

MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
May 19, 2005

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 Solicitor Middlebrooks, Engineer Mulvena, Borough Manager Smith, Treasurer Gioggia 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 motioned to approve the April 21, 2005 meeting minutes and the recessed meeting minutes of April 21, 2005, which took place on April 22, 2005. Councilwoman Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Privilege of the Floor

Zubair Khan, Executive Director of the Media Business Authority (MBA) presented two checks to the Pennsylvania Veteran's Museum from the proceeds of Santa's Village. Ed Buffman and Bud Hendrick accepted the donation checks on behalf of the museum and thanked the MBA for their contribution.

Councilperson Tyson announced that the Media Armory was the recipient of two awards for the rehabilitation project. Media Borough was honored by the Heritage Commission of Delaware County at a ceremony on May 3, 2005 and will be honored again on May 26, 2005 by the Pennsylvania Bureau of Historic Preservation at a ceremony in Harrisburg.

Mayor's Report – Mr. McMahon

Mayor McMahon reported there were 956 complaints in the month of March and two reported burglaries.

Mayor McMahon announced the Penncrest Softball Team won their first Central League Championship and will advance to the state playoffs.

Mayor McMahon read Proclamation #2005-05 relating to Christ Church Media Pre-School's celebration of 25 years of outstanding service and Christian outreach in the Media community.

Council Committee Reports

Recreation, Code Enforcement & Properties – Mr. Tyson

Councilman Tyson stated there would be a reception for the Media Upper-Providence Library on Monday, May 23, 2005 that will be attended by the Superintendent of the Rose Tree Media

School District. Councilman Tyson urged residents to attend and show their support for the library.

Councilman Tyson reminded residents the Borough enforces an ordinance that mandates the height of grass and weeds, which must be less than ten inches tall. Councilman Tyson encouraged all residents to maintain their properties and work with the Borough to prevent grass and weeds from reaching the maximum allowable height. The Code Enforcement Department will respond to any complaints and work with property owners to ensure the health and safety of residents.

Councilman Tyson reported the Borough would form an ad hoc committee to evaluate historic preservation efforts and assemble a technical and strategic plan to protect these structures. Individuals who are interested can contact Councilman Tyson or the Borough office.

Councilman Tyson stated the annual Fire Company Fund Drive is happening, and residents will receive vouchers asking for donations in the near future. The Media Fire Company is a volunteer organization and Councilman Tyson requested that residents donate generously.

Councilman Tyson announced the Rotary Soap Box Derby would be held on Saturday, May 21, 2005 beginning at 8 a.m.

Councilman Tyson stated his concern for the rising costs of housing in Media Borough. Councilman Tyson announced three areas that he would like Council to address: building height, building coverage and impervious surface coverage.

Public Safety – Ms. Whitaker

Councilwoman Whitaker stated that the Media Fire Company is one of the few volunteer companies and encouraged residents to make donations and contributions of time and money.

Councilwoman Whitaker reported the Media Police officers are continuing firearms training.

Councilwoman Whitaker announced Ed Fulmer was placed back on active duty and commended him for his service to the country.

Councilman Tyson stated that Borough Council has not rendered a decision about placing additional parking meters in the Borough.

Community Development – Mr. Robinson

Vice-President Robinson announced that a site has been selected for a State Store on Baltimore Pike between Orange and Lemon Streets.

Vice-President Robinson stated the Media Five Mile Run will be held on Friday, June 17, 2005 and event organizers are still in need of volunteer marshals. Vice-President Robinson stated that proceeds from the race would be donated to the Media Fire Company and the Media Upper Providence Library.

Vice-President Robinson announced the Memorial Day Parade would be held on Monday, May 30, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

Personnel & Highway – Ms. Hagan

President Hagan announced the Annual Walk of Fame Ceremony would be held on Wednesday, June 1, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. The names will be withheld until the ceremony.

President Hagan stated she would accept a motion to appoint Dick Weathers to the Walk of Fame Committee. Vice-President Robinson made the motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Whitaker. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hagan announced the bid for the sale of 1 W. State Street was rejected at the Borough Council Meeting on Monday, May 16, 2005.

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	\$ 364,616.74
Recreation Fund	\$ 2,354.05
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 3,431.09
Total	\$ 370,401.88

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

Recreation, Grants, Recycling & Streetscape – Mrs. Krull

Councilwoman Krull provided an update on the Streetscape project stating that Borough Council passed a motion to reject the bids received for construction and will re-scope the project. Councilwoman Krull stated the re-scoped project would eliminate curbing, banner arms, plants, trees, tree grates and some lights. The re-scoping will also eliminate the need for property owners to replace their sidewalks.

Councilwoman Krull stated the Borough is expanding its recycling efforts and would now accept dry cell batteries at Borough Hall.

Councilwoman Krull made the following Recreation Board announcements:

- The Phillies Home Run Derby – Sat., June 4, 2005, Barrall Park
- Fourth of July Celebration – Sat., July 2, 2005
- Phillies game – Sun., July 10, 2005

Health & Shade Tree Commission – Mr. Alyanikian

Councilman Alyanikian announced the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) received a WREN grant for stormwater management. Councilman Alyanikian thanked Judy Fowler, Vivian Williams, and the EAC for their efforts in securing the grant.

Councilman Alyanikian announced the Amateur Bike Challenge for kids would be held on Saturday, May 21, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. There is a \$3 registration fee for the race, which is open to children between the ages of 6 and 14 years old.

Councilman Alyanakian read Proclamation #2005-04 declaring Friday, May 20, 2005 to be Bike to Work Day.

Privilege of the Floor

Zubair Khan, Executive Director of the Media Business Authority, inquired about the delay of the Streetscape project. President Hagan stated that the delay would not affect funding and the re-scoping of the project would shorten construction time. Councilwoman Krull stated the anticipated commencement of construction will be August or September and the project will not impact existing sidewalks.

Kitty McFarland, Lemon Street, requested the Borough consider expanding their existing recycling program to include accepting paint. Councilwoman Krull stated she would pass the request along to the Environmental Advisory Council.

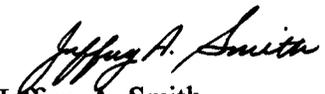
Paul Cavanaugh, Fifth Street, inquired about the status of the Third Street Bridge. President Hagan mentioned the next step is for the court to make a determination on the ownership of the bridge/dam.

Zubair Khan, Executive Director of the Media Business Authority (MBA), mentioned the following MBA events: The Media Town Fair and Sidewalk Sale will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. followed by the Fifth Annual Blues Stroll beginning at 7:15 p.m.

Adjournment

Vice-President Robinson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Whitaker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary