

**SPECIAL MEETING  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**JULY 1, 2020**

Media Borough Council met via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. on the above date with the following officials present: President Hall, Vice-President A. Johnson, Councilmen Robinson, Williamson and Boyer, Councilwomen L. Johnson and Dixon. Also attending: Solicitor Scott and Attorney Pat Harvey.

President Hall called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and mentioned that this meeting is being held on Zoom and is being streamed via Youtube. Public comment will be received via email at [comments@mediaborough.com](mailto:comments@mediaborough.com) or via phone at 610-566-5210 x243.

President Hall mention that Council has one matter for action which is to consider a police disciplinary matter. He stated that a personnel investigation has been completed regarding Sergeant Robert Carroll, and that Council has received and reviewed the investigative report and based on the report. He then made a motion that Council demote Sergeant Carroll to patrol officer and terminate his employment as patrol officer. Councilman Williamson seconded the motion.

Solicitor Scott asked for public comment to be read before Council votes on the motion.

Karen Repino read the comments received via email. It was noted that none of the comments included addresses. All comments were opposing the disciplinary action. All comments will be included as part of the official minutes, and copies are attached hereto.

President Hall mentioned that the motion has been made and seconded and he called for the vote, the motion to demote Sergeant Carroll to patrol officer and terminate his employment as patrol officer passed unanimously.

President Hall mentioned that the some of the restaurant staff are not in compliance with Governor Wolff's order to wear face masks. President Hall would like to convey to the Media Business Authority that any restaurants not in compliance will not be able to serve alcohol outside.

**Adjournment**

President Hall motioned to adjourn the Special Meeting at 6:14 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Karen Repino  
Recording Secretary

## Karen Repino

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**From:** Heidi Luidens [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 1, 2020 6:07 PM  
**To:** comments  
**Subject:** Live stream disciplinary??

Robert W. Scott, Esq,

I was saddened and confused when I saw this post in the paper announcing that any disciplinary "meeting" would be announced and conducted in this way. I do not know Officer Carroll personally, though I do know he is well respected and appreciated in the community. I have heard many stories of his courage, compassion and kindness. I think this "stinks" of political mud-slinging and I am embarrassed for those leading this atrocity.

Heidi Luidens

## Karen Repino

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**From:** Steven Longbottom [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 1, 2020 6:02 PM  
**To:** comments  
**Subject:** Skippy

The hatred of police officers came to us overnight. One monster has cast them all in such a grim light as to turn their world upside down. One day they were hero's, helping us thru a pandemic , and the next they were painted as racists and chronic abusers of authority. This literally happened overnight and it's unfathomable. And unjust. I don't know of a single police officer who is even remotely sympathetic to the officer in Minneapolis.

Police officers have their faults and virtues, just like any human being. I've talked to your officers, and they are devastated, heartbroken and saddened by the public response. They are good and decent men and women...exceptionally good, but you know that. To doubt them in these times is unforgivable, given the devotion they've shown our community and the people they work to protect. You can't be a Media Police officer without becoming possessive and protective of everyone who lives and works there. Would you think it unfair to feel equally protective of those you work with? In 25 years of service, I never saw a single action taken against someone based on race. And given how the Chief sets the tone of the department, I can assure you that I never heard so much as an off color remark from him, and know he would never tolerate racism or an abuse of authority.

Sgt Carol is among your best officers. At a time when police officers were being villified, assaulted and murdered, he responded to a sickening message that asked why the lives of police officers should matter. He is a strong advocate for officer safety, and is an even stronger advocate for you. He risks his life for us on a daily basis, as they all do, and I would hope you know him well enough to give him the benefit of the any doubt. Police officers would not see his remarks as a call to violence, but would see them for what they were and what they meant...an expression of pain, hurt and disappointment, that everything you've ever done or tried to do was suddenly slathered in hatred by the very people you serve. It's an unbelievable emotion and sense of betrayal.

Appeasing crowds that demand his release would be an extreme response. Don't chop at the branch you're sitting on. We need good men and women, and we need Sgt Carroll.

Sgt Steven Longbottom  
Media Police (retired).

Sent from my iPad

## Karen Repino

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**From:** WILLIAM HERON [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 1, 2020 5:07 PM  
**To:** comments

I am sending this email in regards to Officer Carroll. He is a great police officer and has always been so kind and friendly to me and my family when we have encountered him at several fairs and festivals in Media. He works hard to protect the community and keep everyone safe.

## Karen Repino

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**From:** ROBERT [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 1, 2020 4:45 PM  
**To:** comments  
**Subject:** Fwd: Officer Carol - Media Borough Special Mtg - July 1st

Dear Robert W. Scott, Esq – Borough Solicitor

If today's July 1st Media Borough Special Meeting is to discuss the police disciplinary business of Officer Carroll, then I would like to comment. I have known office Carroll for 15+ years and have had many encounters with him. Officer Carroll has been very helpful and kind during our encounters at various Media fairs and festivals over the years. Even helping my child when she fell at one of the fairs.

I find this special meeting posting in the newspaper to be very disturbing. Unless every Media borough employee's disciplinary actions are going to be posted in the paper and held in exact same public forum setting; then singling out one specific Media employee is extremely discriminatory. If you discriminate against one branch of employees then you are going to have a lawsuit for not treating all employee's in the same manner. There will be many lawyers willing to take on such a case.

Sincerely

The Procopio Family

## Karen Repino

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**From:** Joanne Bamber [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 1, 2020 6:15 PM  
**To:** comments  
**Subject:** Re: Officer Carol - Media Borough Special Mtg - July 1st

I live in Pennsylvania, and grew up in Delaware county. Even worked at media domestic relations one summer. Am very disgusted by your council members as you fired a wonderful officer.. I hope a huge lawsuit comes at your office and will encourage all the officers to walk off their cops in Media and surrounding towns.

Joanne Bamber

On Jul 1, 2020, at 4:30 PM, Joanne Bamber <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Joanne Bamber  
[REDACTED]

## Karen Repino

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**From:** Marianne K. [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 1, 2020 7:55 PM  
**To:** comments  
**Subject:** Thank You

(Having this be a private comment just to Council is fine please.)

Thank you all for stepping up and dismissing Officer Carroll, who showed that he does not have the judgement to be on the front line to protect ALL citizens of Media at all times.

He clearly went the other direction by making a threat, and using his standing in the FOP to spread that threat.

Again, thank you for making the correct call on this matter.

Marianne K., Upper Providence (and hopefully soon-to-be borough resident).

## Karen Repino

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**From:** Mary Weaver <[REDACTED]@mediavorough.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 1, 2020 6:16 PM  
**To:** comments  
**Subject:** Fwd: Officer Carroll

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Mary Weaver <[REDACTED]@mediavorough.com>  
**Date:** July 1, 2020 at 5:53:58 PM EDT  
**To:** comments@mediavorough.com  
**Subject:** Officer Carroll

To whom it may concern,  
As a member of the community I would like to vouge for Officer Carroll in regards to tonight's disciplinary actions. He has always been a wonderful, fair and loyal member of the police force.  
Thanks  
Mary Weaver