

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2020**

Media Borough Council met in the Community Center on the above date with the following officials present: Mayor McMahon, President Hall, Vice-President A. Johnson, Councilmen Boyer and Robinson, Councilwoman Dixon. Also present were Code Enforcement Director Jeffrey, Engineer Matson, and Solicitor Scott. Councilwoman L. Johnson was present via conference call. Councilman Williamson and Interim Manager Seaman were not present.

President Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

President Hall mentioned that public comment can be made via email comments@mediaborough.com and/or phone 610-566-5210 x243.

President Hall mentioned that Council met in Executive Session last week to discuss a personnel matter.

Public Comment & Privilege of the Floor

There was no one present. Comments received via email were read:

Michael Straw of W. Jefferson Street mentioned the new mask ordinance listed which is an agenda item tonight. He mentioned there will be an event in Media that includes not wearing masks. Is this the reason for why this agenda item is on the agenda? President Hall mentioned the event is in response to the Ordinance passed last month. Tonight's agenda item is to consider how the ordinance will be enforced.

Andrew Poole of Berry Lane mentioned he is disappointed that Council has decided to further authoritative action in regards to public behavior. Although he is conscious that some reasonable precautions need to be taken in regards to the flu epidemic this year, putting the Media police in a position to have more negative & punitive interactions with the public, enforcing a rule with no definitive victim, is not a means of building trust. President Hall mentioned that the action is a matter of public health and Council is doing its part to keep residents and visitors safe.

Interim Borough Manager's Report

There was no report.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Matson mentioned the road resurfacing program has been delayed until September 15. The sallyport is complete with the exception of a few punch list items. Bids for the 5th & Broomall park are due on September 16th. The MS4 report is in process and will be submitted by the due date at the end of the month.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Scott had no report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor McMahon mentioned the police report.

Council/Committee Reports

Properties, Public Works and Fire – Mr. Robinson

Councilman Robinson mentioned a license agreement with the County of Delaware to place a ballot box at Borough Hall and suggested it be placed on the landing outside of the lobby doors.

Councilman Robinson mentioned two police vehicles that are out of commission due to mechanical issues. He recommends having the issues evaluated and then place the vehicles for sale on Municibid.

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

Councilwoman L. Johnson mentioned the draft traffic calming report and requested feedback from Council members.

Councilwoman L. Johnson mentioned the monthly MBA report.

Councilwoman L. Johnson mentioned the MBA is focused on a short-term fundraising campaign involving banks. A long-term campaign is planned.

Councilwoman L. Johnson mentioned the enforcement of Ordinance No. 1141 which refers to wearing masks at mass gathering events. A citation could be issued which will then go to the District Justice who will establish the fine. Enforcement will be in the area of the event and signs will be posted.

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

Vice President A. Johnson mentioned the Farmer's Market continues with no COVID issues.

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

President Hall mentioned an increase in the electrical code review and inspection services fee schedule which is in line with other municipalities.

Recreation and Board of Health – Mr. Boyer

Councilman Boyer mentioned there has been a request to replace a tennis ball recycling receptacle at the tennis court. Solicitor Scott recommended a license agreement.

Councilman Boyer mentioned the possibility for placing a frisbee golf course at Houtman Park. The estimated cost will be \$5,000. President Hall mentioned when the upgrades to Houtman Park were made, residents voted to keep Houtman Park as a passive park.

Finance and Library – Mr. Hall

President Hall summarized the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police in the amount of \$715,830 and Non-uniformed employee's pension plans in the amount of \$71,168.

President Hall mentioned the engagement letter with Dilworth Paxon, the firm working with the Borough on the bond issue. Solicitor Scott mentioned that the engagement letter is standard and required.

Personnel, Public Relations and Historical Archives – Ms. Dixon

Councilwoman Dixon had no report.

Public Comment and Privilege of the Floor

There were none.

Adjournment

President Hall made a motion to adjourn the Workshop meeting at 7:50 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Repino
Recording Secretary