

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2023**

Media Borough Council met on the above date with the following officials present: Mayor McMahon, President Hall, Vice-President Romaine, Councilpersons Boyer, Paikoff and Robinson. Also present were Engineer Matson, Solicitor Scott and Borough Manager Forman. Councilperson Washington was not present.

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

Presentation – Affordable Housing

Adam Tecza of FHI presented his study on Affordable Housing. He mentioned that this is a study and not a plan, it is meant to give direction. He reviewed his findings and reviewed goals that Council should rank in order of importance. The study will be available on the Borough website.

Public Comment & Privilege of the Floor

Received via email:

Michael Straw of W. Jefferson Street

I hope all is well with you all. I wanted to make sure that Borough residents are aware of the important upcoming dates for the 2023 Election cycle.

Firstly, 11/07/2023 is election day. It is important to note for any voters that think they might be absent from the municipality for the day. polls will be open from 7am-8pm.

10/23/2023 is the last day anyone can register to vote or modify their voter registration in order to vote in the 11/07/2023 General Election. You can do so by going online at www.vote.pa.gov or visiting the Delaware County Voter Registration Dept. in the Delaware County Courthouse before 10/23/2023.

Also, 10/31/2023 is the last day any voter can request a mail-in ballot for the upcoming 11/07/2023 election. Voters can apply online at www.vote.pa.gov, mail-in a paper application, or apply at the Delaware County Courthouse in-person. Requesting in-person gives the voter the opportunity to receive their ballot right on the spot.

I hope everyone has an amazing October and in full disclosure, as I am a candidate for Media Borough Council, I wish everyone a wonderful general election cycle and wish everyone get out and enjoy their civic responsibility in voting this November. Thank you.

Borough Manager's Report

Manager Forman had no report.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Matson mentioned he has provided a written report. He mentioned the road program is complete.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Scott had no report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McMahon gave the police report.

Council/Committee Reports

Properties, Public Works and Fire - Mr. Robinson

Councilperson Robinson mentioned the office of State Representative Jennifer O'Mara would like to lease space in the carriage house. Rent for the first year will be \$900 per month, rent will increase to \$2,287.50 beginning December 1, 2024 and if the lease is extended rent will be \$1,890 beginning December 1, 2026.

Councilperson Robinson mentioned an update to the language of the Ridge Road TASA Grant resolution.

Personnel and HARB– Ms. Washington

Councilperson Washington was not present.

Finance and Media Business Authority– Ms. Romaine

Vice President Romaine mentioned the Fall Festival will be held on Sunday. The first week of November is Restaurant Week.

Vice President Romaine mentioned the resignation of Ed Blanchard from the MBA Board.

Vice President Romaine mentioned the MBA Board's request to offer complimentary parking in the Baltimore Avenue garage starting November 23 and through January 1, 2024.

Community Development – Mr. Hall

President Hall mentioned a consulting proposal from Alex Danovitch regarding the 902 grant. The consulting fee will be covered by the grant.

President Hall mentioned allowing perpendicular signs in the ROA District. Councilperson Gelman suggested that there be limits on the dimensions and lighting of the signs. This issue will be further discussed at CDC.

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

Councilperson Boyer mentioned traffic concerns continue to be an issue and are discussed at each public safety committee meeting.

Councilperson Boyer mentioned the ratification of a mass gathering permit for the Media Police Department Faith and Blue event.

Library – Lisa Gelman

Councilperson Gelman mentioned the upcoming Book Sale.

Environmental Advisory Board and Shade Tree Commission – Mr. Paikoff

Councilperson Paikoff mentioned the resignation of Ron Joines from the EAC.

Public Comment and Privilege of the Floor

Linda Emory representing Glen Providence Park asked what the status of rescoping the Third Street project is, more details need to be provided before rescoping happens. She asked if the stream restoration firm has been hired. Manager Forman stated that no, the Borough is currently investigating firms. Ms. Emory asked where updates can be found, Manager Forman replied when there are updates, they will be placed on the Borough website.

Adjournment

Councilperson Boyer made a motion to adjourn the Workshop meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Repino
Recording Secretary