

**MINUTES**  
**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**October 20, 2005**

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

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

**Proclamation #2005-11 - Honoring Dottie Lewis**

Councilman Alyanakian mentioned the importance of the Shade Tree Commission to the Borough of Media. The Shade Tree Commission has exclusive custody and control of the shade trees in the Borough. This Commission is authorized to plant, remove, maintain, and protect shade trees on the streets of the Borough. Dottie Lewis has been a key member of the Shade Tree Commission for many years. Her hard work and dedication has been evident to the Commission and the community, therefore the Borough of Media is honoring Dottie Lewis with Proclamation #2005-11. Councilman Alyanakian expressed the Borough's deep appreciation to Dottie Lewis for her work on Shade Tree. Ms. Lewis responded that it has been a privilege and an honor to serve on the Shade Tree Commission. Jane Valdes-Dapena noted that Ms. Lewis' knowledge has been invaluable to the Commission and they will continue to depend on her expertise in the future by consulting with her on various issues.

**Presentation of Donation Checks**

Councilman Sherwin announced the Media Business Authority (MBA) will present donation checks to two (2) organizations this evening. These donations come from the proceeds of this past summer's Blues Stroll event. Zubair Khan, Executive Director of the MBA, and Monika Rehoric, MBA member, presented a check in the amount of \$500 to the Media Youth Center. Barry Gross accepted the check on behalf of the Media Youth Center and mentioned he appreciates the support from the MBA and Borough. The second check in the amount of \$500 was presented to the Media Police Association. Councilwoman Whitaker accepted the donation check of behalf of the Association and mentioned it will be used to help people in need in our community.

**Presentation to Jim Austin**

Councilwoman Krull announced the Recreation Commission will honor Jim Austin as a long time member of the Commission. Monica Simpson, President of the Recreation Commission, mentioned Jim Austin has been a member since 1977 and has been an inspiration to all members. He has always been helpful and willing to share his knowledge with others. Mr. Austin was also instrumental in obtaining the grant the Borough received to acquire Barrall Field. Mr. Austin was delighted to receive the honor and thanked everyone for the plaque and kind words. President Hagan mentioned a reception will take place immediately following in the second floor conference room. The Council meeting recessed for five (5) minutes to allow individuals to leave in order to attend the reception.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

The Council meeting resumed after a five (5) minute recess and Vice-President Robinson motioned to approve the September 15, 2005 Council Meeting minutes. Councilwoman Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Privilege of the Floor**

Paul Cavanagh, 5<sup>th</sup> Street, inquired as to whether or not an application has been made to the Borough to obtain a club liquor license. President Hagan responded that she was not aware one had been made at this point in time.

Todd Gibian, 416 S. Jackson Street, inquired about the process of hiring employees within the Borough of Media. President Hagan replied that the hiring of Borough employees is approved by Media Borough Council during their regular meeting. Generally, a candidate will go through an interview process and the Borough Secretary will make a recommendation to Council.

### **Mayor's Report** – Mayor McMahon

Mayor McMahon reported there were 900 complaints during the month of September and two (2) reported burglaries. One (1) forced entry and one (1) attempted burglary.

### **Proclamation #2005-09 – Media Presbyterian Church**

Mayor McMahon read Proclamation #2005-09 honoring Media Presbyterian Church's 155-year legacy as one of Media's oldest churches. A ceremony will be held on Sunday, October 23, 2005 at 11:30 a.m. to celebrate the anniversary.

### **Proclamation #2005-10 – Red Ribbon Week**

Mayor McMahon read Proclamation #2005-10 proclaiming October 23-31 to be Red Ribbon Week, working toward a drug-free community.

### **Mayor's Report (cont'd)** – Mayor McMahon

Mayor McMahon announced the Pennsylvania Veterans Museum will hold its grand opening to the public on Friday, November 11, 2005 at 10:25 a.m. Guests in attendance will include Governor Ed Rendell and Congressman Curt Weldon. There is a possibility that former Governor Ridge may attend due to the fact that he was instrumental in getting this project off the ground. The Veterans Day Parade will follow the grand opening of the Museum with Harry Kallas as the emcee and Luther H. Smith (Tuskegee Airman) as the marshal.

## **Council Committee Reports**

### **Recreation, Code Enforcement & Properties** – Mr. Tyson

As noted last month, the Borough is seeking to fill a part-time Construction Inspector position due to the influx of new construction taking place within the Borough. On that note, Councilman Tyson made a motion to hire Philip Kemmel as the part-time Construction Inspector for the Code Enforcement Department. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Tyson reported that the Media-Upper Providence Library Fall Book Sale was a huge success and thanked everyone involved in the event.

Councilman Tyson reported that the Media-Upper Providence Library has focus group meetings scheduled on a regular basis. Please call the Library for more information. Also, there is a need to have teenagers represented in their focus groups. Any interested teenagers willing to participate should contact the Library.

Councilman Tyson reported the Media Theatre received \$175,000 in funding from the Delaware County Council. The Theatre will be honored during the month of November.

Councilman Tyson congratulated Dan Brodeur and his family for the grand opening of their new restaurant, Brodeur's on State Street. Councilman Tyson believes the new restaurant will be an asset to the community.

### **Public Safety** – Ms. Whitaker

Councilwoman Whitaker made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to draft and advertise traffic ordinance amendments as it pertains to handicapped signs, snow emergency routes, etc. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Community Development** – Mr. Robinson

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1002, amending fees for subdivision and land development applications. Vice-President Robinson noted a Public Hearing was held to receive public comment on this topic at 7:30 p.m. Solicitor Middlebrooks noted there were some minor language changes per the Planning Commission. Councilwoman Krull seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve the preliminary land development application for 27-35 E. Baltimore Avenue, United Savings Bank, pending compliance with the Planning Commission comments and the NDI review memo. Councilwoman Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Vice-President Robinson referenced the rendering for this property and mentioned the plan truly depicts the character of the Borough. Councilman Tyson inquired as whether the tenant will purchase the building or lease. Vice-President Robinson replied that he believes it is a long-term lease.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve the final reverse subdivision and land development application for 7-13 E. Baltimore Avenue pending compliance with the NDI review memo. Councilwoman Krull seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1, with Councilman Tyson casting the dissenting vote.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve the minor land development/change of use application for 300 W. State Street. This is a change of use group from "B" business to a mixed-use group of "M" Mercantile and "A-3" assembly. Councilwoman Krull seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve the final subdivision and land development application for 507-509 N. Olive Street pending compliance with the NDI review memo. Councilwoman Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve the sign application for 280 N. Providence Road, Curves Fitness. Borough Council does not normally approve sign applications, however, this comes before Council this evening due to the fact they are requesting to have cursive writing (font) in lieu of block lettering. Vice-President Robinson recommends granting this request, as it is part of the Curves trademark. Councilwoman Krull seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to authorize Andre Horn (applicant), Dive Shop, to bypass the Media approval process for land development in Upper Providence Township. Vice-President Robinson explained that the majority of the property in question (Painter Street) is located in Upper Providence, with only a small portion located within the Borough. The reverse was true for a property on Cherry Street a few months ago and Upper Providence granted the same for the Borough. Councilwoman Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to draft and advertise a zoning ordinance amendment as well as authorize the Engineer to amend the zoning map to change the northwest section of Baltimore Avenue from "I" Industrial to "HBO" Highway/Business/Office. Solicitor Middlebrooks mentioned separate Public Hearings for the zoning ordinance and map amendments should be held in December. Councilwoman Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson noted while visiting a client in another township, he noticed large "Slow Down" signs posted on private property. Vice-President Robinson inquired about them and learned they have been very effective in traffic calming efforts and encourages the Borough to look into purchasing these signs as soon as possible for trouble spots throughout the Borough.

#### **Personnel & Highway** – Ms. Hagan

President Hagan mentioned she would accept a motion to enter into an agreement with the Valley Place Homeowners Association as it pertains to their trash collection. Councilwoman Whitaker made a motion to enter into the agreement, which allows the Borough to gain access to their property in order to collect trash. Councilwoman Krull seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hagan noted the Borough received a request to install a streetlight within the 300 block of W. Second Street. Vice-President Robinson made a motion to install the streetlight within the 300 block of W. Second Street. Councilwoman Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**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	\$ 318,346.08
Recreation Fund	\$ 4,480.94
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ <u>4,270.29</u>
Total	\$ 327,097.31

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

Councilman Sherwin made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1003 pertaining to the Non-electoral General Obligation Debt in the amount of \$910,000 for the purpose of providing funds for miscellaneous 2005 capital projects, Streetscape, fire department capital improvements, road resurfacing and stormwater management. This is a 15-year note at an interest rate of 3.92%. The fee is \$1,000. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. While Councilman Alyanikian mentioned the importance of these projects, it is disconcerting to him that the Borough has not cut expenses as of yet and that there is the need to borrow the funds. Councilman Sherwin responded that the Borough is in the process of preparing the 2006 budget and expenses will be taken into consideration.

Councilman Sherwin announced the Third Annual Jazz by Night event, hosted by the MBA, will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2005 and encourages everyone to come out and join in the fun. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 on the day of the event. Most restaurants are participating and each will host a separate jazz act.

Councilman Sherwin announced the next MBA Business Mixer will be held on Monday, October 24, 2005 at On A Roll and encourages everyone to attend.

Councilman Sherwin reported the newly formed Promotions Committee is putting forth an excellent effort to promote shopping and dining in Downtown Media during the holidays.

**Recreation, Grants, Recycling & Streetscape** – Mrs. Krull

Councilwoman Krull reported the Streetscape Project will begin during the week of October 31, 2005. Although the construction bids were higher than anticipated, PennDOT will cover 80% of the costs, while the Borough will cover 20%. Councilwoman Krull made a motion to adopt Resolution #2005-14 – Transportation Enhancement Program, which authorizes the Borough President to enter into a reimbursement agreement for the project. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Krull announced the Borough has reached an agreement with the newspaper vendors as it pertains to their newsracks on Borough streets. The Borough and newspaper vendors joined together to come up with a mutually acceptable agreement, which promotes orderly distribution of the newspapers. The agreement outlines the various locations and mentions the vendors will purchase corrals to place their newsracks. Councilwoman Krull made a motion to authorize the Borough President to execute the agreement. Councilwoman Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilwoman Whitaker thanked Councilwoman Krull for her hard work on this project. While it took a while to implement due to the First Amendment implications, Councilwoman Whitaker is pleased with the result. Vice-President Robinson also thanked Councilwoman Krull for her efforts on this project, which he believes was brought before Council perhaps ten (10) years ago.

Councilwoman Krull announced the resignation of Jean Pierre (JP) Beaudouin from the Environment Advisory Committee. Anyone interested should submit a letter of interest and resume to Borough Manager Smith.

Councilwoman Krull announced the Senior Luncheon will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2005 at the Towne House Restaurant from 12:00-3:00 p.m. Please call the Borough office to reserve a seat.

Councilwoman Krull announced the Halloween Extravaganza will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2005 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. in the Community Center with games, refreshments and goodie bags.

Councilwoman Krull announced the Recreation Commission is sponsoring a bus trip to the Wachovia Center for the Nightmare Extreme Scream Park. Tickets are \$15 and include admission and transportation. This event is not intended for young children.

Councilwoman Krull announced the Media Arts Council will host a pumpkin painting event at the Plum Street Mall on Saturday, October 29, 2005 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Cost is \$5 per pumpkin and proceeds go to Hurricane relief efforts.

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

With Dottie Lewis' resignation, Councilman Alyanakian mentioned the Shade Tree Commission will be looking for a candidate to fill the vacancy. Anyone interested should send a letter of interest and resume to Borough Manager Smith.

Councilman Alyanakian reported the first phase of the solar panel installation is completed at Media Elementary School. Councilman Alyanakian thanked the Rose Tree Media School District, Maria Kotch (Media Elementary Principal) and Mesa Environmental for their efforts.

Councilman Alyanakian welcomed Brodeur's on State Street, noting the restaurant will be an exciting addition to Downtown Media.

### **Privilege of the Floor**

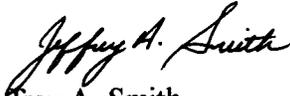
Mrs. Rowland, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, inquired as to whether there was a list available depicting roads that were planned for resurfacing. President Hagan responded that the Borough is in the process of finalizing the list. It will be posted on the Cable Channel and website when complete.

Kitty McFarland, State Street, inquired as to whether the newspaper vending machines at the Post Office property will have a corral. Councilwoman Krull responded that most locations throughout the Borough will have a corral.

### **Adjournment**

Vice-President Robinson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Councilwoman Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Smith  
Borough Manager/Secretary