

## **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**August 5, 2010**

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 Alyanakian, Vice-President Rehoric, Councilwoman Roe, Councilmen Williamson, Stein, and Cunningham. Borough Manager Smith, Solicitor Scott and Engineer Walton were also in attendance. Councilwoman Simpson was not in attendance.

President Alyanakian called the Special Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Brett Lester of 332 W. Third Street commented that he knew there was a traffic study being conducted at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Lemon Streets. Mr. Lester was concerned because there are numerous children under the age of 10 years old that play in that vicinity and he was concerned for their safety.

### **RATIFY COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMITTEE/LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS**

President Alyanakian made a motion to ratify the committee/liaison assignments as distributed to Council. Vice-President Rehoric seconded the motion. Council voted 5-1 in favor of the committee/liaison assignments with Councilman Stein casting the dissenting vote. President Alyanakian commented that the commitment is to the town and most of the chairs have been kept in place for 2010 except for Public Safety stating that Councilman Cunningham is more experienced and will bring fresh ideas to the table. There may be a revamp of assignments in 2011.

President Alyanakian announced that Council will enter into Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss a matter related to property.

President Alyanakian reconvened the special meeting at 7:55 p.m. and announced that Council entered into Executive Session to discuss a property matter.

President Alyanakian commented that if someone from Council is unable to make any of the meetings they should try to call him or Borough Manager Smith and let him know ahead of time.

A comment was made concerning the use of a conference phone during meetings. Solicitor Scott commented that the phone was permitted to be used during meetings as long as the Council member can hear what is discussed and those at the meeting can hear the Council member.

**CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS FOR THE SALE OF 1 W. STATE STREET**

President Alyanakian made a motion to consider authorizing the advertisement of bids for the sale of 1 W. State Street with a minimum bid of \$900,000. Councilwoman Roe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Williamson commented that Mayor McMahon, President Alyanakian, and Councilwoman Simpson have been in contact with potential buyers.

**RESOLUTION #2010-08 – APPLICATION FOR COUNTY AID**

President Alyanakian made a motion to adopt Resolution #2010-08 and apply for County Aid from the Liquid Fuels Tax to resurface roads. Councilman Cunningham seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Borough Manger Smith mentioned that the resolution calls for a request in the amount of \$25,000.

**PUBLIC COMMENT & PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Jane Valdes-Dapena of S. Jackson Street questioned the change in leadership. President Alyanakian commented that the change in leadership will kick-start some of the projects that have not been resolved in the Borough, for example the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge/Dam and 1 W. State Street.

Addie Ciannella of S. Edgmont Street questioned the manner in which the leadership was changed. She felt that it should have been more of an open process. President Alyanakian commented that the process was conducted at the Borough Council Meeting on July 15, 2010. President Alyanakian said that Councilwoman Simpson and Councilman Williamson were called to explain the reason for the change and apologized for such an abrupt change.

Jack Doyle of E. Front Street questioned the reason for the change. President Alyanakian commented he believes it was best for the town. Mr. Doyle questioned Councilwoman Roe on her vote in changing the leadership. Councilwoman Roe commented that she voted her conscience.

Ellen MacDonald of S. Jackson Street commented that she was new in town and was thankful for the work by Council but was questioning the leadership change.

Debbie Krull of Centennial Avenue questioned why this change took place and believes that if residents wanted change it would have been reflected on Election Day. She also commented on the issue of 1 W. State Street. President Alyanakian commented that it is a legal process and that bids were going out in the next couple days and there would be more flexibility if no bids are received because the Borough could sell or lease the property.

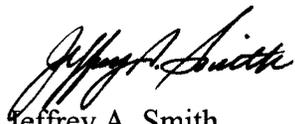
Brian Hall of N. Edgmont Street wanted a better understanding of the change. He questioned if the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge was still in litigation. President Alyanakian commented that the attorney the Borough hired to represent the Borough did not follow up and Council hired another attorney to represent the Borough.

Cara Wilkinson of E. Fifth Street commented that she was a property owner and business owner in Media and believes a more detailed explanation is in order for the abrupt leadership change.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Alyanakian motioned to adjourn the Special Meeting at 9:19 p.m. Councilman Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Smith  
Borough Manger/Secretary