

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
March 21, 2019**

Media Borough Council met in Council Chambers on the above date with the following officials present: Mayor McMahon, President Hall, Vice-President A. Johnson, Councilmen Boyer, Robinson and Williamson, Councilwomen Dixon and L. Johnson. Also present were Solicitor Scott, Engineer Matson and Manager Smith.

President Hall called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. and led the salute to the flag.

Approval of Minutes

President Hall made a motion to approve the February 7, 2019 Workshop meeting minutes. Councilwoman Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to approve the February 21, 2019 Council meeting minutes. Councilwoman Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation

Mayor McMahon read a proclamation recognizing the Media Theatre on their 25th Anniversary. Roger Ricker, Creative Director for the Theatre accepted the proclamation.

Mayor McMahon read a proclamation recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Korean Congress. Mayor McMahon will present the proclamation at a celebration dinner.

Public Comment and Privilege of the Floor

Roseann Mulcahy of Nether Providence Township asked for an update on the dual left turn lane at Providence Road and Baltimore Avenue. Solicitor Scott mentioned that the Borough has obtained the necessary easements and now it is up to the developer to begin the work.

Ms. Mulcahy asked about the status of the Raven Motel. Solicitor Scott mentioned that there are approved development plans but no follow up from the owner as of now.

Ryan Grace of West State Street asked who the point person is for the Third Street Dam Project. President Hall mentioned that Schnabel Engineering is the design engineer and they work closely with the DEP and PennDot.

Michael Straw of W. Jefferson Street mentioned that at January's meeting President Hall mentioned he was unaware of who contacted the BLCC or who from the BLCC contacted the Borough regarding the stipulation agreement and would like to know if he is still unaware. President Hall mentioned that the Borough was represented by an attorney and it is common for the attorneys for both sides to consult with each other and ascertain how the other side is planning to proceed so each attorney can advise their clients. Mr. Straw asked if someone from

the Borough or BLCC asked their attorneys to contact the other. President Hall mentioned the conversation was between the attorneys. Mr. Straw feels that this practice is bizarre.

Mr. Straw mentioned that the video of the January meeting was cut off at the end and his comments regarding the Third Street Bridge were not included. President Hall mentioned that after consultation with the videographer it was determined that the video did not render completely and upon notification of the problem, the complete video was posted.

Mr. Straw mentioned parking issues in the Borough. President Hall mentioned that the success of Media has come with parking challenges. The Borough is very dense and there is little space to create parking. President Hall mentioned that Engineer Matson will be making a presentation on behalf of the Parking Committee at an upcoming Public Safety Committee meeting. Mr. Matson mentioned that an additional 10-12 spaces should be made available next week on Orange Street when the fencing comes down as well as an additional 8-10 spaces at the Town House will be made available soon. President Hall mentioned the collapse of the County garage has put a great strain on parking in the Borough and suggests that residents contact the County to encourage them to promote off site parking for employees, to create an aggressive plan to rebuild the garage and perhaps considering using the current site as a temporary surface lot.

Bob Stump of N. Lemon Street mentioned that public comment and privilege of the floor is not the place to debate Council by those running for office. President Hall mentioned Council welcomes all comments and questions.

Marianne of Karma Salon asked if the Olive Street Parking Garage safe. Engineer Matson mentioned that the Borough has retained the services of StructureCare to evaluate the garage and they have deemed it safe. The Borough is expecting a full report from StructureCare and is committed to routine maintenance and repair.

Ryan Grace of West State Street asked if the Borough has plans to increase parking. President Hall mentioned that the Parking Committee is creating a draft plan and Council has not had the opportunity to review the plan.

Jessica Payne of Olive Street mentioned the lack of parking enforcement on her street especially when Media Elementary School is not in session.

Kate Paul of Orange Street suggests that another meeting with the County regarding parking should be held.

Kathleen Rode, a business owner at 15 E. State Street mentioned that the business owners would like to know they have the support of Council and want Council to understand the struggles of the retail owners caused by parking. Councilman Robinson mentioned he is attending a conference where county council members will be in attendance and he will mention the concerns to them.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Matson mentioned the 2019 road resurfacing program will go out to bid next week.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Scott had no report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McMahon reported that the police department received and investigated 615 complaints during the month of February.

Council/Committee Reports

Properties, Public Works and Fire – Mr. Robinson

Councilman Robinson mentioned that the Media Fire Company continues to look for volunteers in any aspect, whether it's firefighting or administrative duties.

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

Councilwoman L. Johnson made a motion to authorize the Code Enforcement Director to send a letter of consent to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) for special events permits for Dining under the Stars events. Councilwoman Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman L. Johnson made a motion to approve a mass gathering permit application for the Second Baptist Church's re-enactment to be held on Friday, April 19, from 11:40 a.m. – Noon. Councilwoman Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman L. Johnson made a motion to approve a mass gathering permit application for the 40th annual Media 5 Mile race to be held on Friday, June 21, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Councilwoman Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman L. Johnson made a motion to approve a mass gathering permit application for Fall Super Sunday to be held on Sunday, September 8, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman L. Johnson made a motion to approve a mass gathering permit application for the Media Halloween parade to be held on Saturday, October 26, 2019 from Noon – 4:00 p.m. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman L. Johnson made a motion to approve a mass gathering permit application for a Community Block Party related to the Santa Parade to be held on December 1, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman L. Johnson made a motion to approve a mass gathering permit application for the Santa Parade and Fun Run to be held on December 1, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman L. Johnson mentioned upcoming events in April. Councilman Williamson mentioned that while all the events are wonderful, perhaps some new events should be considered.

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

Vice President Johnson made a motion to approve the appointment of Ian Piro to the Environmental Advisory Council for an unexpired term (12/31/19). Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice President A. Johnson made a motion to authorize the advertisement of bids for the pilot food composting program. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

President Hall made a motion to accept the resignation of Brett Lester from the Zoning Hearing Board. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall mentioned the upcoming Media Film Festival.

Recreation and Board of Health – Mr. Boyer

Councilman Boyer mentioned Recreation events including the Easter Egg Hunt on April 20, 2019.

Councilman Boyer mentioned the Girl Scouts will be making improvements to the Playroom as part of their service project.

Councilman Boyer mentioned the Recreation Board is working on improvements to the Tot Lot.

Finance and Library – Mr. Williamson

Councilman Williamson read the finance report. The Finance Committee reported checks drawn on the Central Disbursement account for the following funds:

General Fund	\$ 266,906.87
Recreation Fund	4,773.23
Liquid Fuels Fund	0.00
Capital Fund	<u>83,726.20</u>
Total	\$ 355,406.30

Councilman Williamson made a motion to approve the payment of bills for February. Councilwoman Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Williamson mentioned the surplus for 2018 was \$150,000.

Personnel, Public Relations and Historical Archives – Ms. Dixon

Councilwoman Dixon made a motion to hire Emily Miller as part-time code enforcement administrative assistant. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment and Privilege of the Floor

There was none.

Adjournment

President Hall mentioned that Council met in executive session prior to this meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

President Hall made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting at 9:55 p.m. Councilwoman Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary