

MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
September 15, 2016

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

President Hall called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m., led the salute to the flag and called for a moment of silent for the passing of Tom Hibberd.

Approval of Minutes

President Hall made a motion to approve the August 4, 2016 Workshop meeting minutes. Councilwoman Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to approve the August 18, 2016 Council meeting minutes. Councilwoman Dixon seconded the motion. President Hall abstained. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall mentioned that prior to this meeting, Council held Executive Session to discuss litigation related to a property on the 300 block of South Avenue and a personnel issue.

Public Comment and Privilege of the Floor

Robin Lasersohn of W. 4th Street thanked Council for updates regarding the Third Street dam on the Borough website. Ms. Lasersohn mentioned the cost comparison by Schnabel Engineering regarding a dam vs. bridge. President Hall mentioned that the legal and financial obligations of the Borough are for the dam. Vice President Robinson and Councilwoman L. Johnson mentioned that they have reviewed the report and are looking for more details.

Ms. Lasersohn asked if there has been any discussion regarding who will be signing as owner of the dam and reminded that Borough Council the action taken by unanimously approving the resolution to sign as the operator only. Solicitor Scott responded that there has been no discussion.

Linda Healy of W. 7th Street mentioned that she reviewed the Schnabel report and noticed that the corner of West Street and 3rd Street is labeled as owned by Broomalls Lake Swim Club.

Eve Miari of Meetinghouse Lane, Upper Providence Township representing the Middletown Coalition for Community Safety offered her concerns about the Sunoco pipeline in Middletown Township and the effects that a breach could have on Media Borough. Ms. Miari asked council to review the materials she provided, make a public statement that the Borough did not understand what they were approving when they passed the resolution, ask other municipalities to delay their vote and use funds received from Sunoco for a risk assessment study.

President Hall asked Ms. Miari to provide the documents to the Borough Manager and Council will review.

Addie Ciannella of South Edgmont Street representing the Media Farmer's Market and thanked Council for the donation and provided the annual report.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Matson reported that an advertisement has been posted on Pennbid for elevator replacement. Road resurfacing should begin next week and the contractor is aware of his contractual obligations.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Scott had no report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McMahan reported that the police department received and investigated 702 complaints during the month of August, 2016. Mayor McMahan referenced the complaint report now shows crime details.

Council/Committee Reports

Recreation and Board of Health – Mr. Boyer

Councilman Boyer reported that the Recreation Committee met on 9/6/16, they reported that summer camp attendance was low. Upcoming events include garage sale days, movie night, Spirit of Philadelphia trip and the Senior Luncheon. The luncheon this year will be a Spasso's and will be limited to 100 residents.

HARB, MBA and Historic – Ms. L. Johnson

Councilwoman Lisa Johnson reported that HARB met on Monday and discussed the picture survey of the historic buildings in the Borough. HARB plans on sharing these photos with the Historic Archives. The MBA has won for the third year in a row an award from Main Line Today naming Dining Under the Stars as Best Outdoor Event.

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

Vice-President Robinson mentioned that the Media Fire Company is always looking for volunteers in any aspect, whether it's firefighting or administrative duties and reminded residents to use 911 in an emergency or to contact the police. Vice President Robinson mentioned the Fire Chief's report noting 31 runs, 13 for Media and 18 for mutual aid of which 3 were light man power (three or less). Vice President Robinson mentioned the lack of volunteers and cautioned that the Borough may have to take a look at paid staff. The fire siren has been repaired after a lightning strike earlier this summer. The rescue truck is being retrofitted and is expected to last another 20 years. Vice

President Robinson mentioned that the 125th Anniversary of the Fire Company will be celebrated during the month of October and encouraged residents to stop by.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve the mass gathering permit application for Media Business Authority's Celebration of Ariano, Italy on Saturday, October 8, 2016. Councilwoman A. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

President Hall made a motion to hire William Mack at the rate set as a part-time police officer. The motion was seconded by A. Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to hire Mitchel Helmandollar at the rate set as a part-time police officer. The motion was seconded by Vice President Robinson. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to hire Jonathon Joseph contingent on successful completion of state certification at the rate set as a part-time police officer. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dixon. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to hire Everett Terry contingent on successful completion of state re-certification at the rate set as a part-time police officer. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dixon. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall mentioned the DEP is requesting the Borough sign a consent form for the partial breach plan. President Hall made the following motions: the authorization provided in this Motion is without prejudice to the Borough's position that it is not the owner of the dam structure nor does it have an ownership interest in that portion of the dam structure highlighted in yellow and nothing contained in this Motion is to be construed that the Borough admits that it has an ownership interest in the dam or any appurtenances thereto. This authorization is further provided contingent upon and with the understanding that DEP shall secure whatever other consent is necessary to access the right of way highlighted in yellow located in Providence Township.

President Hall amended his motion correcting Providence Township to Upper Providence Township. Vice President Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to accept the resignation of Vince Pennoni from the Planning Commission. Councilwoman A. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall mentioned the upcoming Media Arts Council fall events.

Finance and Library – Mr. Williamson

Councilman Williamson mentioned that the library is still fundraising and there are many opportunities to memorialize your donation. Councilman Williamson also mentioned that the library has meeting rooms that are available for rent. In addition, the library provides a service for members to rent books, videos and magazines called Hoopla.

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

General Fund	\$ 283,648.36
Recreation Fund	2,914.96
Liquid Fuels Fund	5,877.50
Capital Fund	<u>17,197.94</u>
Total	\$ 309,638.76

Councilman Williamson made a motion to approve the payment of bills for the month of August. Vice President Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Williamson mentioned that every year the Borough is required to adopt a Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for Non-Uniformed Employees and the Police Pension Plan to keep the account at a certain level. Councilman Williamson mentioned that there is a net increase of \$1,000 increase from last year. President Hall made a motion to adopt the 2017 MMO for Non-Uniformed Employees (\$148,450) and Police Pension Fund (\$721,579) in the amount of \$870,029. Vice President Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Williamson mentioned a request from the CRC Watersheds Association for sponsorship for their 12th Annual Award Dinner. This year Stephanie Gaboriault of Friends of Glen Providence Park will be honored. The request was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting and they recommend approving the donation. Councilman Williamson made a motion to make a \$500 donation and donate the 4 dinner tickets to Ms. Gaboriault and her family. Vice President Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilwoman A. Johnson mentioned that the EAC is sponsoring a shredding event in the Acme parking lot on October 15, 2016.

Public Relations and Historical Archives – Ms. Dixon

Councilwoman Dixon mentioned a police and community relations events was held at the Fellowship House and was well received.

Public Comment and Privilege of the Floor

Addie Ciannella of South Edgmont Street clarified that Hoopla is a borrowing service and no rental fees are collected.

Adjournment

Vice President Robinson made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting at 9:18 p.m. Councilwoman Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary