

**MINUTES**  
**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 20, 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, Councilwoman L. Johnson. Also present were Jim Seaman, Solicitor Scott and Engineer Matson. Councilwoman Dixon was not present.

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

**Approval of Minutes**

President Hall made a motion to approve the July 1, 2020 Special Meeting minutes. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to approve the July 9, 2020 Workshop meeting minutes. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to approve the July 16, 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 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).

**Public Comment**

Karen Repino mentioned the following public comment has been received via email:

Michael Straw of W. Jefferson Street asked if the tax certification increase would be effective immediately or in 2021. President Hall mentioned that it will be effective immediately.

**Solicitor's Report**

Solicitor Scott had no report.

**Engineer's Report**

Engineer Matson mentioned he submitted a written report. He added that a pre-construction meeting was held regarding the Chase Bank on Baltimore Avenue.

## **Mayor's Report**

Mayor McMahon gave the police incident report.

## **Council/Committee Reports**

### **Properties, Public Works and Fire** – Mr. Robinson

Councilman Robinson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1141 of 2020 which will require the wearing of masks during all mass gathering events during a pandemic. The intent of the Borough is to ask an individual to wear a mask, if refused a fine will be assessed. Councilman Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilwoman L. Johnson made a motion to ratify an amended mass gathering permit application for outdoor dining on Wednesday and Thursday nights at 5:00 p.m. with street closure at 4:30 p.m. and designated parking lots for retail and salons. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Robinson asked for confirmation that the designated parking areas are attended by MBA volunteers. Bryan Messick mentioned that due to limited volunteers, some areas are unable to be attended at all times.

Councilwoman L. Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution #2020-37 appointing Heather Arata to an unexpired term on the Media Business Authority for a term expiring 12/31/20. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman L. Johnson made a motion to approve Resolution #2020-38 re-appointing David Sibley to an unexpired term on the Media Business Authority for a term expiring 12/31/21. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

President Hall made a motion to approve the preliminary/final land development application for a hair salon at 813 N. Providence Road. The Planning Commission has voted unanimously for Council to approve this application subject to the conditions of the engineer's review letter. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to authorize McMahon Engineering to contact resident regarding Borough temporary right of way requests for the CMAQ sidewalk project. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Hall made a motion to approve the purchase of signage for the Media Mask Up program up to \$3,000. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Vice President A. Johnson had no legislative items.

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

Councilman Boyer had no legislative items.

**Finance and Library** – Mr. Williamson

Councilman Williamson made a motion to approve a successor cable franchise agreement with Comcast. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Williamson mentioned that in August every year the Borough adopts a mid-year budget after adjustments are made to balance the budget. Interim Manager mentioned that the Borough is doing better than anticipated given this year's challenges. Councilman Williamson made a motion to approve Resolution #2020-39 the Mid-Year Budget Update. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Williamson mentioned the tax collector has requested an increase from \$25.00 to \$30.00 for tax certification. Councilman Williamson made a motion to approve Resolution #2020-40 increasing the fee for tax certification to \$30.00. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Williamson made a motion to approve Resolution #2020-41 for submission of DCED Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program grant application for Plum Street Mall enhancements. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Williamson made a motion to approve Resolution #2020-42 accepting the Media Business Authority's proposal to the Finance Committee to increase the Borough's monthly commitment by \$3,000 through the rest of the year. This is additional funding of \$18,000 for 2020. In addition, the Finance Committee agreed to provide a one-time lump sum payment to replace the loss of revenue by the MBA from canceled events. Councilwoman L. Johnson seconded the motion. Bryan Messick and Heather Arata spoke about hardships the retailers are experiencing. The motion carried 5-1, with Councilman Robinson casting the dissenting vote.

Councilman Williamson made a motion to ratify the payment of bills. The Finance Committee reported checks drawn on the Central Disbursement account for the following funds:

General Fund	\$ 447,708.16
Recreation Fund	315.66
Liquid Fuels Fund	0.00
Capital Fund	<u>447,572.98</u>
Total	\$ 895,596.80

Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilwoman Dixon had no legislative items.

**Public Comment and Privilege of the Floor**

There was none.

**Adjournment**

President Hall made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting at 8:30 p.m. Councilman Robinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Repino  
Recording Secretary