

**BOROUGH OF MEDIA
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
JUNE 17, 2004**

A Public Hearing was held on the above date with the following officials present: Mayor McMahon, President Hagan, Vice-President Robinson, Councilpersons Krull, Sherwin and Tyson. Also present were Borough Manager Smith and Solicitor Middlebrooks.

President Hagan called the Public Hearing to order at 7:10 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

INTER-MUNICIPAL TRANSFER OF A LIQUOR LICENSE – 36-38 W. STATE STREET

Vice-President Robinson summarized the process pertaining to the inter-municipal transfer of a liquor license. Vice-President Robinson mentioned a letter of request for a liquor license transfer was received from the tenant of 38 West State Street for the purpose of expanding the current restaurant and serving alcohol.

Vice-President Robinson mentioned La Belle Epoque will be expanding the restaurant into 36 West State Street. The liquor license will be transferred from Haverford Township. Presently, La Belle Epoque is a “BYOB.” Vice-President Robinson explained that letters were not sent to local businesses due to the fact that this Public Hearing is for residents (only). Businesses will have the opportunity to provide feedback after the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) has received the request for the liquor license transfer.

John McCreesh, III, attorney for the applicant, briefly discussed the intentions of the restaurant owner. The owner would like to supplement his food menu with wine and spirits. The restaurant will have a small bar, which will seat eight (8) to ten (10) customers. The majority of alcohol served will be wine and high-end beer. Jazz musicians will occasionally play on the 36 W. State Street side of the restaurant. No disc jockeys will be utilized at this establishment. Mr. McCreesh mentioned the restaurant owner is agreeable to a 60% food/40% alcohol ratio for his newly expanded restaurant. He believes 90% food/10% alcohol is a more realistic ratio. Mr. McCreesh introduced Loic Barnieu, owner of La Belle Epoque. Mr. Barnieu mentioned his restaurant will be featured in Main Line Today as the best restaurant in Media. La Belle Epoque was previously featured in Philadelphia Magazine.

There were no further comments from Borough Council or the audience.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary