

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 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, Whitaker, Alyanakian and Sherwin. Councilperson Krull 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 and observed a moment of silence for our troops in Iraq.

Approval of the Minutes

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of February 20, 2003. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Proclamation # 2003-02

Councilperson Alyanakian presented Proclamation #2003-02 to the Media Rugby Football Club in recognition of their 25th anniversary. The Rugby Club was commended for putting Media, Pennsylvania, on the world map as a rugby champion.

Donation to Health Community Initiative

Vice-President Robinson presented a donation to Carol Staubach from Healthy Community Initiative (HCI). The goals of HCI are to unite the community and create a healthy environment that encourages and supports competent caring of responsible children, adolescents and adults. The organization has been in existence for approximately three (3) years.

Mayor's Report – Mr. McMahon

Mayor McMahon reported that the police department received and investigated 717 complaints during the month of February. There were no reported burglaries.

Mayor McMahon announced that John McDermott, the Irish tenor, will be appearing at the Media Theatre for four (4) shows on March 28, 29 & 30. Also, a few weeks after John McDermott, the Media Theatre will present Hair, which will run for three (3) weeks.

Council Committee Reports

Recreation & Code Enforcement – Mr. Gibian

Councilperson Gibian thanked the Recreation Commission for the successful coordination of the Mardi Gras dance held at the Community Center on February 22, 2003.

Councilperson Gibian announced construction of the tot lot will begin in a couple of weeks.

Public Safety - Ms. Whitaker

Councilperson Whitaker mentioned concerns from elderly residents pertaining to door-to-door soliciting during the evening hours. Councilperson Whitaker reminded residents that they are not obligated to answer the door and to call the police if they notice anyone suspicious at their door.

Councilperson Whitaker mentioned the American Red Cross has some very useful information pertaining to family emergency planning, including a list of supplies needed during a disaster situation. Please feel free to access their website at www.redcross.org for more information. Along those lines, the Borough is exploring the feasibility of recruiting block captains/associations to verify community preparedness in the event of an emergency.

Councilperson Whitaker announced that Patrolman Ed Fullmer and Deputy Fire Chief Louis Bellace, who are both enlisted in the military, have shipped out to serve our country during the war with Iraq. President Joan Hagan announced the safe return of Kevin O'Connor, Highway Department, after serving 11 months overseas.

Community Development – Mr. Robinson

Vice-President Robinson made a recommendation to not oppose the Zoning Hearing Board application of 520 N. Edgmont Street, where the owners intend to develop an open lot.

Vice-President Robinson mentioned the fact that there has been a tremendous response from Borough residents when volunteers are needed to serve on boards/commissions. Most recently he has received letters of interest to fill vacant (alternate) positions on the Planning Commission.

Vice-President Robinson mentioned that a Home-Based Business Ordinance will be reviewed in April by the Borough's Planning Commission and the Delaware County Planning Commission.

Vice-President Robinson mentioned the Solicitor is in the process of drafting an amendment to our existing sign ordinance. Vice-President Robinson made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the amendment. Councilperson Gibian seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel – Ms. Hagan

President Hagan mentioned she would accept a motion to approve an ordinance pertaining to snow emergency routes. Vice-President Robinson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 972 designating additional snow emergency routes, to include portions of Front, Franklin & Taylor Streets. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

President Hagan mentioned she would entertain a motion to approve a resolution enabling electronic access to Penn Dot systems. Councilperson Whitaker made a motion to adopt Resolution #2003-02 for electronic access to Penn Dot systems. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

President Hagan mentioned she would entertain a motion to approve a resolution applying for county aid. Vice-President Robinson made a motion to adopt Resolution #2003-02 applying for county aid. These funds will help offset the costs associated with paving various streets in the Borough. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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	181,233.48
Liquid Fuels Fund	<u>4,626.94</u>
Total	185,860.42

Councilperson Sherwin made a motion to pay the bills as read. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Sherwin noted that the Borough has a franchise agreement with Comcast Cable, which will be up for negotiation soon. An advisory committee will be formed and if anyone is interested in serving on the committee, they should contact Borough Manager Jeffrey Smith.

Grants & Recycling – Mrs. Krull

In Councilperson Krull's absence, Councilperson Alyanakian made a motion to award a three (3) year recycling contract to Waste Management. Amounts of the contract are as follows: Year 1=\$67,830, Year 2=\$69,930 and Year 3=\$72,030. The Borough will continue to collect recyclables on Tuesday of every week. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Health & Shade Tree Commission – Mr. Alyanakian

Councilperson Alyanakian made a motion to appoint Thomas Carroll, a resident of Centennial Avenue, to the Health Board for a term of four (4) years. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Alyanakian reported that the Shade Tree Commission will begin spring flower plantings at the Plum Street Mall area. A nicely landscaped area will be created by late spring near the west end of Baltimore Pike (Dean Keyes Towing area), which will make a nice gateway into the Borough. The Shade Tree Commission would also like to remind residents to contact the Borough office in the event they have a complaint regarding a sidewalk that has been heaved by a Borough-owned tree.

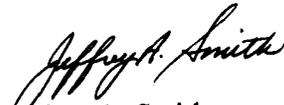
Privilege of the Floor

Jane Rowland suggested residents be notified of road closings during various construction projects throughout the Borough.

Adjournment

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Councilperson Sherwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary