

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

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

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 Jasper Daniels, who was active with the NAACP.

**Approval of the Minutes**

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

**Mayor's Report** – Mr. McMahan

Mayor McMahan reported the Police Department received and investigated 886 complaints during the month of October. There were two (2) reported burglaries for the month of October.

Mayor McMahan announced the Media Theatre will hold their Annual Grand Gala on Saturday, February 14, 2004. Peter Pan is showing at the Media Theatre from December 3 – 28, 2003.

Mayor McMahan read a letter thanking Borough Council members for the Veterans Day parade. Mayor McMahan thanked Bob Dimond as the Grand Marshall of the parade.

**Council Committee Reports**

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

Councilperson Gibian announced a trip to Monster's Inc. Disney on Ice is being sponsored by the Recreation Commission for December 29, 2003. Tickets are available at the Borough Hall.

Councilperson Gibian reported that the Annual Senior Citizen Luncheon at the Towne House was a huge success with over 100 residents in attendance.

Councilperson Gibian mentioned that the youth panel for the Recreation Commission was attended by a dozen young people. It was noted that the panel is lacking in the teenage group. A possible game night will be planned in the near future. The panel meets on the first Tuesday of the month.

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 made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise bids for lighting enhancements at the Media Theatre. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Gibian made a motion to authorize an amendment to the ordinance pertaining to sideyards and setbacks to existing dwellings. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Safety** - Ms. Whitaker

Councilperson Whitaker noted that the Police Department received letters commending them for their response to various calls and for their participation in the Veterans Day Parade.

Councilperson Whitaker reminded everyone to stay alert with regard to their surroundings and to call the Police if you see someone suspicious in your neighborhood.

**Community Development** – Mr. Robinson

Vice-President Robinson mentioned that the Zoning Hearing Board Application for 334 N. Orange Street to contract townhomes has been continued.

Vice-President Robinson noted that the Zoning Hearing Board Application for 122 Manchester Avenue (Tiny T's) has been withdrawn.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve the preliminary/final land development for 11 E. Second Street for a 540 square foot addition to the existing three-story Victorian office building conditioned upon the applicant's compliance with the NDI (Borough Engineer) memo. Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve the preliminary/final land development for 230 N. Monroe Street, which is an addition to the front and north sides of a law office. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve the change of use group/minor land development for 845 N. Jackson Street conditioned upon the applicant's compliance with items in the NDI (Borough Engineer) memo and the execution of an agreement that will be prepared by the Borough Solicitor. This application meets the recommendations of the Planning Commission and will display more greenery than is currently there. The property owner is willing to work with Peter Williamson in regards to landscaping. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 979 pertaining to increasing parking ratios in the R2 and R3 zoning districts. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 980 regarding amendments to the telecommunication ordinance authorizing a use-by-right for emergency local, state, county or federal communications antennas. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to authorize an amendment to the cable franchise ordinance. There will be a Public Hearing pertaining to the agreement in December at 7:30 pm. prior to the Council meeting. Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel** – Ms. Hagan

President Hagan announced that Penn Dot has agreed to place a stop sign at the intersection of Fifth and Orange Streets. As a result, the Borough will need to add this stop sign to the vehicle code. Vice-President Robinson made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to advertise an ordinance amendment to include stop signs at Fifth & Orange Streets. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

President Hagan mentioned she would entertain a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 981 pertaining to residential parking. Vice-President Robinson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 981 restricting residential parking to be valid only for the area in which you reside. In other words, if you are issued a residential parking permit, it can not be used for another residential area within the Borough—only the area in which you reside. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

President Hagan mentioned she would entertain a motion to create a residential parking district along the 100 block of East Third Street. Vice-President Robinson made a motion to authorize an amendment to Chapter 211 to create a residential parking district along the 100 block of East Third Street. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

President Hagan mentioned she would entertain a motion to award the LED Traffic Signals bid. Vice-President Robinson made a motion to award the LED Traffic Signals bid to Higgins Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$13,953.10, which includes hardware and installation. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

President Hagan reported that as a result of additional snow emergency routes, signs will be installed in the near future. Letters to residents will also be distributed soon.

President Hagan mentioned she would entertain a motion to award a bid for repairs and renovations at the Armory. Councilperson Whitaker made a motion to award the bid for Armory repairs and renovations to Murphy-Quigley, Inc. in the amount of \$1,566,000. Councilperson Gibian seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

President Hagan noted that the Borough is in the process of reviewing zoning ordinance amendments by consulting with the Borough Engineer and Solicitor, which will include additional setbacks on townhouses, etc. It is believed that these zoning ordinance amendments will bring the code up-to-date. The Borough's Planning Commission and Delaware County Planning Commission will review. Councilperson Whitaker made a motion to authorize the advertisement of zoning ordinance amendments. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. A Public Hearing will be held in January and the ordinance will be on hand with the Borough Manager for anyone who would like to review.

**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	878,761.02
Liquid Fuels Fund	<u>2,133.20</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>880,894.22</b>

Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Sherwin made a motion to adopt the 2004 preliminary budget. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Councilperson Sherwin mentioned the budget is in balance and thanked Bob Gioggia for his participation in allowing the Borough to save money throughout the years.

**Grants & Recycling** – Mrs. Krull

Councilperson Krull announced Santa's arrival will take place on Friday, November 28. Making Music will perform from 5-6:00 p.m., the Philly Phanatic will be in attendance and Santa will arrive at 6:00 p.m. in front of New Orleans Café.

Councilperson Krull regrettably made a motion to accept the resignations of Tim Barbacane and Christina Parker from the Media Business Authority. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Krull reported that Santa's Village will once again be opened on State Street for the holiday season. The location has yet to be determined.

**Health & Shade Tree Commission** – Mr. Alyanakian

Councilperson Alyanakian thanked the organizers of the jazz festival and reported that it was a huge success.

**Privilege of the Floor**

Jane Rowland, E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, inquired about the new business at Five Points, formerly Media Pizzeria. It was mentioned that a plumbing business called Horizon Services will soon occupy the building.

Patrick Breslin, 300 Block of E. State Street, inquired as to original plans for 122 Manchester Avenue. Vice-President Robinson noted that the plans called for the expansion of the first floor of Tiny T's and to add a floor to the building. The application was subsequently withdrawn.

Patrick Breslin inquired about the variances for 230 N. Monroe Street. It was noted that the current roof is flat and the variance will allow for a pitched roof to fit in with the character of the rest of the building.

Kitty McFarland, 532 N. Lemon Street, thanked Council members for their perseverance in obtaining the stop sign at Fifth & Orange Streets.

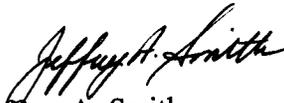
Jane Rowland inquired as to who is responsible to set the speed limit on Baltimore Avenue. It was mentioned that Baltimore Avenue is a state-owned road and, therefore, the state is responsible to set the speed limit on this roadway.

Patrick Breslin inquired as to when the state will begin work on the Third Street Bridge. Vice-President Robinson mentioned that the construction is expected to begin in 2004.

### **Adjournment**

Councilperson Gibian made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Vice-President Robinson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Smith  
Borough Manager/Secretary