

MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
August 19, 2004

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

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

Approval of the Minutes

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to approve the Public Hearing and Council meeting minutes of July 15, 2004. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Privilege of the Floor

President Hagan opened the floor for public announcements. Zubair Khan and John McCarrin of the Media Business Authority, along with Barry Sherwin, made a presentation of checks to the Media Police Association, Media Fire Company, and the Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County, sharing the proceeds of the Americana Blues and Roots Ramble festivals. Rita Buckley-Connolly accepted the award for the Domestic Abuse Project and offered the groups services to help raise awareness to their cause. Officer Linda Miller received the award on behalf of the Police Association and extended the Department's assistance to Borough residents. Lou Bellace accepted the check on behalf of the Fire Company and announced that the volunteer organization would be celebrating its 113th anniversary of serving the community. Councilperson Tyson reported that it is the 75th anniversary of the only firefighter lost in the line of duty.

Mary Lestery, Board member of the Media Film Festival announced the first Media Film Festival, which will be held on September 9, 10, and 11, 2004 at the Media Theatre.

Jeffrey Cadorette commended the work of the Media Theatre in furthering their exposure on a national level during President Bush's visit to Boeing.

Mayor's Report – Mr. McMahon

Mayor McMahon reported the Police Department received and investigated 806 complaints during the month of June and no burglaries. A complete listing is available via the police department.

Mayor McMahon read Proclamation #2004-10 commemorating the 150th Anniversary of Christ Episcopal Church and Proclamation #2004-11 declaring September 6-10, 2004, to be Suicide Awareness Week.

Council Committee Reports

Recreation, Code Enforcement & Properties – Mr. Tyson

Councilperson Tyson made a motion to adopt Resolution #2004-07 pertaining to the assessment of a \$2.00 fee on each building permit issued under the authority of the Uniform Construction Code (UCC). Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Safety – Ms. Whitaker

Councilperson Whitaker reminded the public to use caution during the summer months when temperatures are elevated. Councilperson Whitaker encouraged people to stay hydrated and give special attention to the elderly.

Community Development – Mr. Robinson

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to adopt Resolution #2004-08, #2004-09, and #2004-10, pertaining to the approval of sewer modules. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson recommended that Council not oppose the Zoning Hearing Board application for 406 N. Olive Street. Vice-President Robinson stated that the owners worked closely with the Planning Commission in applying for variances of lot width, etc., to create two single-family dwelling lots. Vice-President Robinson clarified that the property is located in the R-2 residential district. Councilperson Tyson asked if the variances pertained to one or both lots. Vice-president Robinson replied that the variances were split between the two lots. The matter will be heard by the Zoning Hearing Board later this month.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to adopt the minor land development/change of use application for 36 W. State Street with the requirements included in the review memo from NDI. Vice-President Robinson stated that the use was being changed from mercantile to assembly. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson made a motion authorizing President Hagan to execute the agreement with Omnipoint Communications, pending the Solicitor's final review, pertaining to the cellular tower located on the Courthouse building. Councilperson Tyson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel & Highway – Ms. Hagan

President Hagan announced the Bid Awards for the Ordinary Street and Sewer Contracts for the following work. President Hagan stated that the contract for Lot 1, Lot 3, and Lot 6 was awarded to A.F. Damon, Co., Inc, of Upland PA in the amount not to exceed \$106,700. President Hagan stated that Lot 2, Lot 3, Lot 6, and Lot 7 was awarded to JMC Contractors, Inc., in Glen Mills PA in an amount not to exceed \$25,800. President Hagan announced that Lot 5 and Lot 6 was awarded to Joseph E. Sucher & Sons, Inc., in Eddystone PA in an amount not to exceed \$420,869. President Hagan reported that the complete bid information is available upon request. Vice-President Robinson made a motion to award the bids, seconded by Councilperson Krull. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hagan reported that the speed humps on Jefferson Street will be installed in the near future with the award of the Street Maintenance Bid.

Finance, Insurance & MBA – 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	371,455.16
Liquid Fuels Fund	<u>1,717.00</u>
Total	373,172.16

Councilperson Sherwin motioned that bills be paid and properly approved for all funds. Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Sherwin made a motion to adopt Resolution #2004-11 pertaining to the mid-year budget update. Vice-President Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Sherwin made a motion to adopt Resolution #2004-12 relating to a Revenue and Tax Anticipation Note from Commerce Bank. Councilperson Sherwin stated that the note is in the amount of \$750,000, at a rate of 1.8% and was issued to cover expenses until the Borough is reimbursed a State grant for the Armory project. Councilperson Tyson questioned if the Armory project was on budget, inquiring as to if Borough residents would pay for additional costs. Councilperson Sherwin stated he believes the project is \$150,000- \$200,000 over budget and that taxpayers would cover the costs. Councilperson Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion carried 6 – 1 with and Councilperson Tyson casting the dissenting vote.

Councilperson Sherwin announced the following events on the MBA calendar: Fall Super Sunday, Great Media Garage Sale, 24th Annual Media Food & Crafts Festival, Jazz by Night and the Veteran's Day Parade.

Recreation, Grants, Recycling & Streetscape – Mrs. Krull

Councilperson Krull thanked Tina Tasker, Michelle Cropper, and all those who contributed to this year's summer camp. Councilperson Krull also reported on the success of both sessions of the Jr. Tennis Clinic.

Councilperson Krull mentioned the following Recreation Commission announcements:

- The Franklin Institute/Titanic Exhibition is scheduled for Friday, September 10, 2004. Ticket prices are \$18 for Borough residents and \$23 for non-Borough residents. The bus leaves the Olive Street parking garage at 12:45 p.m. and departs from the Institute at 4:30 p.m.
- Teen Nights will begin again in September.

Councilperson Krull announced that Lynn Gibian (Recreation Board) gave birth to a baby girl, Elizabeth, and offered her congratulations and best wishes to the new addition to the family.

Councilperson Krull reported that the Fire Department received a grant in the amount of \$17,000 for a thermal imaging camera with the assistance of Judy Fowler, Grants Administrator.

Health & Shade Tree Commission – Mr. Alyanakian

Councilperson Alyanakian announced that a holiday tree would be planted at Five Points thanks to the authorization of Chip Mackrides, property owner.

Councilperson Alyanakian reported that renovation is underway at the Bowling Green Trolley Station. The Shade Tree Commission is working with SEPTA, and Upper and Nether Providence to landscape the area once construction is completed.

Councilperson Alyanakian announced that the Environmental Advisory Commission is featured as the “Buyer of the Month” for the purchase of clean energy at the Armory. Those interested can read more at www.cleanyourair.org. Councilperson Alyanakian mentioned that Media Borough has been recognized by the Philadelphia Business Journal and Penn Future for clean energy initiatives.

Privilege of the Floor

Jane Rowland, E. Second Street, asked Council for the definition of a sewer module. Engineer Mulvena explained the difference between sanitary sewer and storm sewer units. Mrs. Rowland inquired about the planning process to repair/replace a storm sewer, citing the difficulty in accommodating all the runoff during heavy storms. President Hagan acknowledged the problem and reported that Council was looking into the matter. President Hagan reported that Council is working to address stormwater issues on N. Ridge and Olive Streets this year.

Kitty McFarland, Lemon Street, asked Council for an update on the Third Street Bridge. President Hagan reported that the Borough is waiting for a response from the County.

Zubair Khan, of the Media Business Authority thanked Council for their efforts on the pedestal maps located in the business district. Mr. Khan conveyed that the maps have received many favorable compliments.

Adjournment

Vice-President Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. Councilperson Tyson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary