

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2010**

Media Borough Council met in Council Chambers on the above date with the following officials present: Mayor McMahon, President Alyanakian, Vice-President Rehoric, Councilwomen Roe and Simpson, Councilmen Cunningham, Stein and Williamson. Also present were Borough Manager Smith, Treasurer Deitch, Solicitor Scott and Engineer Walton.

President Alyanakian called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and led the salute to the flag.

President Alyanakian asked for a moment of silence for Ruth Grant, a former Parking Enforcement Officer for the Borough, who passed away this month.

Approval of the Minutes

President Alyanakian made a motion to adopt the October 7, 2010 Workshop meeting minutes. Vice-President Rehoric seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Alyanakian made a motion to adopt the October 21, 2010 Council meeting minutes. Councilwoman Roe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment & Privilege of the Floor

Roger Ricker, Public Relations Director for the Media Theatre, mentioned the national attention the Theatre has received concerning the show "Annie" that is scheduled for November and December. Wanda Sykes, a Media resident and Emmy winner, will be playing Miss Hannigan in the upcoming presentation. Mr. Ricker thanked the Council and the town of Media for the new spirit of cooperation with the Theatre. President Alyanakian inquired where residents could purchase tickets to this presentation. Mr. Ricker mentioned the tickets can be purchased at the Theatre or online at www.mediatheatre.org.

James Tangorra of E. Fourth Street mentioned the Farmers Market and how it is a nice local event, which had a great start. All the vendors are excited about next years market.

Amy Johnson of N. Edgmont Street thanked the Council and residents for the success of the Farmers Market. Ms. Johnson mentioned that November 11, 2010 was the last date for the Farmers Market for the 2010 season and there were no complaints or problems with the market. Ms. Johnson also mentioned that the market had the full support of the Media Business Authority. Councilwoman Roe, the liaison for the Farmers Market,

mentioned that she would be contacting Ms. Johnson with some questions concerning the market.

Bob Dimond of E. Third Street mentioned the success of the Veterans Day parade. Mr. Dimond thanked the Media Police Department, Higgins Electric and Code Enforcement Director Jim Jeffery for their help with the parade. Vice-President Rehoric mentioned that the weather was perfect and it was good to see a large group of children from Media Elementary involved in the parade. Mayor McMahon commented that the younger veterans should get involved with future parades. President Alyanakian mentioned that he was amazed at the participation of the older World War II Veterans.

Councilwoman Simpson mentioned that she has been the co-director for the 5 Mile Race for the past five (5) years and there are 150 volunteers and no paid staff. Councilwoman Simpson mentioned that there were two (2) checks that were donated to the Borough. One check for \$5,000 was donated to the Capital Improvement Fund and one check for \$1,000 was donated for the Emergency Management announcement system on State Street.

Tom Hibberd, member of the Media Rotary Club, mentioned that the success of the Farmers Market was discussed during their meeting of November 18, 2010 and their recommendation was to include Linvilla Orchards next season.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Scott mentioned the change in state law for civil service selection of police officers, which will include physical tests for new hiring. The new law will pick from the top three (3) scores and will apply to part-time and full-time positions. Solicitor Scott will review the changes with the Public Safety Committee and Council over the next few months.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McMahon reported that the police department received and investigated 779 complaints during the month of October.

Mayor McMahon reported that the police department performed 22 traffic details during the month of October.

Mayor McMahon reported that there was one (1) burglary during the month of October. One unknown person broke into a storage shed of Media Motors and stole a tire balancer and related equipment.

Mayor McMahon reported that there was one (1) burglary during the month of November. On November 8, 2010 a burglary occurred at an apartment in the 200 block of West Second Street. Someone broke a window, entered the apartment and stole loose change. A 28 year old male and former roommate of the victim has been arrested.

Mayor McMahon reported that criminal mischief occurred to a total of eight (8) vehicles parked in the 300 block of West Fourth Street on mischief night, October 30, 2010. The vehicles had been damaged with spray paint, sugar and motor oil. No one saw or heard anyone in the area and the investigation remains open.

Mayor McMahon mentioned that Sergeant Carroll has returned to active duty and Sergeant Bowen is still on the inactive list.

Mayor McMahon mentioned that the new part-time officer, Johnny Edelblute, has started his in-house training.

Councilman Cunningham inquired if the police department could alert the neighbors on the block of a burglary or other crimes. Mayor McMahon mentioned that it is possible with the technology that we have now.

Council/Committee Reports

Public Safety, Lightning & Shade Tree – Mr. Cunningham

Councilman Cunningham mentioned that since the four (4) way stop sign was not approved for the intersection of Third Street and Lemon Street the Public Safety Committee recommended signs and creative markings on the street to alert drivers to this intersection.

Councilman Cunningham mentioned that the crosswalk located at State Street and Jackson Street was repaired this week. The base of the crosswalk was rebuilt and the drainage on the street has improved. Councilman Cunningham mentioned that in the future the crosswalks at other intersections may be able to be replaced with stamped asphalt instead of bricks, which are more expensive.

Councilman Cunningham mentioned that the repair of the sinkhole located in the 800 block of North Olive Street will start next week.

Councilman Cunningham made a motion to accept the Delaware County SPCA stray animal boarding contract. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Cunningham mentioned that the contract will be from January 1, 2011 until June 30, 2011 with no animals accepted after June, 2011. Councilman Cunningham inquired if the County has made any decisions, after the contract is expired. Borough Manager Smith mentioned that the discussion is ongoing with the County and there is nothing to report at this time.

Councilman Cunningham made a motion to ratify the mass gathering permit application for the Veterans Day Parade. Councilman Stein seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Cunningham mentioned that although the parade was held on November 11, 2010, Council had to ratify the final approval.

Library, Media Business Authority & Recreation – Dr. Stein

Councilman Stein made a motion to appoint Brian Morris to the Recreation Board for the unexpired term of Kevin Boyer. Councilman Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Cunningham mentioned that the Borough should send a thank you letter to Mr. Boyer for the years that he served on the board.

Councilman Stein mentioned all the different programs that are offered by the Recreation Committee such as Yoga, Zumba, etc.

Councilman Stein mentioned that the library had 110,000 visitors in the past year, 10 public access computers and 9,500 library card holders.

Councilman Stein mentioned Santa's arrival will be on Friday, November 26, 2010, 6:00 p.m., 1 W. State Street. Makin Music, the Phillie Phanatic and the cast of Annie will be performing between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Stein mentioned the carriage rides in Media will be every Wednesday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. starting December 8, 2010 until Christmas and you will be entitled to a discount if you buy a ticket for the Holiday House tour.

Councilman Stein mentioned the Media dollars that are being offered by merchants in the Borough. When you receive Media dollars, you can exchange them for real dollars at the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union. Councilman Stein commented that the Media Business Authority is going a great job and has big plans for 2011.

Public Property & Economic Development, Health & Historic – Mrs. Rehoric

Vice-President Rehoric mentioned that the Economic Development Committee will reconvene in January.

Vice-President Rehoric mentioned that Council will vote on the permit application for the Farmers Market at the December Council meeting.

Vice-President Rehoric mentioned the Holiday House Tour that is being held on Saturday, December 11, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., which includes 12 homes. Tickets are available at Quincy's Market, Coffee Club and Kenny's Florist. Vice-President Rehoric mentioned that December 11th is also 2nd Saturday events in Media.

Vice-President Rehoric made a motion to approve the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) application for the sign at Shephard American Antiques located at 335 W. State Street. Councilwoman Roe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Rehoric made a motion to accept the resignations of Rebecca Herbert and Alan Warfield from the Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB). Councilman Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Cunningham mentioned that the Borough should send a letter of thanks to Ms. Herbert and Mr. Warfield for their service on the Board.

Code Enforcement, Environmental Advisory Council & Parking – Mr. Alyanakian

President Alyanakian mentioned that the Borough will have free parking on the third floor of the parking garage from Friday, November 26, 2010 through Saturday, January 1, 2011 and encouraged all residents and visitors to spend Media dollars during the holidays.

President Alyanakian made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1078 for residential parking along the 200 block of E. Lincoln Street. Councilman Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. President Alyanakian mentioned that the ordinance will include just the north side of 200 block of E. Lincoln Street from Edgmont Street to Radnor Street. Councilman Williamson mentioned that the Borough should send a letter to Upper Providence Township to notify them of this ordinance.

President Alyanakian made a motion to accept the resignation of Kristina Rutsky from the Environmental Advisory Council. Vice-President Rehoric seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. President Alyanakian mentioned that since there are two (2) vacancies on the Environmental Advisory Council, Borough Council should advertise for the year 2011.

Community Design, Finance, Public Works & Infrastructure – Mr. Williamson

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

General Fund	\$ 691,977.16
Recreation Fund	1,315.29
Capital Fund	<u>38,200.00</u>
Total	\$ 731,492.45

Councilman Williamson made a motion to approve the payment of bills for October as outlined by Treasurer Deitch. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. Councilman Cunningham inquired if there were any bills for the CMAQ or the Third Street Bridge/Dam projects. Treasurer Deitch mentioned that there were some invoices for engineering services for the CMAQ project. The motion carried 6-1, with Councilman Cunningham casting the dissenting vote.

Councilman Williamson made a motion to adopt the preliminary 2011 General Fund, Capital Fund, Liquid Fuels Fund and Recreation Fund budgets. Vice-President Rehoric seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Williamson mentioned that most of the money in the General Fund is used for Borough operations and the funds in the capital budget are used for large ticket items, such as the purchase of a trash truck, etc. Councilman Williamson mentioned that the budget should be finalized and balanced by the December meeting. President Alyanakian commented that the Finance Committee has done a thorough job and should be commended for all their hard work.

Councilman Cunningham mentioned that the contributions made by the Borough to the Media-Upper Providence Library and the Media Business Authority have no restrictions on where the money is used, but the contributions to the Media Fire Company go into an audited account. Councilman Cunningham mentioned that the Borough should give some thought to restrictions on the contributions. President Alyanakian mentioned that the Community Development Committee should discuss this matter in 2011.

Councilman Williamson mentioned that the earned income tax for Media Borough was running ahead for the year, but at the moment is behind in collections. Councilman Williamson believes that at the end of 2010 we will be on target.

Councilman Williamson made a motion to authorize the advertisement of request for proposals for professional services within the Borough to include solicitor and engineering services. Councilman Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Williamson mentioned that Borough Council does not have to take the lowest bid, but can vote on who they feel comfortable with. Councilman Williamson mentioned that both the solicitor and engineer do a fine job, but Council likes to solicit proposals from time to time on all items.

Councilman Williamson mentioned the Zoning Hearing Board application for a cell tower to be installed by AT&T at 1 Veterans Square in order to improve coverage for AT&T customers in the Courthouse and that he is not recommending Council approve this application.

Councilman Williamson made a motion to approve the replacement of 65 feet of sidewalk along 337-345 W. Second Street, which was damaged by Borough trees. Councilman Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Williamson mentioned the cost of approximately \$2,900.

Councilman Williamson made a motion to authorize the advertisement of bids for the sale of a Borough vehicle. Vice-President Rehoric seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Williamson mentioned that the vehicle, which was an old police vehicle and then was used by the Code Enforcement Department, will be posted online.

Fair Trade, Fire, Media Arts Council & Special Projects – Mrs. Roe

Councilwoman Roe mentioned that she did not have the numbers for the fire calls or EMS calls for the month of October. Councilwoman Roe mentioned that the fire company is in need of contributions and volunteers.

Personnel, Technology & Emergency Management – Mrs. Simpson

Councilwoman Simpson mentioned that negotiations are ongoing with contract personnel.

Councilwoman Simpson mentioned that Global Connect sent a non-emergency notice from Councilwoman Simpson out to all the residents and businesses that are registered with the program. The message was sent to businesses at 11:00 a.m. and to homes at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Stein mentioned that he received the phone call and the announcement was very clear. Councilwoman Simpson is encouraging all the residents in the Borough to sign up for Global Connect on the Media Borough website or by calling the Borough office and mentioned this is a method of communication to alert residents about an emergency situation.

Councilman Stein mentioned the redesign of the Borough website. Councilman Stein mentioned that this update will make the website more interactive, easier to maintain and save money for the Borough.

Public Comment & Privilege of the Floor

Addie Ciannella of S. Edgmont Street mentioned that as a former library director she feels that Council should educate themselves about state aid and the library system. Ms. Ciannella mentioned having copies of the Council meeting on DVD available at the library to residents.

Ms. Ciannella mentioned that she feels that the Media Business Authority is a wonderful organization and she would like to see more business and non-business residents working together and a resident serving on the Media Business Authority Board. Ms. Ciannella thanked the Farmers Market Committee for all their hard work this season.

Ms. Ciannella inquired about the pedestrian crossing that was painted black at Third Street and Monroe Street. Councilman Cunningham mentioned that the intersection had no formal traffic control and pedestrians would think the intersection was safe to cross at any time. The Public Safety Committee decided to cover the white lines at the intersection for safety reasons and the liability to the Borough. Councilman Cunningham mentioned that the crossing in front of the Presbyterian Church on Baltimore Avenue was also painted black.

Bob Dimond of E. Third Street mentioned Santa's Village at the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union.

Mr. Dimond mentioned that Frank Seyfert who was a Media lawyer years ago passed away this month. Mr. Dimond mentioned that Mr. Seyfert's office was located where Trader Joe's parking lot is today and he was very involved with Borough activities.

Eric Shephard of W. State Street wanted to thank Borough Council for all their support in the opening of his business, Eric T. Shephard American Antiques, located at 335 W. State Street.

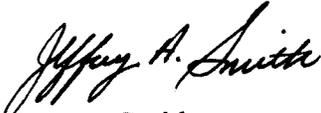
President Alyanakian mentioned the opening of Media Pizza on State Street where LB Toys was located.

President Alyanakian mentioned that Baggot & Bak Associates on State Street and Tom Hibberd's office on State Street and Orange Street are in the process of installing solar panels on their properties.

Adjournment

President Alyanakian made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Councilman Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary