

**MINUTES**  
**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 18, 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, Project Manager Seaman and Manager Smith. Solicitor Scott was not present.

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 April workshop meeting to discuss personnel matters.

**Ceremony**

Mayor McMahon conducted a swearing in ceremony for John McCormick who was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

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

**Public Comment and Privilege of the Floor**

Abbie Wiser of Jackson Street presented a petition to council on behalf of Keep Media Green. Ms. Wiser mentioned there are more than 550 signatures on the petition that support the preservation of 45 acres of open space in western section of the Borough.

Terry Rumsey of W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street introduced Keep Media Green as a new non-profit which currently has 350 members. He encouraged Council to read the names on the petition. Keep Media Green feels strongly that the BLCC tract should be kept protected and not built on. Mr. Rumsey mentioned the proposed Open Space Plan and asked if the public would have input and will the Broomalls tract be included. Councilman Williamson replied yes to both.

Robin Lasershon of W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street mentioned the benefits of recognizing saving green space such as the plants, animals, eco-system and the use of the space by the western neighbors and the entire community.

Jane Sletauris of W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street thanked Council for their efforts to support the environment with programs such as the composting program, the rehabilitation of Houtman Park, purchasing clean energy, adopting the Stormwater Master Plan and many other environmental actions and asked

for continued support. Ms. Sletauris asked Council to continue the legacy by re-zoning the BLCC tract to MERC and to not let the threats by BLCC stop them from continuing the good work.

Paul Sheldon of W. Baltimore Avenue mentioned the real Media is being threatened and there is an opportunity to keep Media green.

Paul Indorf of W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street mentioned the swim club is clearly a MERC and should be re-zoned this way.

Joe Leach of S. Lemon Street mentioned Delaware County has 10.4% open space which is less than Philadelphia and Camden County in NJ. The Borough needs green space and asked Council to please do the right thing and re-zone.

Pat Ryan of Lemon Street mentioned people need nature and this community need nature.

Charles Randall of W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street mentioned his concern about water quality of the ponds and creeks in the wetlands.

Donna Bumbar of W. State Street mentioned Glen Providence Park no ling has ducks or bull frogs which were a great education tool for children.

David Palmer of N. Olive Street mentioned his support of Keep Media Green and suggests the Borough buy BLCC and have a community pool.

Meg Rumsey Lashershon of W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street asked how a zoning district is determined. Councilman Williamson explained. Ms. Rumsey-Lashershon mentioned that she feels BLCC should be rezoned.

President Hall mentioned that Council recognizes the need and want for open space.

Councilman Williamson mentioned that Council hears the requests of the community, therefore he consulted the comprehensive plan and found it mentioned the Borough should seek park land in the northwest and southeast parts of the Borough. Councilman Williamson mentioned some of the objectives of an open space plan would include conducting a recreation needs assessment, community involvement, building on the comprehensive and other plans, using existing materials and communication. Councilman Williamson made a motion to authorize the advertisement of a request for proposals for the creation of an open space plan. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Engineer's Report**

Engineer Matson mentioned he attended a meeting with the DVRPC found it to be a productive meeting.

## **Solicitor's Report**

Solicitor Scott was not present.

## **Mayor's Report**

Mayor McMahon reported that the police department received and investigated 730 complaints during the month of March.

## **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 mentioned that based on the findings by Structure Care, some maintenance items need to be addressed in the Olive Street Parking Garage. Councilman Robinson made a motion to authorize the advertisement for bids for the design/build and maintenance plan for the Olive Street Parking Garage. Councilwoman Dixon seconded the motion. President Hall added that due to good budgeting and planning the Borough has the funds to pay for this project. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Robinson made a motion to accept the low bid for the 2019 road resurfacing program from Albert G. Cipolloni & Sons, Inc. for the base and alternate bids of \$179,369.10. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dixon. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilwoman L. Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution #2019-20 appointing John Furmanak as a member to the Civil Service Commission for a term expiring 12/31/24. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman L. Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution #2019-21 appointing Michael Milbredt as an alternate member to the Civil Service Commission for a term expiring 12/31/23. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman L. Johnson made a motion to approve the agreement with Richard N. Best Associates for the purchase of parking kiosks for the Courthouse district in the amount of \$250,000. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman L. Johnson made a motion to approve the agreement with Passport for the purchase of parking permit and enforcement software in the amount of \$9,000. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman L. Johnson made a motion to approve a mass gathering permit application for the Delaware County Bar Association Law Day Parade 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 12<sup>th</sup> Media Downtown Car Show to be held on Sunday, July 14, 2019 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (raindate: July 21, 2019). Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Vice President Johnson made a motion to accept the bid from Kitchen Harvest for the food composting program for season 2 in the amount of \$45,540. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Community Development, Personnel 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. The applicant has submitted a revised sign that is 8.5 sq. ft. Up to 9 sq. ft of signage is permitted, with no one sign larger than 6 sq. ft. The request is for a variance of 2.5 sq. ft. The Planning Commission recommended that Council not oppose. Council agreed not to send the Solicitor to oppose.

President Hall mentioned a preliminary/final land development application for a semi-detached (twin) dwelling at 334 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The applicant is asking for one waiver to combine the preliminary and final review. President Hall made a motion to approve the preliminary/final land development application for a semi-detached (twin) dwelling at 334 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street with the conditions that a wall is built and high quality materials are used as well as any conditions from the Borough Engineer review letter and Planning Commission. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall offered congratulations to the Media Arts Council for a successful Film Festival.

**Recreation and Board of Health** – Mr. Boyer

Councilman Boyer mentioned upcoming Recreation events.

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	\$ 412,238.84
Recreation Fund	3,769.86
Liquid Fuels Fund	0.00
Capital Fund	<u>43,406.91</u>
Total	\$ 459,415.61

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

**Personnel, Public Relations and Historical Archives** – Ms. Dixon

Councilwoman Dixon made a motion to hire Dante D’Iganio as part-time seasonal laborer in the Highway Department. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Dixon made a motion to promote Frank Lee to Laborer II in the Highway Department. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment and Privilege of the Floor**

Michael Straw of W. Jefferson Street mentioned that the agenda listed a Proclamation that was not presented.

Mayor McMahon presented Fran Sheldon of the Media Historical Society a proclamation recognizing Spirit of Our Ancestors Day.

Paul Sheldon of W. Baltimore Avenue mentioned while he is discouraged by national government, he is encouraged by local government and all that it does.

**Adjournment**

President Hall made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting at 10:20 p.m. Councilwoman Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Smith  
Borough Manager/Secretary