

**MINUTES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 19, 2007**

The Media Borough Council met in Council Chambers on the above date with the following officials present: Mayor McMahon, President Daly, Vice-President Hall, Councilpersons Alyanakian, Williamson, Simpson and Derrickson. Also present were Borough Manager Smith, Engineer Walton and Solicitor Scott. Councilman Tyson and Treasurer Dimond were absent from the meeting.

President Daly called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and led the salute to the flag. President Daly observed a moment of silence for the victims of the Virginia Tech massacre and the passing of Barry Green.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Vice-President Hall made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2007 Public Hearing, March 15, 2007 Council meeting and March 19, 2007 Special meeting. Councilman Derrickson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Presentation to Deborah Krull**

Councilman Alyanakian introduced Walt Cressler from the Environmental Advisory Council. Mr. Cressler read a letter of appreciation to Deborah Krull for her diligence and hard work on the Environmental Advisory Council, specifically with her recycling initiatives. Mr. Cressler also presented Mrs. Krull with a rain barrel and plaque. Mrs. Krull thanked everyone and noted that the members of the Environmental Advisory Council are an impressive group of volunteers who are extremely knowledgeable on environmental issues.

**Privilege of the Floor**

While there were no comments from the audience, President Daly read an e-mail from Brian J. Scrocca. Mr. Scrocca mentions in the e-mail that while on a trip to Florida he noticed “yield to pedestrian” signs with a \$112 fine indicated on them on every street corner. Mr. Scrocca went on to mention that all cars came to a halt when pedestrians would approach intersections and would like to see the same thing happen in Media to make it safer for pedestrians to walk around town. Councilman Alyanakian noted that perhaps Media could look into posting fine amounts on signs. President Daly referred this request to the Public Safety Committee.

**Mayor’s Report** – Mayor McMahon

Mayor McMahon reported the Police Department received and investigated 887 complaints during the month of March. There were two (2) armed robberies and one (1) burglary during the month of March, which have all been cleared by means of arrest.

Mayor McMahon announced that the Media Theatre will run the musical Oklahoma from May 2 through May 7, 2007.

### **Council Committee Reports**

#### **Health, Historic Preservation & Library** – Mr. Tyson

In the absence of Councilman Tyson, Borough Manager Smith noted the Media-Upper Providence Free Library will hold a book sale Saturday through Monday, April 21, 22 & 23, 2007.

Councilman Alyanakian mentioned that there was an impressive turnout for the book signing event with Ray Didinger, NFL Hall of Fame Writer and author of the Eagles Encyclopedia.

Councilman Alyanakian mentioned that the Media-Upper Providence Free Library formed a new volunteer initiative, Friends of the Library. Members of the community are invited to join the effort.

#### **Recreation, Technology, Media Business Authority & Lighting** – Mrs. Simpson

Councilwoman Simpson made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise bids for enhancements to Barrall Park. Revenue for the project will come from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the form of a grant, the Rose Tree Media School District and Media Recreation Board. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Simpson made a motion to appoint Shyam Sujana to the Recreation Board to fill the unexpired term of Lindsay Taylor, which will expire on December 31, 2008. Councilman Derrickson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Simpson announced the following Recreation events:

- A Family Dance will be held on Friday, May 11, 2007.
- Tai Chi classes will be starting in the near future.
- Summer camp registration is ongoing and will consist of themed weeks.
- Registration has begun for the Media 5 Mile Race. The Recreation Board is addressing problems that were apparent during the last race.
- Tennis camp registration will commence in the near future.

Councilwoman Simpson made a motion to appoint Anthony Cavaliere to the Media Business Authority to fill the unexpired term of Lynne Toye, which will expire on December 31, 2008. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilwoman Simpson noted that Mr. Cavaliere is the Commerce Bank Branch Manager and has been interviewed for the vacancy.

Councilwoman Simpson reported on the following for the Media Business Authority:

- The American Roots Ramble Festival held on Saturday, April 14, 2007 was a great success.
- The Spring Super Sunday event will be held on April 22, 2007.
- Educational information pertaining to Fair Trade is being disseminated to acquaint everyone with Fair Trade products, etc.

**Code Enforcement, Media Arts Council, Streetscape & Litter Task Force** – Mr. Hall

Vice-President Hall made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to draft and advertise Noise Ordinance amendments pertaining to decibel levels. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Hall made a motion to approve the Media Arts Council request to fly French flags along State Street from July 9-16, 2007 in honor of Bastille Day. Councilman Williamson seconded the motion. Mayor McMahon suggested that the Media Arts Council consider a special flag for Bastille Day in lieu of the French flag. Councilman Alyanakian mentioned his concerns about approving requests to fly flags for various countries as this could set a precedent for holidays that we generally do not celebrate. Councilman Derrickson made a motion to table the motion, which was not seconded. A roll call was taken on the original motion. The motion carried 4-2, with Councilmen Derrickson and Alyanakian casting the dissenting vote.

Vice-President Hall made a motion to accept the resignation of Judy Fowler as the Borough's Grants Administrator with regret. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Hall mentioned that the installation of the mosaic at the Plum Street Mall is underway. The Media Arts Council is looking for volunteers on April 28 and April 29, 2007 to mount tiles onto the wall. The official unveiling of the mosaic will take place on May 12, 2007 during the regularly scheduled Second Saturday event.

**Public Properties, Fire Committee, Personnel, Finance & Insurance** – Mr. Daly

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

General Fund	\$ 276,183.66
Recreation Fund	\$ 1,380.51
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 0
Capital Fund	\$ 28,574.75
Total	\$ 306,138.92

President Daly motioned that bills be paid when properly approved for all funds. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Daly made a motion to authorize the execution of a settlement agreement with TWF Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$12,000 for claims of work stoppage, etc. during construction of the Veterans Museum at the Armory. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Daly made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to draft and advertise an ordinance, amending zone 1 for parking meters. Specifically, areas along Jasper and Baker Street will allow for long-term parking. Councilman Derrickson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Daly made a motion to approve the Media VFW request to utilize the Baltimore Avenue and Orange Street parking lot for their Chicken BBQ Fundraiser Event on May 13, 2007.

President Daly read the Media Fire Company report for the first quarter of 2007. The fire company responded to 95 fire calls and held 15 training/drill nights. There were 0 deaths and 0 injuries. President Daly also noted that the fire company has two (2) new pieces of equipment.

**Community Development** – Mr. Williamson

Councilman Williamson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1025 pertaining to Fence Ordinance amendments, allowing for higher fences around dumpsters. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Williamson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1026 pertaining to Building Construction Ordinance amendments, which will bring the Borough into compliance with the Uniform Construction Code. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Williamson made a motion to reauthorize the drafting and advertisement of Right-of-Way Ordinance amendments, which will allow for the assessment of escrow fees on utility companies, etc. digging in the right-of-way. Councilman Derrickson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Williamson made a motion to reauthorize the drafting and advertisement of an ordinance accepting the Deed of Dedication of the property in the rear of Astor Square, which is being donated by the developer (approximately one acre). Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Williamson made a motion to approve the Change of Use/Minor Land Development for 811 N. Providence Road with the conditions of the Borough Engineer and Code Enforcement Director. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Highway, Recycling, Emergency Management & Police Committee** – Mr. Derrickson

Councilman Derrickson made a motion to reauthorize the drafting and advertisement of an ordinance accepting a Deed of Dedication for Taylor Street. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Derrickson made a motion to authorize address changes to E. Ridge Road, affecting approximately 20 residents. This was initiated by the County 911 Center to make sure emergency personnel respond in a timely manner. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Code Enforcement Department will distribute letters to affected residents.

Councilman Derrickson made a motion to approve the Mass Gathering Permit Application for the Delaware County Chapter Parents of Murdered Children, Inc. Candlelight Vigil event on April 25, 2007. The fee of \$750 will be waived. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Derrickson made a motion to approve the Mass Gathering Permit Application for the Brandywine Valley Craft Brewers Festival on May 19, 2007. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Derrickson made a motion to approve the Mass Gathering Permit Application for the Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired Bike 4 Site event on June 3, 2007. The fee of \$750 will be waived. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Derrickson made a motion to approve the Mass Gathering Permit Application for the Town Talk Newspaper Media Art Exhibition & Craft Fair on June 3, 2007. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Derrickson made a motion to regretfully accept the resignation of Peggy Levesque from the Civil Service Commission. Councilman Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Shade Tree Commission, Homeowners Association (HOA) & Environmental Advisory Council** – Mr. Alyanakian

Councilman Alyanakian announced that Media Borough has been awarded the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence for the year 2006. A ceremony recognizing this achievement will be held May 3, 2007 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Media Theatre at Monroe and State Streets. Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Kathleen McGinty will be on hand to present the award.

**Public Comment & Privilege of the Floor**

Christy Dick, 113 Pennock Place, asked if Channel 10 will continue to run with the signing of the Verizon Cable Franchise Agreement. President Daly responded that it would continue.

Jeffrey Deitch, 422 N. Jackson Street, commended Council for looking into amending the current Noise Ordinance.

**Adjournment**

Vice-President Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Smith  
Borough Manager/Secretary