

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 16, 2020**

Media Borough Council met via Zoom and streaming live on YouTube 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 Manager Smith and Solicitor Scott.

President Hall called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

President Hall thanked the Borough administrative staff, public works staff, police, fire and EMS for their work and dedication during the pandemic. President Hall mentioned that legislative action will be limited to essential activities and to items that are time sensitive since the March Council meeting was cancelled. There will no committee reports or announcements. In an effort to observe social distancing this meeting is being held remotely and streaming live via YouTube. President Hall mentioned that public comment will take place at the end of the meeting and can be made via email (comments@mediaborough.com) and/or phone (610-566-5210 x243). President Hall mentioned that the agenda items discussed tonight were previously discussed at the March Workshop meeting but no action was taken since the March Council meeting was cancelled.

Approval of Minutes

President Hall made a motion to approve the February 6, 2020 Workshop meeting minutes. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to approve the February 20, 2020 Council meeting minutes. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion.

President Hall made a motion to approve the March 5, 2020 Special meeting minutes. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to approve the March 5, 2020 Public Hearing minutes. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to approve the March 5, 2020 Workshop meeting minutes. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall mentioned the Borough was approached by Sunoco to grant an enhanced easement for the purpose of building the Mariner 2 pipeline. It was Council's intent to meet in Executive Session to discuss the request with the Solicitor but due to limitations of the pandemic, he decided to poll members of Borough Council by voicecall. Council members were unanimous that there was no need to meet in Executive Session. Media Borough Council has no

desire to negotiate such an easement. Time constraints did not allow for this item to be added to tonight's agenda. Borough Council directed the Solicitor to send a letter to Sunoco advising them of the decision.

President Hall made a motion to renew the contract with Constellation Energy for renewable energy. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

President Hall mentioned the mass gathering permits for the Brewfest, Media 5 Mile Race and Spring Super Sunday have been cancelled. The mass gathering permit for Dining under the Stars is delayed and the event will not begin in May. No other mass gathering permit applications will be approved at this time.

President Hall mentioned a zoning hearing board application for 111 Manchester Avenue. The Planning Commission is recommending not opposing. President Hall will not make a motion to send the Solicitor to the Zoning Hearing Board to oppose and gave Council the opportunity to make a motion. There was none.

President Hall made a motion to approve Resolution #2020-28 authorizing signature for right of way plans for the CMAQ Sidewalk Project. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to authorize a letter be sent to Representative Chris Quinn in opposition of House Bill 1400 allowing wireless and telecommunications companies to be considered utility companies. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to approve payment of the bills for February as follows:

General Fund	\$ 922,474.88
Recreation Fund	8,028.16
Liquid Fuels Fund	0.00
Capital Fund	<u>134,216.24</u>
Total	\$1,064,719.28

Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

President Hall mentioned the 5th & Broomall park enhancements and that due to the time constraints caused by the pandemic Council will have to delay acting on this now. If Council accepts a bid and cannot act on it there are potential legal implications. The Borough will re-bid the project when circumstances permit. President Hall made a motion to reject the bids for the park enhancements at 5th & Broomall. Vice President A. Johnson seconded the motion. Councilman Williamson mentioned that he and Vice President A. Johnson were very disappointed but understand that the core functions of the Borough have to be protected. The

decision to reject the bids has been communicated to the neighbors and they have been understanding. President Hall call for the vote, the motion passed unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to authorize a letter of support for the possible creation of public safety authorities. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to ratify Resolution #2020-29 Disaster Declaration pertaining to COVID-19 pandemic. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to ratify Resolution #2020-30 extending the deadline to qualify for a discount for the payment of 2020 borough real estate taxes. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to ratify Resolution #2020-1 extending the deadline for the payment of first quarter mercantile and business privilege taxes. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to adopt a COVID-19 Paid FMLA leave policy, per federal legislation. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

President Hall asked Mrs. Repino to provide the public comment that was received via email and/or phone. Mrs. Repino mentioned there were 2 comments regarding the Media Farmer's Market and 32 comments from residents and non-residents regarding the Sunoco pipeline easement.

The comments related to the Media Farmer's Market are:

Linda Coulson, President of the Media Farmer's Market mentioned she sent a proposal to Council for them to consider re-opening the market and outlined the safety precautions that would be taken.

Addie Ciannella of 417 S. Edgmont Street is in favor of safely re-opening the market and asked Council to consider this request.

President Hall mentioned the re-opening the market would be discussed by the Council committee.

The comments related to the Sunoco Pipeline Easement are:

All comments received asked Council to delay a decision and allow public comment in person when public meetings are allowed to resume. President Hall mentioned that many comments were also sent to Council and his read is that those who commented were unanimously not in favor of granting the easement. Mrs. Repino agreed that all the comments received were not in

favor of granting the easement. Solicitor Scott asked Mrs. Repino to read the names and address of residents for the record:

Linda Healy – 345 W. 2nd Street
Debra Ciamacca – 301 Radnor Street
Terry Rumsey – 342 W. 4th Street
Robin Lasersohn – 342 W. 4th Street
Abbie Wysor – 423 N. Jackson Street
Rita Jordan-Keller – 311 South Avenue
Carole Smith – 33 E. Jackson Street
Hank Emerson – 225 W. Jefferson Street
Ira Josephs – 499 W. Jefferson Street

Susan Palmer – 402 N. Olive Street
Skip Shuda – 537 N. Lemon Street
Aleisa Myles – 499 W. Jefferson Street
Joseph Leach – 305 S. Lemon Street
Jane Sleutaris – 681 W. 3rd Street
Kathy Maloy – 103 W. Jefferson Street
Fran Sheldon – 443 W. Baltimore Avenue
Jeanne Anastasi – S. Edgmont Street
Paul Sheldon – 443 W. Baltimore Avenue

President Hall mentioned that Jane Sleutaris and Jeanne Anastasi are not residents.

Councilman Robinson made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:00 p.m.
Councilwoman Dixon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary