyanakian casting the dissenting votes.

President Williamson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1071 – Solid Waste Ordinance amendments. Solicitor Scott mentioned that the ordinance amendment reflects an increase in bulk trash pick-up from \$20 to \$30 and a separate Freon charge. Vice-President Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Williamson made a motion not to oppose a Zoning Hearing Board Application for an antique shop at 335 W. State Street on the condition that the upper floors are retained for residential use. Councilman Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Williamson made a motion to adopt Resolution #2010-01 for the sale of a 2002 Ford Crown Victoria in the amount of \$2,501 to Gary Sklar. Councilwoman Rehoric seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Williamson made a motion to adopt Resolution #2010-02 for the sale of a 2000 Ford Crown Victoria in the amount of \$2,800 to Ed Daley. Councilwoman Rehoric seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Williamson mentioned a 2010 appropriations request through Congressman Sestak's office. President Williamson mentioned that the Borough's Grants Administrator is working on the request that is due to be submitted tomorrow. The following projects are being considered: update to the emergency operations center at Borough Hall to include a diesel generator, wind resistant windows and modern elevator; a feasibility study for the use of a geothermal heating system throughout the Borough; upgrades to a variety of storm sewers throughout the Borough; and funding to match the 80% funding of the Third Street Bridge project. On the Third Street Bridge project, the Borough has reached out to Upper Providence Township and Delaware County for participation. The County is willing to be a co-applicant. President Williamson mentioned that the Borough will submit the 2010 appropriations request for all four (4) projects indicated above. Councilman Alyanakian mentioned that he will oppose the motion due to the fact that he feels the geothermal heating system is not necessary at the Borough and because he disagrees with federal earmarks. Councilman Cunningham mentioned that he will support this request because he does not want any more liability on the taxpayers of Media for the Third Street Bridge. Councilman Stein mentioned that geothermal includes hot water, heating and cooling. With that said, President Williamson made a motion to support the 2010 appropriations request through Congressman Sestak's office as outlined above. Councilwoman Rehoric seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1, with Councilman Alyanakian casting the dissenting vote.

President Williamson made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise a request for proposals for video taping services for Council meetings. Councilman Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-1, with Councilman Alyanakian casting the dissenting vote.

Councilman Cunningham inquired if Schnabel Engineering can be directed to do the design work on the Third Street Bridge. President Williamson responded that the Borough is not ready to move forward on this matter since we have not received a funding commitment.

**Historic Archives Commission, Historic Society & Fair Trade Committee - Mrs. Rehoric**

Councilwoman Rehoric mentioned that the Historic Society will hold their annual banquet on April 21, 2010 at Generations Restaurant.

Councilwoman Rehoric mentioned that seating is still available for the Fair Trade Committee fundraiser to be held on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at Lotus Salad and Tea House.

**Recreation, Parking & Library** - Mr. Alyanakian

Councilman Alyanakian announced that the Recreation Board is hosting an adult dance on Saturday, February 20, 2010 to benefit the PA Veterans Museum.

Councilman Alyanakian mentioned that the Recreation Board will once again partner with the Media Youth Center with regard to the summer camp program.

Councilman Alyanakian mentioned that Representative Killion indicated that the Borough received a \$20,000 grant for the purchase of solar trash compactors along State Street. More information to follow.

**Adjournment**

Councilman Cunningham motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Smith  
Borough Manager/Secretary