

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
MARCH 7, 2019**

Media Borough Council met in the second floor conference room at 301 N. Jackson Street, Media, PA on the above date at 7:30 p.m. with the following officials present: Mayor McMahon, President Hall, Vice President A. Johnson, Councilmen Boyer, Williamson and Robinson, Councilwoman L. Johnson and Councilwoman Dixon. Also present were Solicitor Scott, Engineer Matson and Manager Smith.

Public Comment & Privilege of the Floor

Zubair Khan of the Media Business Authority presented a photo of the 1939 class from Media High School to Councilwoman Dixon. The photo was uncovered during the renovation of a property on State Street. Mr. Khan made a request to hang the photo in Borough Hall, Councilwoman Dixon will discuss the request with the Historic Archives Commission.

Borough Manager's Report

Manager Smith mentioned an agenda and police report are in the folders.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Matson mentioned he has prepared a preliminary list of roads and ADA ramps for the 2019 road resurfacing program. Engineer Matson mentioned a sink hole at Olive Street and Ridge Road. He and Public Works Director DeRosa are working to resolve the issue. They recently used a camera to investigate and found some concerns about the soil. Another concern is a leaning tree at 816 N. Olive Street and it is recommended that this tree be removed.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Scott had no report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McMahon mentioned the police report. Mayor McMahon also mentioned the Media Theatre Gala on March 30, 2019.

Council/Committee Reports

Properties, Public Works and Fire – Mr. Robinson

Councilman Robinson mentioned he attended a meeting with Septa and Fire Company personnel to discuss the impact the dual tracks would have on fire fighting capabilities. It was determined that there would be no impact and the current apparatus can be used.

MBA, Historic, Public Safety and Civil Service – Ms. L. Johnson

Councilwoman L. Johnson mentioned that Borough Council may want to consider a revised mass gathering permit application for Media Business Authority's 12th Annual Dining under the Stars to hold the event on two Saturdays (dates to be determined) as well as a letter of consent to PLCB for a special events permit. It was determined the MBA would request two Saturdays at a later date and the MBA is requesting a consent letter to the PLCB at this time.

Councilwoman L. Johnson mentioned that Borough Council may want to consider authorizing the mass gathering permit application for Second Baptist Church's re-enactment to be held on Friday, April 19, 2019 from 11:40 a.m. – Noon.

Councilwoman L. Johnson mentioned that Borough Council may want to consider the mass gathering permit application for Town Talk Newspapers' Fall Super Sunday Event to be held on Sunday, September 8, 2019 (rain date: Sunday, September 15, 2019) from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Councilwoman L. Johnson mentioned that Borough Council may want to consider the mass gathering permit application for the Town Talk's Media Art and Craft Show scheduled for Sunday, June 9, 2019 (raindate: June 16, 2019) from 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Councilwoman L. Johnson mentioned that Borough Council may want to consider the mass gathering permit application for the Media Halloween Parade to be held on Saturday, October 26, 2019 (raindate: October 27, 2019) from Noon. to 4:00 p.m.

Councilwoman L. Johnson mentioned that Borough Council may want to consider the mass gathering permit application for the Community Block Party to be held on December 1, 2019 (raindate: December 8, 2019) from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Councilman Robinson will reach out to the parade directors to see what kind of vendors will be participating.

Councilwoman L. Johnson mentioned that Borough Council may want to consider the mass gathering permit application for the Santa Parade and Fun Run to be held on December 1, 2019 (raindate: December 8, 2019) from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Fair Trade, Farmer's Market, Shade Tree and EAC – Mrs. A. Johnson

Vice President A. Johnson mentioned the appointment of Ian Piro to the EAC to fill the unexpired term of Maggie Dunn (term expires 12/31/19)

Vice President A. Johnson mentioned the authorization to advertise for bids for the composting program.

Community Development, HARB and Media Arts Council – Mr. Hall

President Hall mentioned a zoning hearing board application for a variance for a sign at 1 W. Third Street. This location is in the Office District and is permitted a 9 sq. ft. sign, the request is for a 15 sq. ft. sign. President Hall recommends the applicant review his request with the Code Enforcement Director to understand the requirements better. The Planning Commission is

recommending the Council not oppose with the conditions to minimize the size and maximize the fit.

President Hall mentioned Council should discuss the townhouses on Haldeman Street. President Hall believes these homes should not be in the Historical District. Council agreed and asked Solicitor Scott to follow up with the Pennsylvania Museum and Historical Commission to ascertain the reason for including these homes in the historical district. Councilwoman Dixon noted concerns about the undergrown railroad that may have been located in this area.

Finance and Library – Mr. Williamson

Councilman Williamson mentioned that he feels if brick sidewalks are required then consideration should be given to the Borough paying the difference between a concrete sidewalk and brick. The issue will be placed on the CDC agenda for consideration.

Councilman Williamson mentioned that Carl Ewald is negotiating with Comcast and Verizon to renew our agreements with them.

Recreation and Board of Health – Mr. Boyer

Councilman Boyer mentioned the Recreation Board will be meeting on Tuesday to discuss the Tot Lot expansion.

Councilman Boyer mentioned a request from Wendy Allen to have the girl scout troop she leads to clean and paint the playroom. They would like to do this to earn a badge. Councilman Robinson asked if this would be an on-going thing or only until the badge is earned. Councilman Boyer seemed to think the girl scouts would like to make it an ongoing project.

Personnel, Public Relations and Historical Archives – Ms. Dixon

Councilwoman Dixon mentioned that the Historic Archives will be holding a game night.

Public Comment and Privilege of the Floor

There was none.

Adjournment

President Hall made a motion to adjourn the Workshop meeting at 9:06 p.m. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager