

**MINUTES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 20, 2003**

The Media Borough Council met in Council Chambers on the above date with the following officials present: Mayor McMahon, President Hagan, Vice-President Robinson, Councilpersons Gibian, Krull, Alyanakian and Sherwin. Councilperson Whitaker was absent from the meeting. Also present were Borough Manager Smith, Administrative Assistant Chester, Treasurer Gioggia, Engineer Mulvena and Solicitor Middlebrooks.

President Hagan called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. President Hagan led the salute to the flag.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of January 16, 2003. Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Privilege of the Floor**

Hans Dietze congratulated Borough Council on their purchase of the Media Theatre.

Fire Chief Mark Fellenbaum reminded residents to look into obtaining carbon monoxide detectors if they don't currently have them in their homes.

Fire Chief Fellenbaum also mentioned that since we received a significant amount of snow during our last storm, it has been difficult to access the fire hydrants. He reminded residents to dig out the fire hydrants during significant snowstorms for easier access to them by the fire company if needed.

Media Police Chief Marty Wusinich spoke briefly regarding anti-terrorist preparation. Chief Wusinich advised against using duct tape to seal windows as this could cause carbon monoxide poisoning. For more information and helpful tips, you can access the U.S. Department of Homeland Security website at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov), not only regarding terrorism but fire prevention, etc. Hard copies of this information are also available from the Media Police Department if internet access is unavailable. President Hagan mentioned the American Red Cross website ([www.redcross.com](http://www.redcross.com)) has information as well. Police Chief Wusinich noted that the Delaware County area is well prepared if an emergency arises.

Police Chief Wusinich thanked Ralph DeRosa, Public Works Supervisor, and the entire Public Works staff for their hard work during the recent snowstorm.

**Mayor's Report** – Mr. McMahon

During the month of January, the Police Department received and investigated 766 complaints and there were no reported burglaries.

Mayor McMahon announced the acquisition of the Media Theatre, which was acquired in part through a \$500,000 grant and a \$500,000 donation from the Strine family, the current owners. Mayor McMahon thanked the Strine family for their generosity and thanked Council for their perseverance during negotiations. The Borough will ultimately own the Theatre and will enter into a long-term lease with the Society for the Performing Arts who will operate it. President Hagan congratulated Mayor McMahon and Special Projects Solicitor Frank Daly for their participation in the negotiation process. President Hagan urged everyone to attend the shows at the Media Theatre. Currently showing is Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, which runs through March 16, 2003.

**Council Committee Reports**

**Recreation & Code Enforcement** – Mr. Gibian

Councilperson Gibian announced the Recreation Commission will host a Mardi Gras dance at the Community Center on February 22, 2003. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Please contact the Borough Hall for more details.

Councilperson Gibian announced a bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 2003. The bus will leave from the Olive Street parking garage at 9:00 a.m. Tickets are \$15 for Borough residents and \$20 for non-Borough residents. Please contact the Borough Hall for more details.

**Community Development** – Mr. Robinson

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 968, which will allow for the expansion of the Zoning Hearing Board from three-members to five-members. Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to appoint William Martin to the Zoning Hearing Board for a one-year term. Councilperson Gibian seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson also made a motion to appoint Greyson Franklin to the Zoning Hearing Board for a one-year term. Councilperson Gibian seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson mentioned the Borough is currently seeking two (2) alternate members to serve on the Planning Commission. Anyone interested should send a letter of interest to Jeffrey Smith, Borough Manager.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve the final land development application for 42 East Front Street with the understanding that all of the items in the NDI (Borough Engineer) memo be agreed to by the applicant. Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve preliminary/final land development application for 216 West Front Street, which converts the second floor of the property from residential to office. Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson mentioned a Zoning Hearing Board application for 27 West Third Street, which he recommends not opposing. The applicant is proposing to build an addition, which includes the creation of parking spaces in the rear of the building.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to not oppose the Zoning Hearing Board application for 212 North Plum Street. The applicant has agreed to incorporate the following into their subdivision and land development plans: residential sprinkler systems be installed and the building entrances be moved back and the removal of visitor parking spots based on on-going negotiations to allow for fire safety precautions. Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel** – Ms. Hagan

President Hagan thanked Commerce Bank for funding the publication of the 2003 calendar, which was mailed to all residents and businesses. Please call the Borough if you would like an additional copy or did not receive yours.

President Hagan noted she would entertain a motion to approve the Right-to-Know Policy. Vice-President Robinson made a motion to adopt the Right-to-Know Policy as it relates to the general public's right to access public records. Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

President Hagan announced the intention to award a bid to POM, Inc. for the purchase of new digital meters with a cashless debit system in the amount of \$53,755. This will be partially funded through the increase in parking permit fees, meter fees and fines. Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve the bid award of the digital parking meters to POM, Inc. in the amount of \$53,755. Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

President Hagan mentioned she would entertain a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 969 as it relates to snow emergency routes. Vice-President Robinson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 969, which allows for the following streets/road to become snow emergency routes during extreme storm conditions: State Street, Monroe Street (from South of Sixth Street not including intersection at Sixth to and including the rest of the length of Monroe southward throughout the Borough), Orange Street and Providence Road. Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

President Hagan referred to amendments pertaining to the Borough's current towing ordinance. Vice-President Robinson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 970, which amends the current towing and storage ordinance as it relates to emergency situations. Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

President Hagan mentioned Ordinance No. 971 pertaining to residential parking. Vice-President Robinson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 971, which provides for the dedication of two (2) residential (only) parking spaces on the west side of Olive Street in between Baltimore Avenue and Franklin Street. Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve the advertisement of snow emergency routes to include portions of Front, Franklin and Taylor Streets. Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

President Hagan commended the Borough's Highway and Police Departments for their hard work and dedication during the recent snowstorm. President Hagan also thanked residents for their patience during the clean-up process. A total of \$18,000 has already been expended for snow removal and we are hopeful that the State will release funds to assist with costs associated with the latest snowstorm.

**Finance & Insurance** – Mr. Sherwin

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

General Fund	410,905.09
Sewer Fund	2,600.00
Liquid Fuels Fund	<u>7,047.82</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>420,552.91</b>

Councilperson Sherwin made a motion to pay the bills as read. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Sherwin made a motion to reappoint John Stubbs to the Library Board for a term of one (1) year. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Sherwin announced that the visitation hours for the Historic Archives Room have been changed and is now by appointment only.

**Grants & Recycling** – Mrs. Krull

Councilperson Krull announced the cancellation of the Chinese New Year celebration on February 22, 2003 due to inclement weather.

Councilperson Krull made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise bids for the collection of recyclable materials throughout the Borough. The current contract will expire at the end of March. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Health & Shade Tree Commission**

As a result of the January Parking Committee meeting, Councilperson Alyanakian announced a pilot program for businesses within the central business district pertaining to parking permits. If a business owner purchases a parking permit for an employee, they will receive two for the price of one. The permit will be color-coded and will be valid on the third floor of the parking garage only. This pilot program goes into effect on April 1, 2003.

Councilperson Alyanakian also noted the Borough has purchased metal drop boxes which will be placed throughout the business district for easy payment of non time-sensitive parking tickets.

Councilperson Alyanakian announced the Borough of Media is seeking candidates to fill a vacant position on the Board of Health. Interested residents should send a letter of interest along with a resume to Jeffrey A. Smith, Borough Manager.

Councilperson Alyanakian reported the Borough Administrative office sent follow-up letters to residents pertaining to requests to have trees removed. The trees to be removed will be completed during the warmer weather.

**Privilege of the Floor**

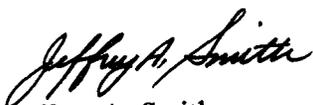
President Hagan mentioned the Department of Environmental Protection forwarded guidelines pertaining to stormwater management that must be adopted. It was recommended by DEP to either adopt their plan or create one of our own. The Borough Engineer reviewed the NPDES plan and recommends adoption of the DEP plan. Vice-President Robinson made a motion to adopt the NPDES Phase II permit application. Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Media Police Department plans to hire a new police officer. The deadline for completed applications is Friday, March 7, 2003. An application may be obtained at the Borough Hall Administrative Office. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen and have at least 60 college credits. The written exam will take place on March 29, 2003.

**Adjournment**

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Smith  
Borough Manager/Secretary