

MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
July 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 Jim Seaman, Solicitor Scott and Engineer Matson.

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

President Hall made a motion to approve the June 18, 2020 Public Hearing minutes. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to approve the June 18, 2020 Council meeting minutes. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall mentioned that following the Workshop meeting last week, Council met in Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter and a personnel matter.

President Hall mentioned that public comment will take place at the beginning and end of the meeting and can be made via email (comments@mediaborough.com) and/or phone (610-566-5210 x243).

Karen Repino mentioned the following public comments have been received:

Michael Straw of W. Jefferson Street requests that all comments made at the workshop meeting be read into the record. President Hall mentioned that all comments will be attached to the official minutes.

Peter Sisson – no address provided – expressed displeasure regarding the police budget and feels the funds should be used to invest in opportunities for under-resourced communities in Media. Councilman Williamson mentioned that although the budget is large, the success and safety of the community is due to the professional police department.

Diane Woody of W. 3rd Street would like to be on record that she is in opposition of the Sgt. Carroll's termination.

Linda Healy of W. 2nd Street regarding the Sunoco Pipeline. President Hall mentioned the property is located in Middletown Township. President Hall will get in contact with Ms. Healy.

President Hall made a motion to approve Resolution #2020-35 for the disposition of unusable and damaged property such as meter poles and heads, desk chairs, etc. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to ratify an action that Council took last to allow free parking in the Olive Street Parking Garage from June 25 through July 31, 2020. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to ratify a mass gathering permit application for the Media Farmer's Market to be held on Edgmont Street every Sunday July through November. Vice President A. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to accept the resignation of David Sibley from the Media Business Authority to allow him to take a position with the MBA for outdoor dining. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. Councilman Williamson recommended that the motion be retroactive to the point where Mr. Sibley started working for the MBA. President Hall amended his motion to include this point. Councilman Robinson seconded the amended motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1140 of 2020 extending the moratorium on prohibiting the keeping of chickens or fowl as household pets or otherwise within the Borough from August 1, 2020 to November 30, 2020.

President Hall made a motion to adopt Resolution #2020-36 for the issuance of procurement cards. Councilman Williamson seconded the amended motion. Jim Seaman mentioned the procurement cards are essentially credit cards. The cards will provide cash back incentives to the Borough and the process will be more efficient and have better controls. The motion carried 6-0, with Councilman Robinson abstaining.

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

General Fund	\$189,032.76
Recreation Fund	63.48
Liquid Fuels Fund	0.00
Capital Fund	<u>188,415.73</u>
Total	\$377,511.97

Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to appoint Jim Seaman as Interim Borough Manager and Secretary as of the end of the workday on July 17, 2020. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to appoint Karen Repino as Open Records Officer as of the end of the workday on July 17, 2020. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Williamson made a motion to amend the mass gathering permit application that was submitted last week from the MBA with the following requests to close the streets on Thursday for outdoor dining when Wednesday is rained out and free parking would be provided for retail and service stores at Borough parking lots. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dixon. Councilman Robinson asked for confirmation that outdoor dining would be only one night per week. Councilman Williamson confirmed. The motion passed 5-2 with Councilwoman L. Johnson and Councilman Robinson casting the dissenting votes.

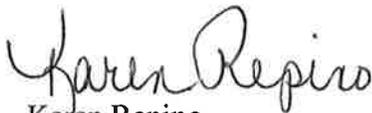
President Hall mentioned a vacancy on the Planning Commission and encourage residents to send resumes to Jim Seaman's attention.

President Hall mentioned a petition to fix sidewalks in the Borough. President Hall mentioned the primary responsibility of the sidewalks is the property owner. Councilman Robinson will have public works and code enforcement look at the sidewalks in the Plum Street Mall area.

President Hall asked Mrs. Repino to provide the public comment that was received via email and/or phone during the meeting. Mrs. Repino mentioned there were no further comments.

Councilman Robinson made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:16 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Repino
Recording Secretary

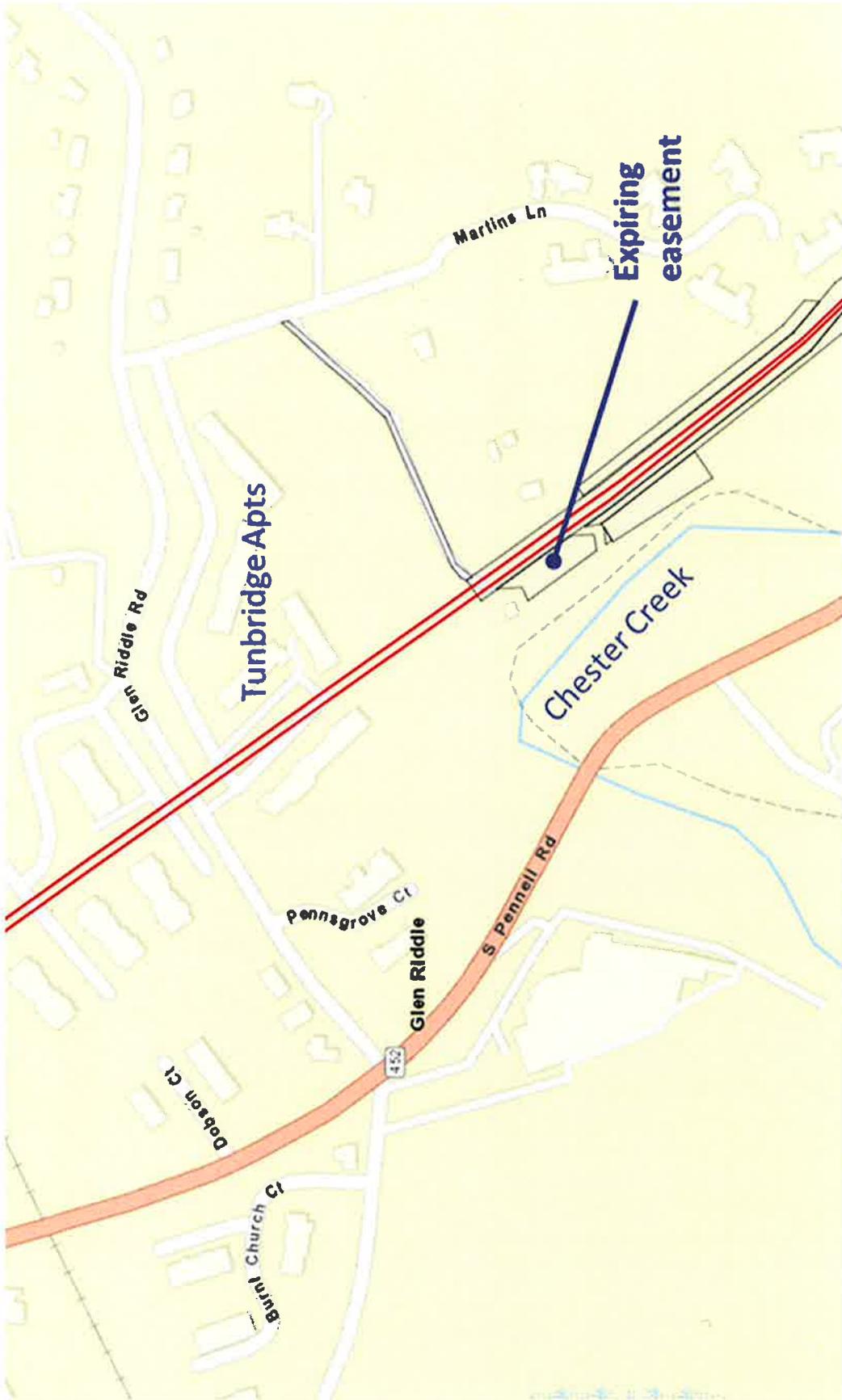
Karen Repino

From: Linda EH <linda19063@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 6:31 AM
To: comments
Cc: secondandedgemont@gmail.com; Bob McMahon; Brian Hall; kjboyer61@gmail.com; Lisa Johnson; Paul Robinson; pryanwilliamson@gmail.com; Sayre Dixon
Subject: Media Sunoco Easement Public Comment July 16
Attachments: Tunbridge3.docx; Media Boro Easement.pdf

Please verify that Council Members are familiar with the location of the easement and the dangers of continued work to the community and environment.
See attachments.

How is Media Borough Council planning to enforce our property rights?

Thank you,
Linda Emory Healy
345 West Second Street



Tunbridge Apts

Expiring easement

Chester Creek

Marline Ln

Riddle Rd

Pennsgrove Ct

S Pennell Rd

Glen Riddle

Dobson Ct

Brent Church Ct

432

Karen Repino

From: Gene Mackey <k91732@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 5:34 PM
To: comments
Subject: Blue lives matter too

Sargent Carroll has 27 years of service to Media Boro and you are willing to just throw his career away for a some votes or to fold under some pressure of a group. This Sargent has put his life on the line many times without question for his town and for this Boro to turned there back on him just shameful Ask the people or protestors that are asking for his firing how many times they've rushed into harms way either a subject with a gun or burning buildings or doing CPR on a dying child. This is just a shameful act by a political party flexing.

Sent from Mackey

Karen Repino

From: Michael Straw <michael.straw.misha@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 4:08 PM
To: comments
Subject: Comments Regarding Sergeant Robert "Skippy" Carroll

Hello,

I wanted to make a quick comment. I felt that all seven of the comments submitted by Media Borough residents to Borough Council for the July 9th Workshop meeting regarding Sergeant Robert "Skippy" Carroll should have been read into the record for all of Council to have heard during the meeting. It is understandable that Council chose not to hear all of the comments from individuals who didn't include their addresses. I am happy that all comments will be submitted for the Council's meeting minutes. However, seven Borough residents were confirmed to have sent commentary to the Borough Council to have their voices heard on a particular issue, in this case Sergeant Robert "Skippy" Carroll's termination, and I feel that the entire Council should have heard the commentary of the confirmed Borough residents. Thank you and I once again thank Council for including all the comments in the minutes.

Michael Straw
499 W. Jefferson St. Apt 507 Media, PA 19063

Karen Repino

From: Dianne Woody <diannemwoody@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 10, 2020 6:24 AM
To: comments
Subject: Robert Skippy Carroll

Please add my address to my email sent to Council on 7/7/20.
I am a Media resident and wish to be counted in opposition to Sgt. Carroll's termination. My address is: 18 West 3 rd St.,
apt . B, Media, Pa. 19063.
My original email included my email address and phone number.
Thank you,
Dianne Woody

Karen Repino

From: Andy Bohne <andy@andrewbohne.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 10:54 PM
To: comments
Subject: Skippy Carroll termination

Hello

I saw a post on the Chester County FOPs page that Skippy Carroll has been terminated. While I am not a resident or taxpayer in Media, I must commend you on doing to right thing. We cannot tolerate threats from those who serve the public.

Thanks
Andy

Karen Repino

From: Bridgett Woody Scott <bridgettscott@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 7:15 PM
To: comments
Subject: Sgt. Carroll email - my address

I emailed earlier and am watching the livestream now. Please include my comments as a resident:
718 Beechwood Road
Media, PA 19063
610-357-4357

Bridgett Woody Scott

Karen Repino

From: Rich <richleicht@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 7:05 PM
To: comments
Subject: Sgt Carroll

Media Borough Mayor and Council

Imagine my utmost disgust upon hearing of the firing of a Dedicated 28 year veteran Sargent of the Media Borough Police Dept. A man who gave everything to this department. His knowledge, leadership, his even handed discretion to those who had to face justice. Never in my 18yrs of service to Media Borough did I see Sgt Carroll Confront any man, woman or child based on their race, ethnicity, religion, or nationality. But what you have done is ruined a mans life based on his position as a police officer who you feel has no constitutional rights. This is very disheartening and disturbs me at the core.

When I was hired in Media Borough and observed First hand how different races, religions, ethnicity and nationalities came together to make a successful community, I was very impressed and excited to be apart of a community that MADE IT WORK! This community Far outreached any other community to my knowledge or experience between the residents, businesses, police dept, Media council, & MBA This small little town put itself on the map. What a success story!

I read some not all of the post and from what I know Sgt Carroll's FOP FB post was a poor attempt to defend two officers killed in the line of duty.

We all make mistakes, the firing of this great officer was yours. Poor verbiage was Sgt Carrolls. We need to right this wrong, this injustice, before its too late.

Sincerely
PtIm Richard Leicht
Dedicated Media Borough Police Officer

Sent from my iPhone