

**MINUTES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 15, 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, Krull and Sherwin. 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.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of April 17, 2003. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Proclamation #2003-04**

Mayor McMahon read Proclamation #2003-04, which honors Bob Hope as a patriot, humanitarian and one of the greatest entertainers of the Twentieth Century on the occasion of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Proclamation #2003-05**

Councilperson Alyanakian presented Williamson Trade School with Proclamation #2003-05 thanking them for the spring plantings throughout the Borough. Don Jackson (Tree Warden) accepted the Proclamation on behalf of Williamson Trade School. Councilperson Alyanakian also thanked the Shade Tree Commission and Public Works Department as well.

**Privilege of the Floor**

Fire Chief Mark Fellenbaum announced the Media Fire Company is holding a Housing Event for their new Snorkel Truck on Saturday, June 21, 2003, 7:00 p.m. at the firehouse. Councilperson Whitaker urged everyone's attendance at this event.

Steve Kirchhoff, Republican candidate for Borough Council, requested information pertaining to the Media Minutes Foundation and their involvement with the Media Five Mile Run. In particular he was interested in determining who receives the proceeds from the race, whether or not members of Council and/or their families benefit from the Foundation, etc. President Hagan mentioned no member of Council is a board member of the Media Minutes Foundation, which is a non-profit organization, and that no Council member has benefited personally with regards to the proceeds from the race. Further, President Hagan noted the Borough is reimbursed for expenses incurred during the race (i.e. clean-up, etc.). President Hagan also mentioned the monies raised benefit

the community, however, Steve Kirchhoff's specific questions will be directed to the Foundation so they can be addressed. Vice-President Robinson stated the proceeds from the Five Mile Run go directly to the Delaware County Roadrunners Association, also a non-profit organization.

Bob Dimond announced a Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 26, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. beginning on State Street with a ceremony at New Orleans Café and ending with a ceremony at the Court House.

### **Engineer's Report**

Engineer Mulvena reported R.C. Marlin & Associates, Inc. of Chester submitted the lowest responsible bid to perform roof repair work at the Media Theatre. Councilperson Gibian made a motion to approve R.C. Marlin to perform the repair work in the amount of \$9,243. Councilperson Alyanakian seconded the motion. Motion carried with Vice-President Robinson and Councilperson Whitaker abstaining.

Councilperson Whitaker made a motion to approve an engineering study related to parking on the 400 block of South Avenue. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Mayor's Report** – Mr. McMahan

Mayor McMahan reported the police department received and investigated 779 complaints during the month of April. There was one reported burglary on April 30, 2003 in an office building located at Veterans Square.

### **Council Committee Reports**

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

Councilperson Gibian thanked the Recreation Commission for another successful family dance held at the Community Center on Saturday, May 3, 2003.

Councilperson Gibian reported applications are still being accepted for the Recreation Commission's Summer Camp. He reminded everyone to submit their applications as soon as possible since spaces are limited.

Councilperson Gibian announced construction of the tot lot has begun. He reminded residents to stay away from this area until construction is complete.

Councilperson Gibian announced the Recreation Commission is planning a bus trip to Annapolis, Maryland. More details to follow.

Councilperson Gibian made a motion to authorize the ratification of a lease agreement with the Society for the Performing Arts pending the Society forward written correspondence agreeing to amend their by-laws to allow for the nomination/appointment of up to three (3) board members by Media Borough Council. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Gibian made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise bids for fixed auditorium seating at the Media Theatre. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Pertaining to dumpsters located in the Right-of-Way, Councilperson Gibian mentioned the Borough is working on determining the types of structures that would be acceptable for enclosures as we will be enforcing the ordinance that requires these enclosures.

Councilperson Gibian reported notices of violations have been sent to residents regarding sidewalks that are not in compliance with the Borough's Sidewalk Ordinance. Councilperson Gibian thanked residents who have replaced their sidewalk and noted the ordinance will be enforced, as it is a serious safety issue. The Borough is willing to work with residents provided they contact our Code Enforcement Department.

**Public Safety** - Ms. Whitaker

Councilperson Whitaker made a motion to adopt Resolution #2003-05, which approves, adopts and places in effect the Borough's Emergency Operations Plan. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Plan is reviewed every two (2) years.

Councilperson Whitaker made a motion to authorize the Civil Service Commission to create an Eligible List for the position of sergeant. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Community Development** – Mr. Robinson

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve the subdivision and land development application for 212 N. Plum Street, which would create two (2) new townhomes at 214 & 216 N. Plum Street contingent upon the applicant satisfying the items listed in the Engineer's memo dated April 1, 2003. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve Resolution #2003-06, which authorizes the Borough to enter into a lease agreement with Verizon to construct a clock tower at Borough Hall. The proposed clock tower is not a typical cell tower as all the antenna would be housed inside a stealth tower, which would display a clock on the outside. Verizon is proposing to pay for the construction of the clock tower as well an annual (lease) fee to the Borough. The tower also has the capacity to house up to two (2) additional carriers. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Verizon's next step in the process is to go to the Planning Commission and the Zoning Hearing Board for a height variance.

Vice-President Robinson mentioned a home-based business ordinance and sign ordinance will be up for adoption at the June 19, 2003 Council meeting.

Vice-President Robinson announced the Health Communities Initiative is sponsoring an Inter-Municipal Seminar on Wednesday, May 21, 2003 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Vice-President Robinson urged all elected and appointed officials to attend.

Vice-President Robinson reported the Zoning Hearing Board application for an apartment complex along the 300 block of East State Street has been issued a continuance until June.

**Personnel** – Ms. Hagan

President Hagan mentioned she would accept a motion to adopt a resolution to apply for reimbursement of snow removal funds. Councilperson Whitaker made a motion to adopt Resolution #2003-07, which seeks reimbursement of funds from the Commonwealth for snow removal during the February 17, 2003 storm when the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and Governor declared a state of emergency. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

President Hagan reported road resurfacing will be completed on Edgmont, East Jefferson and Front Streets in the near future. President Hagan urged residents to contact Borough Hall if they are aware of roads in need of resurfacing.

President Hagan announced the annual Walk of Fame ceremony, which honors deceased Borough residents who had a significant impact on the community, will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. Individuals who expressed interest in serving on the Committee will be appointed after this year's ceremony.

President Hagan congratulated Mayor McMahon for his recent award of Veteran of the Year by the Small Business Association.

**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	443,872.12
Liquid Fuels Fund	<u>7,510.80</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>551,382.92</b>

Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Sherwin made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to draft an amendment to the Historical Archives Commission Ordinance to permit one (1) non-Media resident to serve if so desired. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Grants & Recycling** – Mrs. Krull

Councilperson Krull read Proclamation #2003-07, which proclaims Friday, June 6, 2003 to be Bike-to-Work Day within the Borough of Media. This is sponsored by the Delaware County Transportation Management Association and the Delaware County Planning Department.

In relation to the Streetscape Project, many individuals expressed concern regarding the removal of trees on State Street. Councilperson Krull noted the Borough, in conjunction with the Tree Warden, is currently reviewing the proposed species of trees to be re-planted within the Project area. The Borough has asked the Tree Warden to make recommendations on the species of trees to be planted. The existing trees have created many problems due to their size such as blocked signage, heaved sidewalks and fire hazards.

Councilperson Krull mentioned the Borough is considering a newspaper vending machine ordinance, which would make pedestrian travel safer and improve the overall aesthetics of the downtown area. We are currently working with the local newspaper vendors to mutually agree on a multi-compartment newspaper vending machine.

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

Councilperson Alyanakian made a motion to adopt a resolution to apply for grant funding through PECO and Unicom for the installation of energy-reducing sustainable solar panels at the Armory and Media Theatre. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Privilege of the Floor**

Jane Rowland mentioned she believes parking has become an issue on Haldeman Street between Second and Third Streets.

Jane Rowland mentioned landscapers are beginning work in her neighborhood very early in the morning. President Hagan requested she call the police if it continues, as they will be in violation of the Borough's Noise Ordinance.

Jane Rowland inquired about the status of the digital meters that were recently purchased by the Borough. President Hagan noted they have been received and will be installed in the near future.

Bob Dimond reminded everyone to attend the Media Rotary Soap Box Derby on Saturday, June 7, 2003. Approximately 30 cars are participating. Trials will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2003.

Everyone is reminded to vote in the May 20, 2003 Primary Election and the June 27, 2003 Special Election.

**Adjournment**

Councilperson Whitaker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Councilperson Alyanakian seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jeffrey A. Smith  
Borough Manager/Secretary