

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 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, Krull, Sherwin and Borough Manager Smith.

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 the passing of Lewis "Jumbo" Johnson and Jim Flynn. Jumbo Johnson was formerly a member of Borough Council and a member of the Recreation Commission. Jim Flynn was formerly a Media Borough employee.

Approval of the Minutes

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of August 21, 2003 and Special Meeting of September 8, 2003. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Privilege of the Floor

Jane Rowland, E. 2nd Street, mentioned the Public Works Department was picking up bulk trash items early in the morning this week and noted it was not the last Wednesday of the month. President Hagan mentioned that there is a free bulk trash pick-up for residents who participate in the Great Media Garage Sale Day, which took place on Sunday, September 14, 2003.

Mrs. Rowland inquired on the status of the milling of Haldeman Street. Borough Manager Smith replied that the milling is slated for next week (weather permitting).

Mrs. Rowland mentioned there appears to be a drainage problem on State Street. The Borough is aware of the drainage problem in the location referred to and is making every effort to correct this situation and other stormwater concerns throughout the Borough.

Jack Doyle and Patricia Johnson, 201 E. Front Street, mentioned they are applicants seeking zoning relief in order to construct a fourteen (14) foot high, two-car garage in the rear of their residence. Vice-President Robinson noted he would be willing to meet with them prior to the next Zoning Hearing Board meeting.

Bill Tyson, 325 N. Edgmont Street, offered his condolences to Jumbo Johnson's family. Mr. Tyson noted the community has suffered a great loss and Jumbo will certainly be missed.

Mr. Tyson mentioned he was surprised that Mayor McMahon was not on the list of the Commonwealth's Best Mayors, which he recently viewed on an internet site.

Mr. Tyson voiced his concerns regarding the demolition of properties to create parking lots. It is his opinion that it is not in the best interest of the Borough and believes something should be done to prevent this from happening. Mr. Tyson also noted he is against demolishing single-family dwellings to create townhomes. He mentioned the Borough may want to consider zoning ordinance amendments limiting density to prevent more townhomes from coming into our community.

Mr. Tyson inquired as to how someone may obtain a handicapped parking space within the Borough. President Hagan mentioned that a resident seeking a handicapped parking space should make application to the Borough and that generally the Borough will approve the request if the applicant does not have access to off-street parking.

Mayor's Report – Mr. McMahon

Mayor McMahon reported the Police Department received and investigated 951 complaints during the month of August. There were no reported burglaries.

Council Committee Reports

Recreation & Code Enforcement – Mr. Gibian

Councilperson Gibian mentioned he was sorry to learn of Jumbo Johnson's passing. He was a well respected member of the community and a wonderful coach.

Councilperson Gibian mentioned with Jumbo's unfortunate passing, a vacancy has been created on the Recreation Commission. Anyone interested in serving should submit a letter of interest to Borough Manager Smith.

Public Safety - Ms. Whitaker

Councilperson Whitaker reported Borough Council discussed the extension of an offer of employment to two patrolmen in Executive Session after Tuesday's Workshop meeting.

Councilperson Whitaker reported that the Borough is well prepared for the upcoming storm, Hurricane Isabel, which is expected to hit our area this evening and into tomorrow. Councilperson Whitaker noted some safety tips such as unplugging all electrical equipment, keeping the refrigerator door closed to preserve food and listening to the radio for announcements, etc.

Community Development – Mr. Robinson

Vice-President Robinson reported on a Zoning Hearing Board application for 230 N. Monroe Street whereby the applicant is seeking a height variance in the office district. A portion of the roof on the proposed addition will rise to 38' 2" in lieu of the 35' limit. Council will not oppose the application.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to oppose the Zoning Hearing Board application for 201 E. Front Street, which requires zoning relief in order to construct a two-car garage in the rear of the residence, based on lot coverage, etc. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson reported that Council will not oppose a Zoning Hearing Board application for 201 W. Front Street, which will enable the County of Delaware to erect an antenna to allow for communication with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve the final subdivision/land development application for 315 S. Orange Street pending implementation of the Engineer's comments. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve the change of use/minor land development application for 37 E. State Street. The applicant is seeking a change of use from "B" Business to "A-3" Assembly, which would permit a restaurant at this location. Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson reported that Verizon is seeking a lease agreement with the Borough to construct a cell tower at Borough Hall. The antenna will be hidden within the proposed cell tower. This is the first step in the process whereby Verizon will submit an application and present their case to the Zoning Hearing Board. Vice-President Robinson made a motion to authorize the President of Council to ratify the agreement pending the final review of the Solicitor's office. Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to advertise an amendment to the telecommunications ordinance to allow governmental units to erect antennas in order to communicate with each other. Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel – Ms. Hagan

President Hagan mentioned the Borough is prepared for Hurricane Isabel. President Hagan announced due to the storm there will be no trash collection on Friday and asked residents to hold their trash until their next regularly scheduled pick up day.

President Hagan mentioned she would accept a motion to advertise an amendment to the traffic ordinance. Councilperson Whitaker made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to advertise an amendment to the traffic ordinance to include stop signs placed at the following intersections: Third & Haldeman Streets, Radnor & State Streets and Gayley and Franklin Streets. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. President Hagan reported on various traffic calming efforts by the Borough including increased signage, painting of crosswalks and increased enforcement.

Finance & Insurance – Mr. Sherwin

Councilperson Sherwin mentioned he was also saddened by the loss of Jumbo Johnson noting he was a great person to work with and will be missed by all.

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

General Fund	503,861.16
Liquid Fuels Fund	<u>4,884.21</u>
Total	508,745.37

Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Sherwin made a motion to adopt the 2004 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police and Non-Uniformed pension plans in the amount of \$224,048 and \$28,065, respectively. These funds will be earmarked in the 2004 general fund budget. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Grants & Recycling – Mrs. Krull

Councilperson Krull made a motion to appoint James Townsend, Manager of the Iron Hill Brewery, to the Media Business Authority for a term of three (3) years. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Krull made a motion to adopt Resolution #2003-17 authorizing the Borough to execute and submit an application for additional Redevelopment Assistance Capital Grant (if funds are available). Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Krull noted that the demolition of the twin dwelling on Baltimore Pike was not deemed to be historically significant and is necessary to secure a lease agreement with Trader Joe's. Councilperson Krull believes the decision to be an economically sound one and will provide a much needed food market for Borough residents.

Health & Shade Tree Commission – Mr. Alyanakian

Councilperson Alyanakian also spoke kind words about Jumbo Johnson. He mentioned Jumbo had coached him and has an enormous amount of respect for him. He will be missed in the community.

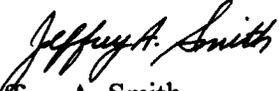
Councilperson Alyanakian provided an update on a grant application for solar panels to be installed at the Media Armory. Councilperson Alyanakian reported that the PHMC was opposed to installing the panels on the east side of the building where they would be in plain view. PHMC did, however, approve the installation on the west side of the building.

Councilperson Alyanakian read Proclamation #2003-08, which proclaims September 20-27, 2003 to be National Osteopathic Medicine Week within the Borough of Media.

Adjournment

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary