

MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
May 16, 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 Engineer Matson, Manager Smith and Solicitor Scott.

President Hall called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and led the salute to the flag.

President Hall mentioned that Council met in Executive Session after the May workshop meeting to discuss two property matters.

Approval of Minutes

President Hall made a motion to approve the April 4, 2019 Special meeting minutes. Councilwoman Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to approve the April 4, 2019 Workshop meeting minutes. Councilwoman Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to approve the April 20, 2019 Council meeting minutes. Councilwoman Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment and Privilege of the Floor

Marcia Tate of West Third Street representing the Friends of Glen Providence Park mentioned the Arts in the Park events that are scheduled throughout the year.

Michael Straw of West Jefferson Street mentioned that primary election day is on May 21, 2019. Mr. Straw asked whose decision it was to place the fencing around the area of the former County garage on the sidewalk. Councilman Robinson mentioned he was not aware of who's decision it was, but he did notice that the fencing has now been moved. Mr. Straw also mentioned the repairs to the Olive Street Parking Garage and asked when will work commence. President Hall mentioned while there is not a firm start date, he hopes work will start by the end of June. Mr. Straw asked if there would be more spaces after the repairs, Councilman Robinson replied there will not be additional spaces because the garage is already striped in the most efficient way. Mr. Straw asked if a tear down/new build was considered, Councilman Robinson mentioned it was talked about but was considered cost prohibitive.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Matson mentioned work by Aqua that will close Providence Road from Five Points to Kirk Lane. Media Borough Council and Upper Providence Township Council worked together to convince Aqua that closures during the overnight hours would be less intrusive.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Scott had no report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McMahon reported that the police department received and investigated 782 complaints during the month of April.

Mayor McMahon read three proclamations:
Children's Mental Health Month
World Laughter Day
150th Anniversary of the Women's Club

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.

Councilman Robinson made a motion to authorize the Solicitor, Engineer and Borough Manager to advertise for bids for a new roof for the firehouse. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williamson. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Robinson made a motion to accept the proposal from Anago Cleaning Systems in the amount of \$896.00 per month for cleaning services at the Borough Hall complex. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dixon. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Robinson made a motion to accept the proposal from BrooksMeyer Land and Hardscaping in the amount of \$3,800.00 to repairs the wall on Orange Street. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dixon. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Robinson made a motion to accept the bid from High Concrete Group d.b.a. SturctureCare in the amount of \$966,850.00 for design/build maintenance plan and implementation for the Olive Street Parking Garage. The work will be done in 3 phases, Phase I - \$642,650, Phase II - \$234, 250 and Phase III - \$89,850. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dixon. Councilman Williamson asked who will supervise the project. Councilman Robinson mentioned a project manager will be assigned. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilwoman L. Johnson made a motion to approve a mass gathering permit application for the Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 27, 2019 9:30 a.m. –11:30 a.m. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman L. Johnson made a motion to approve an amended mass gathering permit application to include a raindate for the Media 5 Mile Race on Friday, June 28, 2019. Councilwoman Dixon seconded the motion. Councilman Robinson mentioned his concerns about having a raindate and who will pay for the police and public works employees if the race is cancelled and what is the guarantee that the volunteers will be available on the raindate. President Hall mentioned that a cancellation will only take place if there is severe weather. The motion carried 6 -1, with Councilman Robinson casting the dissenting vote.

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

Vice President Johnson did not have a report.

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

President Hall mentioned Resolution #2019-22 authorizing the submission of an application for the DCED Greenways, Trail and Recreation Program Grant for enhancements at the Plum Street Mall. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to approve a license agreement for columns in the right of way for an upgraded canopy at the former Townhouse Restaurant. Mr. Linn mentioned the canopy and reconstruction of an existing encroachment. President Hall amended the motion to include a license agreement for columns in the right of way, reconstruction of the existing encroachment and to include up to 4 street trees. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Recreation and Board of Health – Mr. Boyer

Councilman Boyer mentioned upcoming Recreation events including movie nights and Fitness in the Park.

Councilman Boyer mentioned the Recreation Board continues to meet with vendors for 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	\$ 327,250.31
Recreation Fund	5,886.79
Liquid Fuels Fund	0.00
Capital Fund	<u>87,709.76</u>
Total	\$ 418,846.86

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

Councilman Williamson mentioned there are two vacancies on the Library Board and encouraged residents who are interested to send their resumes to the Borough Manager.

Councilman Williamson mentioned the Library Book Sale was a success.

Personnel, Public Relations and Historical Archives – Ms. Dixon

Councilwoman Dixon had no report.

Public Comment and Privilege of the Floor

Ryan Grace of West State Street asked if there was any update on development of the Orange Street surface lot as recommended in the comprehensive plan. President Hall mentioned that now due to the change in circumstances at the County and until the Borough knows what the County's plans are, the recommendation can not be followed up on at present.

Michael Straw of W. Jefferson Street mentioned that the month of June is Pride Month and he requested the Borough recognize June Pride Month in Media by Proclamation.

Councilman Robinson mentioned that on May 29th World Water Day will be celebrated at Dining Under the Stars.

Adjournment

President Hall made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting at 9:17 p.m. Councilwoman Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary