

**MINUTES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 17, 2003**

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

President Hagan called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. President Hagan led the salute to the flag and observed a moment of silence for the safe return of our troops serving in Iraq.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of March 20, 2003. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Presentation of Awards**

The VFW Post 3460 presented Police Chief Marty Wusinich with a digital camera as a gift in appreciation for the department's public service. The camera will be a valuable addition for the department's work.

Tom Flynn of the Nativity BVM Knights of Columbus presented the Supervisor of the year Award to Sergeant Richard Johnson who has held the post for 14 years. Sergeant Johnson thanked his crew, particularly Patrolmen Craig Nolan and Robert Carroll, Dispatcher Elaine Fullmer and his wife, Susan.

Nancy Davidson, presented Patrolman Robert Brown with the Officer of the Year Award in honor of her late husband John J. Davidson, who was a longtime law enforcement officer. Patrolman Brown thanked the staff and his family.

**Mayor's Report** – Mr. McMahon

Mayor McMahon reported that the police department received and investigated 838 complaints during the month of March. There were no reported burglaries.

**Council Committee Reports**

**Recreation & Code Enforcement** – Mr. Gibian

Councilperson Gibian thanked the Recreation Commission for the successful coordination of two events, lunch with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 12, 2003 and the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 13, 2003.

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Councilperson Gibian announced the Recreation Commission is sponsoring a family dance on Saturday, May 3, 2003 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the Community Center. Entertainment will be provided by Cindy Duffy and catering by Pinocchio's.

Councilperson Gibian announced construction of the tot lot will begin on Saturday, weather permitting.

With the acquisition of the Media Theatre, Councilperson Gibian reported the Borough is in the process of finalizing a lease agreement with the Society for the Performing Arts.

Also pertaining to the Theatre, roof repairs will need to be made in order to postpone (for a few years) the replacement of the entire roof. The Borough plans to obtain three (3) informal quotes. Councilperson Gibian made a motion to authorize the Engineer to prepare specifications for the roof repairs. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Gibian reported sidewalk inspections will once again be underway soon and the Borough will begin enforcing the sidewalk ordinance. If you received correspondence from the Borough pertaining to a hazardous sidewalk on your property, you are urged to take the letter seriously. The Borough is willing to work with residents provided the lines of communication are open.

Councilperson Gibian reminded residents to submit their Summer Recreation applications as spaces for children in the program are limited. Applications are available at the Borough Hall and on-line at [www.mediaborough.com](http://www.mediaborough.com).

**Public Safety - Ms. Whitaker**

Councilperson Whitaker announced Borough Council will conduct Lieutenant interviews in the near future.

Councilperson Whitaker announced oral exams for Patrolman candidates will take place in the near future. The Borough intends to hire one (full-time) police officer.

**Community Development – Mr. Robinson**

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve the preliminary/final land development for 525 N. Orange Street upon satisfaction of the Engineer and Solicitor's office pertaining to any/all outstanding items. Councilperson Gibian seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve the preliminary/final land development of 520 N. Edgmont Street pending satisfaction of the Engineer and Solicitor's office pertaining to any/all outstanding items. Councilperson Gibian seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robins made a motion to approve the preliminary/final land development for 27 W. Third Street upon the applicant meeting all requirements of the Engineer and Solicitor's office pertaining to any/all outstanding items. Councilperson Gibian seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson mentioned a Zoning Hearing Board Application from Media Real Estate for the 300 block of East State Street (between Radnor and Manchester) will come back to the Planning Commission in May with modifications to their plan. They are proposing an apartment complex with 45 units.

Vice-President Robinson reported the Home-Based Business Ordinance will be up for adoption at the May Borough Council meeting.

Vice-President Robinson reported Sign Ordinance amendments will be up for adoption at the May or June Borough Council meeting, which would allow for larger signage on Baker and Jasper Streets in an attempt to allow businesses to have a means of ingress/egress other than State Street.

Vice-President Robinson noted the preliminary/final land development for 212-216 N. Plum Street will be brought back to Borough Council at the May meeting in order to allow the Delaware County Planning Commission to review.

Vice-President Robinson thanked the Highway Department for an outstanding job in planting spring flowers on all of the Borough's properties.

Vice-President Robinson announced an inter-governmental seminar, which will be held by the Healthy Communities Initiative, on Wednesday, May 21, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. Vice-President Robinson encouraged all elected and appointed governmental officials to attend.

**Personnel** – Ms. Hagan

President Hagan mentioned the Borough maintains a list of streets to be included for paving during the spring/summer months. The streets are prioritized in order by the amount of traffic traveled on the roads. Requests for paving should be directed to Borough Manager Smith for consideration.

The annual Walk of Fame ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2003. Nominations for deceased Borough residents who significantly contributed to the community should be forwarded to Borough Manager Smith. Also, the Walk of Fame Committee is looking for volunteers to serve on the committee.

**Finance & Insurance** – Mr. Sherwin

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

General Fund	384,996.85
Liquid Fuels Fund	<u>4,920.08</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>389,916.93</b>

Councilperson Sherwin made a motion to pay the bills as read. Vice-President Robins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Sherwin announced the Media-Upper Providence Library semi-annual book sale will be held on April 27-29, 2003 in the Community Center and Cottage House. Monday is half-price day. The Library is still accepting book donations. Kitty McFarland mentioned they have a variety of videos, tapes and CDs available as well.

**Grants & Recycling** – Mrs. Krull

In Councilperson Krull's absence, Councilperson Alyanakian announced the Media/Americana Roots Ramble will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2003 from 8:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. on State Street. Various restaurants will feature bands representing different eras of music. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 on the day of the event. Councilperson Alyanakian thanked Zubair Khan, Paul Patchell and Roserita Frattone for coordinating the event.

**Health & Shade Tree Commission** – Mr. Alyanakian

Councilperson Alyanakian reported the Shade Tree Commission is preparing for new plantings at the Plum Street Mall in between the Plumstead Inn and First Keystone Bank. They will also plant 20 new trees over the next few weeks to replace trees damaged during last year's drought.

Councilperson Alyanakian announced a dedication ceremony for veterans will be held at Delaware County's jury parking garage on Monday, May 26, 2003. The VFW donated a plaque for the area as well as an Eisenhower Ash tree.

Councilperson Alyanakian reminded everyone to take part in Earth Day, which will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2003. This is an opportunity to take part in protecting the environment by planting a tree or recycling. Media has always tried to take the lead in protecting the environment. Currently a comprehensive recycling program is in place and most recently the Borough purchased wind energy.

Councilperson Alyanakian mentioned Mayor McMahon brought up the topic of a cigarette-smoking ban at a recent Restaurant Association meeting. The response from the restaurant owners was less than favorable. Vice-President Robinson inquired as to whether the Borough's Solicitor has an opportunity to research this new topic. Solicitor Middlebrooks reported this tends to be more effective when it is a state statute as opposed to the local level becoming involved. Currently a restaurant owner is not required to provide separate smoking and non-smoking sections if their establishment seats less than 75 customers. Further research will be completed, however, Councilperson Alyanakian noted this is not something the Borough is ready to implement. We are merely gathering information on this issue.

**Adjournment**

Prior to adjournment President Hagan observed a moment of silence for the passing of State Representative Matthew Ryan, who was a generous person and always seemed to have time for people. He was also the driving force behind helping the Borough secure grant funding over the years.

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Vice-President Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Councilperson Gibian seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jeffrey A. Smith  
Borough Manager/Secretary