

MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
March 17, 2005

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

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

Approval of the Minutes

Councilperson Whitaker motioned to approve the minutes of February 17, 2005 meeting. Councilwoman Krull seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Privilege of the Floor

Mrs. Jane Rowland, Second Street, commended the Borough for the removal of leaves on Emerald Street.

Mayor's Report – Mr. McMahon

Mayor McMahon reported that there were 867 complaints in the month of February and no reported burglaries.

Mayor McMahon reported that Kathy Kluader was receiving a dispatcher award at the DELCO Police Chiefs meeting this evening.

Mayor McMahon announced April 16th to be a Borough wide clean-up day. All residents and organizations are encouraged to participate. Volunteers should meet at the Media Municipal Center at 8:30 a.m.

Council Committee Reports

Recreation, Code Enforcement & Properties – Mr. Tyson

Councilman Tyson motioned to approve the right of way agreement for 18 – 20 W. Fifth Street to allow for the construction of a fire escape. Councilwoman Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Tyson motioned to appoint Dennis Shields to the Historic Archives Commission. Councilwoman Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Tyson made the following library announcements. The library will hold a book sale April 16, 17, and 18, 2005. Donations are still being accepted at the cottage next to the Media

Municipal Center. A first time homebuyer's seminar will be held on April 13, 2005. Pre registration is not required.

Councilman Tyson reported that top fire and EMS responders will be recognized at the annual Fire Company banquet. Four out of the top ten fire responders are Borough residents and none of the top ten EMS responders are Borough residents. Councilperson Tyson encouraged residents to volunteer with the Fire Company.

Councilman Tyson announced Voices for Women benefit concert on April 9, 2005 to support three local charities: The Center Foundation, Pathways, and Women Resources Organization.

Councilman Tyson stated his disappointment that three of his colleagues, President Hagan and Councilpersons Whitaker and Krull, would not be running for reelection next term.

Public Safety – Ms. Whitaker

Councilwoman Whitaker commented on the valuable work of Borough employees and commended Kathy Klauder on her dispatcher award.

Community Development – Mr. Robinson

Vice-President Robinson stated he would accept a motion to adopt Ordinance No 1001 abandoning the paper street at 7 South Providence Road. Councilwoman Whitaker made the motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Krull. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson stated he would entertain a motion to approve the preliminary/final reverse subdivision and land development application for 312-314 N. Orange Street. Councilwoman Whitaker made the motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Krull. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson stated he would accept a motion to approve the preliminary/final subdivision and land development application for 1 Cherry Street. Vice-President Robinson stated the Planning Commission had unanimously approved the application. Councilwoman Whitaker made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Krull. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson announced a Zoning Hearing Board application for 32 W. Baltimore Avenue to permit a music studio at the Cottman Transmission property. Vice-President Robinson stated he would accept a motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor to attend the Zoning Hearing Board meeting to represent the interests of Borough. Vice-President Robinson stated if the Zoning Hearing Board approves the application, a land development application will appear before Borough Council. Councilperson Krull made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Whitaker. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson announced a Zoning Hearing Board application for 411 Manchester Avenue to extend the special exception for the property that is 100 percent in compliance with regulations. Vice-President Robinson stated he would accept a motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor to attend the Zoning Hearing Board meeting to express the sentiments of Council. Councilwoman Krull made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Whitaker. The motion

carried unanimously. Councilman Tyson clarified that the special use was to permit apartments in the R-2 Zoning District.

Vice-President Robinson announced he would accept a motion to execute the construction agreement for 406 N. Olive Street & 113 W. Fourth Street to pour footings on the property prior to approval from the Department of Environmental Protection for a sewer module. Councilperson Krull made the motion, seconded by Councilperson Whitaker. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Robinson announced the Borough is seeking volunteers for an ad hoc committee to address pedestrian, lighting, and traffic calming issues. Interested residents should contact the Borough.

Personnel & Highway – Reported by Gail Whitaker

Councilwoman Whitaker motioned to adopt Resolution #2005-06, supporting the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program that may lose funding in 2006. Councilperson Krull seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Finance, Insurance & MBA – Mr. Sherwin

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

General Fund	\$ 464,884.65
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 2,331.55
Recreation Fund	\$ 5,157.68
Total	\$ 472,373.88

Councilman Sherwin motioned that bills be paid when properly approved for all funds. Councilwoman Krull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Sherwin motioned to accept bids as submitted for the sale of a 1998 Ford Crown Victoria to Emergency Remarketing and a 1996 Ford Explorer to Vince DeRosa, the highest bidders. Councilwoman Krull seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Sherwin stated bids received for insurance renewal require additional evaluation. Councilperson Sherwin recommended that Borough Council reconvene on Wednesday, March 23, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. to consider awarding the renewal. Councilperson Sherwin stated Council would consider the proposals before the insurance coverage lapses on April 1, 2005.

Councilman Sherwin announced the MBA was approached to endorse a professional bike race in Media. Councilperson Sherwin stated the Borough Council was inclined to support the race, which would have minimal impact on the routing of traffic throughout town. The race will be an all day event and has not yet been finalized.

Recreation, Grants, Recycling & Streetscape – Mrs. Krull

Councilwoman Krull made the following Recreation Board announcements:

- March 19, 2005 – Lunch with the Easter Bunny, Media Community Center
- April 23, 2005 – Adult Dance: Details to follow.
- Summer camp registration – April 6, 2005 and April 9, 2005 for Borough residents, April 16, 2005 for non-residents. Applications will only be accepted on these dates. Children must be five years of age by August 31, 2005 to be eligible.

Councilwoman Krull announced the Borough has received approval from PennDOT to advertise bids for the Streetscape project. The bid opening is scheduled for April 1, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

Health & Shade Tree Commission – Mr. Alyanakian

Councilman Alyanakian reported the EAC has applied for grant funding for tree plantings throughout the Borough.

Councilman Alyanakian welcomed Ed Lawlor, Matt McCusker, and Len Cohen, owners of Sligo, to Media.

Councilman Alyanakian expressed his respect of his fellow Councilpersons, stating it is a pleasure to work with them. Those members who are not running for re-election will be missed.

Privilege of the Floor

Treasurer Gioggia stated as a member of the Rose Tree Media School District he was pleased that the fifth graders of the school district placed in the 90th percentile in both math and reading standardized testing. He commended the students, their parents, teachers, and administrators for their contributing efforts.

Councilwoman Whitaker announced that an executive summary was released by the FAA regarding the extension of Runway 17-35. Residents interested in obtaining a copy can contact the Borough.

Adjournment

Vice-President Robinson stated he would accept a motion to recess the meeting and reconvene on Wednesday, March 23, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. Vice-President Robinson stated the meeting would not be re-advertised. Councilwoman Whitaker made the motion that was seconded by Councilperson Krull. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting recessed at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary