

## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

August 26, 2009

Media Borough Council met in the large conference room 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, Williamson, Derrickson and Alyanakian. Borough Manager Smith and Solicitor Ewald were also in attendance.

President Daly called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Vice-President Hall made a motion to rescind the resignation of Borough Manager Smith. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Council members expressed happiness that Borough Manager Smith decided to remain with the Borough. Borough Manager Smith thanked the Borough for allowing him to reconsider all of his options. Borough Manager Smith looks forward to continuing to work with everyone in Media.

As a follow-up to the acceptance of the design reimbursement agreement with PennDOT, Councilman Williamson made a motion to accept the revised Third Street Bridge design agreement with Schnabel Engineering. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. Borough Manager Smith took roll call on the motion. The motion carried 5-2, with Councilman Cunningham and Alyanakian casting the dissenting votes. Councilman Cunningham believes that the taxpayers of the Borough are not being served well with regard to this project and does not want to move forward with this project since there is no commitment on the bridge work from other parties involved.

Present Daly called on Police Chief Wusinich to discuss the transition of police dispatchers to the County 911 Center. Chief Wusinich summarized items that the department is working on as follows: the installation of an emergency phone outside of the Municipal Center, drop boxes for parking tickets, posting of office hours and a press release with the transition announcement. The current 10 digit non-emergency number will go to the 911 Center.

Butch Malinowski, Holly House, confirmed that if someone was to call 610-565-6655 after the transition that it will go to the 911 Center. It was determined that the call will go to the County 911 Center.

Mike Ferguson of Media Real Estate was in attendance to listen to the discussion regarding the dispatcher transition.

Council discussed and agreed that a separate newsletter dedicated strictly to public safety should be distributed in September by the Police Department to highlight items such as the transition of police dispatching services, the recent capital items for the police department approved by Council, etc. It was also agreed that the Police Department will send out post cards summarizing the transfer to the 911 Center.

Chief Wusinich mentioned that turnkeys will be on call 24/7 to monitor prisoners. Chief Wusinich is recommending an hourly rate of \$15 and that a criminal background check be required for these positions. Police experience is preferred.

Councilman Derrickson made a motion to authorize the Chief Wusinich to advertise the turnkey positions at \$15 per hour. Councilman Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed and agreed to look at increasing the hourly rate (fee) for the lockup utilized by other police departments during 2010 budget discussions in the fall.

Chief Wusinich discussed the hiring of public information officers—one (1) full-time and one (1) part-time to start with the option of additional hours in the future. Chief Wusinich is proposing the same hours as the administrative office (8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday). It was agreed that these would be unionized positions and would be posted in lieu of advertised initially. Councilman Williamson made a motion to advertise the posting of the job description for one (1) full-time public information officer. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. Borough Manager Smith took roll call on the motion. The motion carried 5-2, with Councilmen Cunningham and Derrickson casting the dissenting votes.

Chief Wusinich requested the police department office hours for the public information officers be officially set by Council. Councilman Derrickson made a motion to set the hours from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, for the police administration area. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1, with Councilman Cunningham casting the dissenting vote.

Councilman Williamson made a motion to post the hiring of a part-time public information officer and to advertise the position if necessary. Councilman Derrickson seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-1, with Councilman Cunningham casting the dissenting vote.

Borough Council deferred discussion on the building hours at Borough Hall until the next Workshop meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT & PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Susan Serbin inquired about the advantages of transferring dispatching services to the 911 Center. Chief Wusinich responded that the County of Delaware will assume the costs and mentioned the technological advances available at the 911 Center. Ms. Serbin suggested that the public relations surrounding this matter include utilization of cable channel 10 and the Borough's webpage.

Mike Ferguson mentioned that he will miss the personal side that the Media Borough dispatchers provided and is curious how the building will run after the transition.

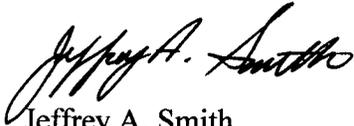
Councilman Cunningham made a motion to notify the Delaware County 911 Center that the Borough Council decided to keep police dispatching services in-house in Media. The motion died for a lack of a second. Councilman Cunningham does not see the advantage to the taxpayers at this point in time in transferring police dispatching services to the County 911 Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Cunningham motioned to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:15 p.m. Councilman Derrickson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Borough Council went into Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Respectfully submitted,



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Borough Manager/Secretary