

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2023**

Media Borough Council met on the above date in Council Chambers with the following officials present: Mayor McMahon, President Hall, Vice-President Romaine, Councilpersons Boyer, Paikoff, Robinson and Washington. Also present were Borough Manager Forman, Engineer Matson and Solicitor Scott.

President Hall called the Workshop meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment & Privilege of the Floor

Julie Smith of N. Olive Street mentioned mosquito spraying by Mosquito Shield on neighboring properties is causing a pesticide/chemical drift from their properties to her property causing damage to her native plants and pollinators and insects. She is requesting that the Borough prohibit the foggers that these companies use.

Robin Lasersohn of W. 4th Street representing the EAC mentioned the EAC is looking at ways to prohibit the fogger and ways to educate residents on how to create a mosquito dunk.

Borough Manager's Report

Manager Forman mentioned that the Center for Resolutions located in the Carriage House has lost its funding source and will be moving out of the building.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Matson mentioned he has provided a written report.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Scott had no report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McMahon gave the police report. Mayor McMahon mentioned that on Superbowl Sunday there will no parking on State Street starting at 4:00 p.m.

Council/Committee Reports

Properties, Public Works and Fire - Mr. Robinson

Councilperson Robinson mentioned the road salt agreement for the August 2023-July 2024 season. The Borough traditionally buys 3 tons of salt, but given the recent mild weather and the stockpile of salt on hand, only 2 tons will be purchased this year.

Councilperson Robinson mentioned the purchase a fire alarm system for borough hall.

Councilperson Robinson mentioned the renewal of the annual generator maintenance contract.

Councilperson Robinson mentioned a resolution authorizing President Hall to sign the documents for the Ridge Road Stormwater grant.

Personnel – Ms. Washington

Councilperson Washington mentioned Chief Egan’s recommendation to hire Kelly Sides and Louis Silvestri as Turnkeys.

Councilperson Washington mentioned the request to hire Kadin Bard and Alicia Jacobs as Parking Enforcement Officers. They will work the 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. shift.

Councilperson Washington mentioned the request to hire Sheila Simpson as a crossing guard and to advertise for additional fills in.

Councilperson Washington mentioned the promotion of Dave Favinger to Commercial and Property Maintenance Inspector. She mentioned that Dave has the certifications required for this position.

Councilperson Washington mentioned authorizing the advertisement for a part-time Sidewalk and Property Maintenance Inspector.

Councilperson Washington discussed the additional responsibilities added to the Recreation Office Manager job description. These responsibilities would require the position to move to 20 hours per week, current it is 10 hours per week. Councilperson Washington will also request authorization to advertise this position.

Councilperson Washington mentioned the revised Employee Personnel Manual. Revisions include a telework policy, cell phone policy and parental leave policy.

Media Business Authority– Ms. Romaine

Vice President Romaine mentioned the MBA is in the process of planning spring events and preparing for the Dining under the Stars season.

Community Development and HARB – Mr. Hall

President Hall mentioned additional services with FHI not to exceed \$10,000 for completion of work on the Hybrid Form Based Code implementation.

President Hall and Council discussed the interview process for the vacant seat on Council. President Hall suggested interviews on Saturday, February 11th. President Hall suggested to interview the applicants will experience with Council, Boards and Commissions, etc. Councilperson Robinson disagreed with this and feels all applicants should be interviewed. Councilperson Paikoff agreed that Council meet and speak with all that applied. After much discussion, Council decided to rank the candidates and the top 5 will be interviewed. All agreed to interview candidates on Saturday, February 11th starting at 10:00 a.m.

Public Safety, Recreation and Civil Service Commission – Mr. Boyer

Councilperson Boyer mentioned authorizing the Solicitor to draft a traffic ordinance for the changes on Amber Street.

Councilperson Boyer mentioned a mass gathering permit application for the Media Area Girls Softball Opening Day Celebration to be held on Saturday, March 25, 2023.

Councilperson Boyer mentioned a mass gathering permit application for Dining Under the Stars to be held every Wednesday, May 3 through September 27 plus 6 additional dates of September 2, 9, 26, 23 and October 4 & 11.

Councilperson Boyer mentioned a mass gathering permit for the Media 5 Mile Race to be held on June 16th.

Councilperson Boyer mentioned a mass gathering permit application for the Birds Pep Rally Parade on February 5, 2023.

Finance and Shade Tree Commission– Vice President Romaine

Vice President Romaine mentioned the Finance Committee will meet with finalists for the Pension Plans on February 10th.

Vice President Romaine mentioned a recommendation from the Finance Committee to move funds into 3, 6 and 9 month CDs.

Environmental Advisory Board and Library – Mr. Paikoff

Councilperson Paikoff mentioned the revised Recreation Office Manager job description includes managing a community calendar.

Public Comment and Privilege of the Floor

Terry Rumsey of W. 4th Street feels the decision of a new council member is a very important decision. He feels Councilperson Robinson is correct that all applicants should be interviewed.

Brendan Ryan of Manchester Avenue doesn't agree that applicants should have prior Council experience.

Adjournment

Councilperson Williamson made a motion to adjourn the Workshop meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Repino
Recording Secretary