

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2006**

The Media Borough Council met in Council Chambers on the above date with the following officials present: Mayor McMahon, President Daly, Vice-President Hall, Councilpersons Alyanakian, Simpson, Derrickson, Sherwin and Tyson. Also present were Borough Manager Smith, Treasurer Gioggia, Engineer Walton and Solicitor Middlebrooks.

President Daly called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and led the salute to the flag. President Daly observed a moment of silence for the passing of Eugene Crumrine.

Approval of the Minutes

Councilman Derrickson made a motion to approve the January 3, 2006 Meeting minutes (Recessed Meeting of December 15, 2005) and the January 3, 2006 Council Reorganization Meeting minutes. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report – Mayor McMahon

Mayor McMahon reported the Police Department received and investigated 771 complaints during the month of December and there were no reported burglaries. The yearly numbers from the Police reflect that there were six (6) reported burglaries during 2005. Mayor McMahon mentioned that this is a credit to the Media Police Department.

Council Committee Reports

Health, Historic Preservation & Library – Mr. Tyson

Councilman Tyson mentioned that there is currently an opening on the Board of Health. Anyone interested should submit a letter of interest and resume to Borough Manager Smith's attention.

Councilman Tyson noted that he recently met with the Board of Health and was impressed with the group and their positive ideas for the town. They are currently discussing the bird flu epidemic and how Media Borough could address the situation if it were to come to the United States. Future discussions will be held pertaining to health issues that affect our senior citizen population. The Board also hopes to be part of plans to update our current emergency management procedures as it pertains to health issues.

Councilman Tyson reported that the Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Day at the Media-Upper Providence Library went well.

Councilman Tyson reported the Media-Upper Providence Library has introductory computer courses available for residents who are interested. The training sessions are available on a one-on-one basis if needed. Please inquire at the Library for more information.

On January 4, 2006, the Media-Upper Providence Library had solar panels installed on the roof of their building. They are excited to be part of this energy saving initiative.

Recreation, Technology & Media Arts Council – Mrs. Simpson

Councilwoman Simpson announced her resignation from the Recreation Board. As her new duties as Councilwoman evolve, she will step aside on the Recreation Board to give another individual an opportunity to serve on the board. Interested individuals should send a letter of interest and resume to Borough Manager Smith.

Councilwoman Simpson made a motion to appoint Arthur Brown to the Recreation Board to fill the unexpired term of Linda Gibian, which will expire on December 31, 2009. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Simpson announced the following for the Recreation Board:

- A family dance will be held on March 11, 2006 at the Community Center. More details to follow.
- Summer camp information will be available in the near future. Information will be made available on the Borough's website and letters will be sent to last year's attendees.

Councilwoman Simpson mentioned she intends to meet with the Media Arts Council next week to discuss their ideas for events within the Borough. As the liaison for this new group, Councilwoman Simpson is excited about the Media Arts Council and plans to bring the arts into the Borough.

Councilwoman Simpson reported that during the Recreation Board's reorganization meeting, Kevin Boyer was elected President, Ayse Kourtouzh Vice-President and Donald Trusty as Secretary.

Councilwoman Simpson announced the Chinese New Year celebration will take place on Saturday, January 28, 2006 at 12:00 noon on State Street. The parade will start in front of Margaret Kuo's restaurant and will feature Master Shu Pui Cheung and his "Hung Gar Kung Fu Academy."

Councilwoman Simpson reported that during the Media Business Authority reorganization meeting, Chris Dougherty was elected President, Pete Bendistis Vice-President and Monika Rehoric as Secretary. President Daly mentioned that there was an update to these original selections. Monika Rehoric explained that Bill Lynch is the Vice-President of the Media Business Authority based on the re-counting of votes after the meeting.

Community Development & Code Enforcement – Mr. Hall

Vice-President Hall made a motion to adopt Resolution #2006-02 pertaining to the sewer module for 3 Cherry Street, which received subdivision and land development approval in 2005. Councilman Derrickson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Hall made a motion to approve the minor land development application for 300 West State Street, Suite 106 (Kreutz Creek Winery), contingent upon satisfying items listed in the NDI memorandum of December 29, 2005. This application requests a change of use from Office to Mercantile. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Hall mentioned the Borough will hang American Heart Association flags along State Street from February 1 through February 15, 2006 in an attempt to raise awareness of women's cardiovascular issues. The flags will be red in color with no wording or logo.

Personnel, Public Properties & Public Safety – Mr. Daly

Along the lines of public safety, President Daly mentioned he recently had productive meeting with the Media Fire Company. The fire company is very important part of public safety.

President Daly also mentioned he recently had meeting a meeting with Mayor McMahon and Police Chief Wusinich pertaining to police department matters. President Daly noted his intention to bring citizen complaints to the Chief Wusinich's attention periodically.

In reference to parking fines, President Daly noted that it has come to his attention that there are repeat offenders who park their vehicle illegally. President Daly is requesting that the Finance Committee and Public Safety Committee provide suggestions for discussion at the February Workshop meeting. Perhaps the \$15.00 fine should be increased. Councilman Tyson inquired as to whether the amount can be increased with the number of offenses. Solicitor Middlebrooks mentioned she will need to research Councilman Tyson's inquiry.

President Daly reported that he attended the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration and noted it was a very successful event.

President Daly mentioned that the Finance Committee (unanimously) has determined they will keep the budget in tact, as adopted by the former Council members.

Finance, Insurance & Media Business Authority – 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	\$ 737,618.63
Recreation Fund	\$ 1,795.26
Liquid Fuels Fund	<u>\$ 8,815.49</u>
Total	\$ 748,229.38

Councilman Sherwin motioned that bills be paid when properly approved for all funds. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Sherwin made a motion to waive the real estate transfer tax proceeds from the sale of the Winchester Apartments (313 E. Jefferson Street), which is owned by the Media Fire Company. President Daly stated that legally we are unable to waive the fee, however, he believes we can donate the proceeds to the Fire Company's operating fund. Councilman Alyanakian mentioned that he would like input from the Fire Company as to whether or not they would like the funds donated to their General or Capital Fund. Councilman Tyson reported there are actually two (2) streams of capital funds within the Fire Company. One (1) for the purchase of apparatus and the other for capital building improvements to the structure. There would be no problem with the funds donated to either one (1) of these funds. Councilman Sherwin amended the motion to reflect that after settlement on the apartment building takes place, the real estate transfer tax proceeds shall be donated to one (1) of the capital funds of the Fire Company. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0, with Councilmen Tyson and Derrickson abstaining.

Highway, Recycling, Emergency Management & Streetscape – Mr. Derrickson

Councilman Derrickson made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise bids for collection of recyclable materials, as our current contract with Waste Management will expire on March 31, 2006. Councilman Sherwin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Derrickson reported that he visited the Veterans Museum for the first time recently and was quite impressed. He encourages everyone to see the fabulous exhibits. Mayor McMahon added that the Museum is located at the Armory (12 E. State Street—Baker Street side) and is open Thursday through Sunday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.

Councilman Derrickson reported that the 82nd anniversary of the NAACP will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2006 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Cheyney State University. The cost is \$40 per ticket. A dinner at the Concordville Inn will follow from 6:00-10:00 p.m. and the cost is \$65 per person. If you are unable to attend either event, donations to the NAACP are also accepted.

As this is his first official Borough Council meeting, Councilman Derrickson thanked everyone who came out to vote during the recent election.

Councilman Derrickson reported that there is a CMAQ project meeting scheduled in the near future and he will provide an update accordingly. CMAQ is a joint partnership with Nether Providence Township to coordinate traffic lights on Baltimore Avenue in order to foster a smoother flow of vehicular traffic.

President Daly mentioned Councilman Derrickson will assume the Streetscape Committee liaison position that was the responsibility of former Councilwoman Krull. Councilman Derrickson noted he would be happy to accept the responsibility. Borough Manager Smith gave an update on the project. The contractor is working steadily through the winter due to the unseasonably warm weather we have been experiencing. They are presently working on Olive Street (both sides) and on State Street (between Jackson and Olive Streets). The project entails the installation of new decorative lights, new signage, brick pavers, new double-headed digital meters, new trees and tree grates. Free short-term parking is available in the construction areas.

Shade Tree Commission & Environmental Advisory Council – Mr. Alyanakian

Councilman Alyanakian reported that the Borough received approximately 75 trees as part of the TreeVitalize program. A large portion of those trees have been planted. Also, Councilman Alyanakian thanked the Shade Tree Commission for their role in beautifying the gateways into the Borough.

Councilman Alyanakian reported that Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Kathleen A. McGinty attended the ribbon cutting ceremony on January 4, 2006 at the Media-Upper Providence Library and Media Elementary School for the installation of the new solar panels. This project was funded in part by the Pennsylvania Energy Harvest Grant Program. Secretary McGinty called the Borough of Media “the solar capital” of the state due to the fact that we also have panels at the Armory and intend to have more installations at the Media Theatre, Media Fire Company and the Media Municipal Center. Councilman Alyanakian thanked Public Works Director Ralph DeRosa, Borough Manager Smith, Grants Writer Judy Fowler and the EAC for their support on this initiative. President Daly and Mayor McMahan thanked Councilman Alyanakian for his efforts with this endeavor.

Public Comment & Privilege of the Floor

Councilman Sherwin announced his resignation from Media Borough Council, mentioning the need to spend more time focusing on personal issues. He has enjoyed serving on Council for 20 years. His resignation will become effective January 31, 2006.

President Daly thanked Councilman Sherwin for his service throughout the years and noted that he is one of the unsung heroes on Borough Council.

Mayor McMahan also thanked Councilman Sherwin for his service and mentioned he has enjoyed working with him.

Councilman Tyson was disappointed to learn of Councilman Sherwin’s resignation, but mentioned he has also enjoyed working with him.

Councilman Alyanakian noted that he will miss Councilman Sherwin and has often followed his lead on Borough Council throughout the years. Councilman Sherwin has always put the residents of the Borough first.

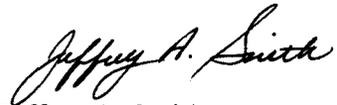
Councilwoman Simpson made a motion to accept Councilman Sherwin's resignation with reluctance and regret. Councilman Alyanakian seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Kitty McFarland, State Street, inquired as to what happens to the position vacated by Councilman Sherwin. President Daly mentioned that Borough Council has 30 days to fill the position from the date the resignation becomes effective. The position will be advertised and will be open to any registered voter within the Borough of Media. Candidate interviews will be conducted during the next Workshop meeting and the selected individual will be appointed during the February Council meeting.

Adjournment

Councilman Derrickson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary

February 2, 2006

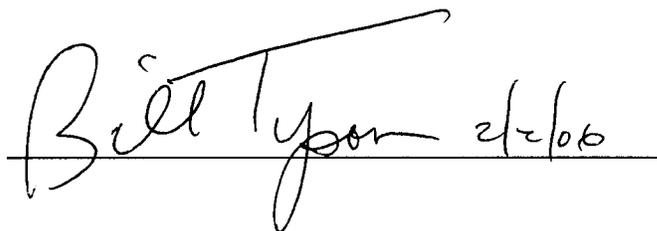
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Borough of Media

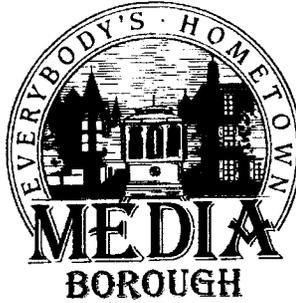
FROM: Bill Tyson, Member of Borough Council
Borough of Media

RE: Abstention from vote, January 2006 Council Meeting

At the January 19, 2006, regular meeting of the Media Borough Council, Council voted to approve an allocation to the Media Fire Company equal to the amount of real estate transfer tax paid to the Borough as a result of the sale of Fire Company property at 313 E. Jefferson Street, Media Borough.

I abstained from that vote in order to avoid any potential conflict of interest, since I serve as President of the Media Fire Company.

 Bill Tyson 2/2/06



MEDIA BOROUGH COUNCIL
ABSTAIN FROM VOTE

COUNCIL MEMBER: Ernest Derricksen, Jr

MOTION ON THE TABLE (Please describe): To waive the
1/2 of 1% tax for sale of the Winchester
House Apt's by the Media Fire Company,
Owned to the Borough.

REASON FOR ABSTAINING: Active member of the
Fire Company.

SIGNATURE: [Signature] 2/15/06
Council Member

SIGNATURE: [Signature]
Borough Manager