

MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
September 8, 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 and Engineer Matson. Solicitor Scott was not present.

Public Comment & Privilege of the Floor

There was none.

Borough Manager's Report

Borough Manager Smith mentioned that there is a revised workshop meeting agenda, the police report for August and a letter from the DEP 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 with bid opening on October 4th. A presentation of bids will be made at the October 6th workshop meeting. Permits were issued today for the Wawa project.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Scott was not present.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McMahon reported that the police department received and investigated 702 complaints during the month of August. Mayor McMahon mentioned that residents report being contacted by a number of different phone scams. 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 mentioned that Recreation Board is working with the school district to resurface the basketball court. Summer Camp attendance was low and changes may be made next year to attract more campers. Councilman Boyer mentioned that a limited number of tickets are left for the Spirit of Philadelphia trip. The Senior Luncheon will be held at Spasso's this year on Saturday, November 12, 2016. Councilman Boyer mentioned the possibility of extending the Tot Lot to accommodate older children. Councilman Williamson mentioned that accessibility to the area should be enhanced.

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 that Borough Council may want to consider the mass gathering permit application for the Ariano's Celebration of Ariano, Italy on Saturday, October 8, 2016. Mayor McMahon added that this is an international event.

Vice-President Robinson recommended that in the future when a restaurant or business applies for a mass gathering that it should go through the Media Business Authority, so that the MBA is the applicant.

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

President Hall mentioned that Council met with four police officer applicants for part time positions and one candidate for full-time positions and will take action at the next legislative meeting.

President Hall mentioned the Bed and Breakfast Ordinance which was discussed at the most recent CDC meeting. The Planning Commission also reviewed and suggested changes. The changes have been sent to the Solicitor to incorporate. President Hall suggested that the changes be discussed at the next workshop meeting.

President Hall mentioned a request from the DEP for authorization of access for partial dam breach. President Hall mentioned that this is a routine authorization for construction projects. Special counsel Guy Donatelli recommends including some language that makes it clear that by signing this document, is not admission that we are owner. Vice President Robinson suggested that it should also be clearly referenced that the Borough does not own the property. Council suggests that Mr. Donatelli write the language for the motion.

President Hall provided an update on the dam breach, mentioning that the breach will not occur until November or December due to utility work that still needs to be completed.

Finance and Library – Mr. Williamson

Councilman Williamson mentioned that Borough Council may want to consider adopting the 2017 MMO for Police and Non-Uniformed employees.

Councilwoman L. Johnson will present a draft policy on non-profit donations at the next Finance Committee meeting.

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

Councilwoman A. Johnson mentioned a shredding event on October 15, 2016. Councilwoman A. Johnson mentioned that the Farmer's Market is considering collaboration with the MBA and change of location for next year.

Public Relations and Historical Archives – Ms. Dixon

Councilwoman Dixon mentioned the Historic Archives did not meet, but continue to look into the purchase of shelves.

President Hall mentioned the framed art throughout the Borough complex and asked Councilwoman Dixon to ask the historic archives to determine if the artwork is original and where should the original be housed.

Public Comment and Privilege of the Floor

Monika Rehoric of N. Lemon Street asked for clarification of one of the points that the Planning Commission made about 6 people in the Historic District. Mrs. Rehoric asked if it would be prudent to attend the next CDC meeting. President Hall agreed that it would.

Zee Rehoric of N. Lemon Street mentioned following the recent water main replacement and re-paving, water runoff is flooding his yard. Engineer Matson will review video provided by the resident.

Adjournment

President Hall made a motion to adjourn the Workshop meeting at 8:45 p.m. Vice President Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary