

MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
August 4, 2016

Media Borough Council met in the large conference room at 301 N. Jackson Street, Media, PA on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the following officials present: Mayor McMahon, President Hall, Vice President Robinson, Councilman Williamson and Boyer, Councilwomen Dixon, A. Johnson and L. Johnson. Also present were Borough Manager Smith, Solicitor Scott and Engineer Matson.

Public Comment & Privilege of the Floor

Carolina Garzon of South Avenue spoke regarding her neighbor at 307 South Avenue and the deplorable condition of her home. Ms. Garzon mentioned although some issues have been taken care of, there is still a presence of urine smells, mold and rodents. Ms. Garzon mentioned that she is now pregnant and has concern for her baby. President Hall mentioned that the Borough can address code enforcement issues, but cannot offer legal advice. Due to the legality of this situation he cannot comment, however the issue will be discussed in executive session and if permitted, President Hall will be in touch with Ms. Garzon.

Mike York of South Avenue expressed his support for Ms. Garzon.

Borough Manager's Report

Borough Manager Smith mentioned that there is a revised workshop agenda and the police report for July in the meeting folders.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Matson mentioned the change order for the boiler replacement project to remove and remediate the asbestos at a cost of \$8,400. Engineer Matson will make the appropriate filings. Engineer Matson mentioned the road resurfacing program and has found Joseph Sucher & Sons difficult to deal with. He has pressured them to begin work and warned that the bid bond may be called in if work does not commence shortly. Engineer Matson has drafted an elevator contract and it is being reviewed by the Solicitor. The project will be posted on Penn Bid.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Scott had no report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McMahon reported that the police department received and investigated 653 complaints during the month of July. Mayor McMahon mentioned an incident where an unauthorized solicitor approached an elderly resident offering to do driveway work. The resident gave the man a large amount of cash and the man did not return to finish the work. Mayor McMahon

mentioned that the police statistics report was placed in the folders and reviewed the Chief's report.

Council/Committee Reports

Recreation and Board of Health – Mr. Boyer

Councilman Boyer had no report.

HARB, MBA and Historic – Ms. L. Johnson

Councilwoman L. Johnson had no report.

Properties, Public Works, Public Safety and Fire – Mr. Robinson

Vice President Robinson mentioned proposed changes to the Civil Service regulations. Solicitor Scott mentioned that he received additional changes today and will incorporate them and re-distribute the draft of the document to council for consideration at the legislative meeting.

Vice-President Robinson mentioned that Borough Council may want to consider Resolution #2016-xx regarding setting the schedules and procedures for disposition of records and equipment.

Vice-President Robinson mentioned that Borough Council may want to consider the mass gathering permit application for the VFW Chicken Bar B Que on Sunday, September 18, 2016.

Vice-President Robinson mentioned that Borough Council may want to consider the mass gathering permit application for Media Elementary School's Back to School Potluck Supper on Friday, September 9, 2016.

Community Development, Personnel and Media Arts Council – Mr. Hall

President Hall introduced Bob Linn of Linn Architects who made a presentation of 300 E. State Street which will be a 3-story building with 23 upscale apartments. Mr. Linn mentioned the project was presented to the Planning Commission and was approved unanimously with 6 conditions including street striping, snow plow removal space, dumpster placement, placement of a bench on corner of State and Baker Streets and due to the loss of two parallel parking spaces near the Second Baptist Church. The Planning Commission suggested a letter be sent to Reverend Mays informing of this. Mr. Sullivan has drafted the letter to Reverend Mays. Mr. Linn mentioned that this project is within the terms of the settlement agreement between the applicant and the Borough. Mr. Linn asked for guidance from the Borough with the regard to the sidewalks and lighting before final approval. Mr. Linn mentioned that great consideration has been given to the row houses on State Street and all access to the building will be on Baker Street. President Hall asked about parking. Mr. Linn responded that there are 40 parking spaces on site, with one and half spaces designated for the one bedroom units and 2 spaces for the 2 bedroom units, additionally the third floor of the parking garage at 200 E. State Street will be available for weekend over flow and guest parking.

President Hall mentioned that this is the time to impose any additional conditions. President Hall asked Engineer Matson if all the conditions in his report were met. Engineer Matson indicated that they were. Solicitor Scott recommended that building material conditions presented should be added as a condition.

President Hall introduced Tim Sullivan representing Wawa, Inc. Mr. Sullivan mentioned Wawa is seeking a zoning variance for an additional monument sign on Providence Road. The sign proposed is a 30 foot sign which is less than permitted. Vice President Robinson questioned why after all the meetings that have taken place regarding this project that a request for a second sign is taking place now. Mr. Sullivan replied that focus was on the building and signage was never really discussed. Mr. Sullivan mentioned that planning commission imposed two conditions, one that the directional sign be in a monument style and a second that a “goose” logo be added to the wall sign. Mr. Sullivan agreed to make the directional sign in a monument style and mentioned that with this change the sign will still be in compliance. Mr. Sullivan mentioned that if the goose is added to the wall sign, this will make the sign larger than the size permitted and he will have to ask for a variance. Mr. Sullivan mentioned that Wawa is not requesting that the goose logo be added and the sign size remain as noted. Borough Council agreed that the goose logo does not need to be added and a second variance is not required.

Finance and Library – Mr. Williamson

Councilman Williamson mentioned that Borough Council may want to consider Resolution #2016-xx adopting the mid-year budget.

Council Williamson mentioned that CIP Task Force continues to meet. Intern Evan Miller is meeting with department heads, community organizations, committees, etc. to ascertain their needs. Mr. Miller will present the CIP at the October Finance Committee meeting.

Councilman Williamson mentioned that Brian Taussig-Lux has been researching putting funds into higher interest accounts.

Councilman Williamson asked Councilwoman L. Johnson to create a policy regarding non-profit contributions by the Borough.

Fair Trade, Farmer’s Market, Shade Tree and EAC – Mrs. A. Johnson

Councilwoman A. Johnson had no report.

Public Relations and Historical Archives – Ms. Dixon

Councilwoman Dixon mentioned that Library grand opening was mentioned in the Spirit newspaper.

Public Comment and Privilege of the Floor

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

President Hall made a motion to adjourn the Workshop meeting at 9:00 p.m. Vice President Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary