

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 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 and Sherwin. Also present were Solicitor Middlebrooks, Engineer Mulvena 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 Fred Dotts, who was an active member of the community coordinating many recreation activities for children—specifically for Media Little League.

Approval of the Minutes

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of September 18, 2003. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report – Mr. McMahon

Mayor McMahon reported the Police Department received and investigated 908 complaints during the month of September. There were no reported burglaries for the month of September, however, there was a burglary earlier this month that is being investigated.

Mayor McMahon announced the Veterans Day Parade will be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. Numerous veterans organizations will be in attendance as well as 5,000 students and 10-15 bands. The Governor and various other dignitaries have been invited.

Proclamation #2003-09

Mayor McMahon read Proclamation #2003-09 proclaiming October 23-31, 2003 to be Red Ribbon Week, working toward a drug-free community.

Council Committee Reports

Recreation & Code Enforcement – Mr. Gibian

Councilperson Gibian announced the Media Halloween Parade and Extravaganza will be held on Saturday, October 25, 2003 beginning at 2:00 p.m. The Recreation Commission is seeking volunteers for the Extravaganza. Please contact the Borough office if you are interested.

Councilperson Gibian mentioned there are two (2) vacancies on the Recreation Commission. Anyone interested in serving should submit a letter of interest to Borough Manager Smith.

Councilperson Gibian thanked the Engineer's office and JMC Contractors, Inc. for the attractive brick walkway outside of the Community Center.

Public Safety - Ms. Whitaker

Mayor McMahon led the swearing in of two (2) new police officers, Matthew Belluci and Nicole Koban. Councilperson Whitaker made a motion to approve the hiring of the new police officers. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Whitaker made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 977 pertaining to Traffic Ordinance Amendments. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Whitaker made a motion to adopt Resolution #2003-18 for the new police officer, Nicole Koban, to attend basic training program. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Community Development – Mr. Robinson

Vice-President Robinson reported on a Zoning Hearing Board application for 117 N. Edgmont Street, whereby the applicant is seeking variances to construct a residential addition in the R2 district. Council will not oppose the application.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve the change of use/minor land development application for 111 W. State Street. This is a change of use group from "B" business to "A" assembly for an Italian restaurant. 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 208 W. State Street. The applicant proposes a change of BOCA use group from a hair salon to a Subway food store. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson mentioned he was saddened by the loss of Fred Dotts and offered condolences to his family. Fred donated hundred of hours of time coordinating activities for children and he will certainly be missed.

Personnel – Ms. Hagan

President Hagan mentioned the 2003 leaf collection schedule has been posted on the Borough's webpage and cable channel. Signs will be posted in advance of a leaf collection in a particular area of town.

President Hagan reported that an amendment to Chapter 211 pertaining to residential parking has been drafted to reflect the fact that individuals eligible for a residential parking permit are only able to use the permit to park in the area which they reside. It has come to the Borough's attention that some individuals who reside in the Borough work here as well and will park in areas in which their particular permit was not intended. As a means to correct this loophole,

Vice-President Robinson authorized the Solicitor to advertise an amendment to Chapter 211. Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

President Hagan mentioned the she and Borough Manager Smith met with residents regarding traffic control on North Orange Street. The Borough is in the process of lobbying PennDot for the placement of stop signs at Fourth & Fifth and Orange Streets. In the meantime, the Borough will eliminate a few parking spaces on North Orange Street in the vicinity of Fourth and Fifth Streets to improve site distance.

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	731,239.68
Liquid Fuels Fund	<u>5,217.45</u>
Total	736,457.13

Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Sherwin reported that a 2004 preliminary budget will be presented to Council at the November 18, 2003 Workshop meeting. This preliminary budget will be made available to the public on November 21, 2003 upon adoption at the November 20, 2003 Council meeting. Borough Council will adopt the 2004 budget on Thursday, December 18, 2003.

Councilperson Sherwin reminded everyone that the Media-Upper Providence Book Sale will be held on October 18, 19 & 20, 2003 in the Community Center and Cottage House. Monday, October 20th, will be half off day.

Grants & Recycling – Mrs. Krull

Councilperson Krull announced the first annual Jazz Fest to be held on Saturday, November 8, 2003 from 8:00pm to 1:00am. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door. Please contact the Media Business Authority at 610-566-5039 for more information.

Councilperson Krull presented Proclamation #2003-10 recognizing Barry and Lynn Green for the façade enhancements to their properties at 21-31 West State Street.

Health & Shade Tree Commission – Mr. Alyanakian

Councilperson Alyanakian mentioned that the Borough's Health Department is in the process of renewing health licenses. If your restaurant has not renewed their health license, please contact the Borough at 610-566-5210.

Councilperson Alyanakian noted that residents noticing any damage to a tree, which is located within the right of way, should contact the Borough at 610-566-5210.

Councilperson Alyanakian reminded everyone that Election Day will take place on Tuesday, November 4, 2003.

Councilperson Alyanakian commented that the Borough suffered a great loss with the passing of Fred Dotts. He was a fine individual and mentor for the youth of the Media area.

Privilege of the Floor

Jane Rowland, E. 2nd Street, requested the Borough consider placing a stop sign at 2nd & Haldeman Streets. President Hagan responded that the Borough would consider the possibility, but has been more concerned with 3rd & Haldeman Streets and placed a stop sign at this location.

Kitty McFarland, 532 N. Lemon Street, inquired about the Borough looking into designating residential parking along Lemon Street. Ms. McFarland noted she has periodically noticed a bus and a utility truck parked in the vicinity. The Borough will follow-up on her request.

Bill Tyson, 325 N. Edgmont Street, inquired if the Borough prefers to pick up bagged leaves or vacuum them up curbside during leaf collection season. It was mentioned that either way is sufficient for collection, however, the preferred method is the utilization of an environmentally-friendly bag.

Monica Simpson, 502 N. Orange Street, announced the Senior Citizen Luncheon will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2003, 12:00 noon, at the Towne House. A supply of 100 tickets are available.

Patrick Breslin, 300 block of E. State Street, inquired about the Media Real Estate application for luxury apartments along this block. Vice-President Robinson responded that the applicant has appealed the Zoning Hearing Board decision to the Court of Common Pleas. Vice-President mentioned Mr. Breslin should feel free to contact Borough Manager Smith at 610-566-5210, ext. 242, for a copy of the adjudication.

Jane Rowland, E. 2nd Street, inquired whether or not the Borough will continue this winter with the snow removal pilot program requesting residents to park on the odd or even side of the street, depending on when the snow begins to fall. The Borough will continue the program this winter and will also erect additional snow removal signs in the near future.

Trudy Carroll, 500 N. Lemon Street, announced the Historical House Tour has sold out.

Trudy Carroll also announced the Greening of the Minshall House will take place on Friday, November 28, from 6:30-8:00pm after Santa's visit.

Trudy Carroll requested that residents be made aware of various Zoning Hearing Board and Planning Commission agendas via ward (political) leaders. President Hagan responded that the Borough is willing to place the Zoning Hearing Board and Planning Commission agendas on the webpage and cable channel, however, we do not want to deviate from the requirements of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Adjournment

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Council went into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

Respectfully submitted,


Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary