

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
July 21, 2005**

Media Borough Council met in Council Chambers on the above date with the following officials present: President Hagan, Vice-President Robinson, Councilpersons Alyanakian, Krull, Sherwin and Tyson. Also present were Borough Manager Smith, Solicitor Middlebrooks, Engineer Mulvena, Treasurer Gioggia and Administrative Assistant Godek. Mayor McMahon and Councilperson Whitaker were absent from the meeting.

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

Approval of the Minutes

Vice-President Robinson motioned to approve the June 16, 2005 meeting minutes. Councilwoman Krull seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Privilege of the Floor

Sean Crane, Second Street, asked Borough Council if a reduction in cost of Streetscape construction inspection services would occur since the project was downsized and re-scoped. Engineer Mulvena responded that the cost of construction inspections services was an estimate based upon the time spent on the project, therefore, it is possible the cost would be less if the period of performance were reduced. Councilman Alyanakian stated that he would like to have a fixed cost assigned for construction inspection services, which would be based on approximately ten (10) percent of the total project cost.

Jane Rowland, Second Street inquired if the Borough had a curfew law. President Hagan responded that she believed the curfew for minors to be 10:00 p.m. on weekdays and 11:00 p.m. on weekends. Mrs. Rowland asked if there were any Borough regulations that applied to the use of trampolines. President Hagan responded that to her knowledge there were not.

Mayor's Report – Mayor McMahon

President Hagan reported there were 727 complaints in the month of June and one reported burglary.

Council Committee Reports

Recreation, Code Enforcement & Properties – Mr. Tyson

Councilman Tyson motioned to authorize the President of Borough Council to execute a right-of-way (ROW) agreement for 15 & 17 S. Olive Street based upon approval by the Solicitor for the construction of a dumpster enclosure. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Community Development – Mr. Robinson

Vice-President Robinson announced the public hearing for the comprehensive plan was conducted at 7:00 p.m. this evening. Vice-President Robinson thanked all members of the Task Force and Thomas Comitta Associates for a job well done. Vice-President Robinson encouraged all residents to take a look at the document, which envisions Media's future. Vice-President Robinson made a motion to adopt Resolution #2005-09 adopting the comprehensive plan. Councilwoman Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Councilman Tyson expressed his gratitude to the individuals who contributed to the plan. Councilman Tyson stated that he would like to see the plan become a living document. Councilman Alyanakian thanked the members of the Task Force for creating a list of items for Borough Council to accomplish. Councilman Alyanakian stated the important next step would be to have the appropriate Borough officials implement the plan. President Hagan stated the document is user-friendly and includes an implementation matrix to carryout the objectives of the plan that relate to more than just zoning issues and include services, recreation, etc.

Vice-President Robinson motioned to authorize the Solicitor to amend and advertise an ordinance establishing fees for consultant and staff subdivision/land development reviews, inspections, etc. Councilwoman Krull seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson motioned to authorize the Council President to enter into a construction agreement for 301-303 W. Third Street, formerly known as 312-314 N. Orange Street, to begin work on the foundations (only) until they receive DEP approval for their sewer module. Councilwoman Krull seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson stated the Borough received a Preserve America award for adaptive reuse of the Media Armory that now houses Trader Joe's and the Pennsylvania Veterans Museum. Vice-President Robinson stated the Veterans Museum is scheduled to open before November 11, 2005.

Vice-President Robinson announced the Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs recognized Media as the Most Valuable Borough 2005, an award given to one borough in the Commonwealth each year for active involvement in its programs.

Personnel & Highway – Ms. Hagan

President Hagan reported that Borough Council agreed to allow Dan Brodeur to assume the lease of 1 W. State Street. President Hagan stated since an amount of repair work is required for the building she would accept a motion to formalize an agreement between Dan Brodeur and the Borough for the abatement of rent at 1 W. State Street for a period of six months contingent on the completion of the identified work. Vice-President Robinson made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Krull. The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Tyson stated that this agreement would incur a loss of \$30,000 in revenue that would not be generated for the Borough, but gives the Brodeurs credit for working with the Borough to restore the property. President Hagan stated the arrangement is a win-win situation because sale of the building is limited by the triple net lease agreement. Councilman Alyanakian stated he was disgraced by the condition of the building, which is a Borough asset that should have been sold. Councilman Alyanakian stated the Borough poorly managed its previous tenant and should withdraw from the real estate

business. Councilwoman Krull stated that the New Orleans Café was one of the businesses that sparked the revitalization of the downtown and should be given this recognition. Vice-President Robinson said he was glad to see a restaurant renaissance.

President Hagan stated she would like to authorize the Solicitor in conjunction with the Borough Manager to review section 605 of the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Code (MPC) relating to density/lot coverage, building height and impervious surface lot coverage. There were no objections. President Hagan stated she would like to solicit input from the Planning Commission as well.

Finance, Insurance & MBA – Mr. Sherwin

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

General Fund	\$ 431,961.97
Recreation Fund	\$ 5,136.79
Liquid Fuels Fund	<u>\$ 10,245.35</u>
Total	\$ 447,344.11

Councilman Sherwin motioned that bills be paid when properly approved for all funds. Councilwoman Krull seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Sherwin motioned to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise the sale of a Chevrolet Caprice. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Sherwin reported that Borough Council is developing a list of capital projects, which may require borrowing in excess of \$1,000,000 to maintain the infrastructure of the Borough.

Councilman Sherwin stated the Media Business Authority (MBA) has created a promotions committee, which plans to enhance business in the downtown. Councilman Sherwin motioned to authorize the release of \$2,000 to the MBA from the Mercantile Tax Escrow Account. Councilwoman Krull seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Recreation, Grants, Recycling & Streetscape – Mrs. Krull

Councilwoman Krull announced the Borough is conducting a children's tennis camp for children ages 7 to 15 years old. The cost is \$10 a week for residents and \$20 for non-residents.

Councilwoman Krull reminded residents the indoor playroom is located on the third floor of Borough Hall for children six and under for parents seeking relief from the heat.

Councilwoman Krull thanked the Recreation Board for making the July 4th celebration a success.

Councilwoman Krull announced the Borough is hoping to re-bid the Streetscape project next week and open bids on August 15, 2005, but this will depend on approval from PennDOT.

Health & Shade Tree Commission – Mr. Alyanakian

Councilman Alyanakian motioned to authorize the Council President to enter into an agreement with the Energy Cooperative to sell back solar panel pending review from the Solicitor. Councilwoman Krull seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Privilege of the Floor

President Hagan requested that residents look after the elderly who are most vulnerable to the heat and that assistance is available to help those in need.

Ms. Rowland, Second Street, asked why Media Borough is not represented on major news weather reports. President Hagan responded the Borough will see what it can do.

Vice-President Robinson announced the 50th Anniversary of the Rose Tree Cults and Cheerleaders, for which a parade will be held on September 17, 2005. Vice-President Robinson stated that Chief Hampton would serve as the Grand Marshall.

Adjournment

Vice-President Robinson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Krull seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary