

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
November 20, 2008

Media Borough Council met in Council Chambers of the Media Municipal Center on the above date with the following officials present: Mayor McMahon, President Daly, Vice-President Hall, Councilwoman Simpson, Councilmen Cunningham and Williamson. Borough Manager Smith and Solicitor Scott were also in attendance. Councilmen Alyanakian and Derrickson were absent from the meeting.

President Daly called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT ORDINANCE

Councilman Cunningham summarized the Historic Preservation Overlay District Ordinance as an amendment to the Zoning Code within the Borough of Media establishing demolition permit requirements for historic resources located within the overlay district. This ordinance also provides for conditional uses and special exceptions for historic resources, establishing public policy and purposes, definitions, demolition permit requirements, a demolition permit application process, review procedures and provides penalties and remedies for violations. Councilman Cunningham mentioned that the process for implementing this ordinance began eight (8) months ago with approximately 270 properties and is now down to approximately 75 properties.

PUBLIC COMMENT & PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Lynne Green inquired about the marketability of Plymouth Hall if this ordinance is adopted. It was determined that this ordinance will only affect the property if the Borough receives an application to demolish the building.

Scott Green inquired about Plymouth Hall since it has two buildings reflected as one (1) tax parcel. It was determined that the ordinance will only apply to the Plymouth Hall building.

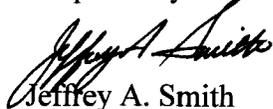
Michael York inquired if deteriorated properties within the Borough have been demolished due to neglect. It was mentioned that the Code Enforcement Department is much more strict with regard to properties and that there is not an overabundance of deteriorated properties in the Borough.

Tyrone Glover inquired if a property owner could get around the ordinance by neglecting their property. It was mentioned that the Code Enforcement Department has been much more active in recent years with inspectors employed by the Borough.

ADJOURNMENT

The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary