

**MINUTES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 16, 2006**

The Media Borough Council met in Council Chambers on the above date with the following officials present: Mayor McMahon, President Daly, Vice-President Hall, Councilpersons Alyanakian, Simpson, Derrickson, Sherwin and Tyson. Also present were Borough Manager Smith, Treasurer Gioggia, Engineer Walton and Solicitor Middlebrooks.

President Daly called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and led the salute to the flag. President Daly observed a moment of silence for the passing of Lisa Pappas, resident of North Olive Street.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Vice-President Hall made a motion to approve the January 19, 2006 Borough Council Meeting minutes. Councilman Derrickson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Media Police Department Awards**

Nativity B.V.M. Knights of Columbus present awards each year to deserving individuals within the Media Police Department. This year's recipients are as follows: Sergeant Matt Egan – Supervisor of the Year Award, Administrative Assistant Debbie Bromley – Employee of the Year Award, and Patrolman Nicole Koban – John Davidson Memorial Award. All recipients thanked the Knights of Columbus, Mayor, Borough Council, Chief Wusinich and fellow employees for the honor.

President Daly recessed the meeting for two (2) minutes.

**Appointment to Borough Council**

With the resignation of Councilman Barry Sherwin last month, the Borough of Media placed an ad in the newspaper for his replacement. Four (4) qualified individuals were interviewed for the vacancy. With that said, Vice-President Hall made a motion to nominate Peter Williamson for the open seat on Media Borough Council. Councilwoman Simpson made a motion to close the nominations. Vice-President Hall motioned to appoint Peter Williamson to the unexpired term of Barry Sherwin, which will expire on the first Monday of January, 2008. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Hall made a motion to adopt Resolution #2006-04, appointing Peter Williamson to Borough Council of the Borough of Media to service until the first Monday in January, 2008. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McMahon led the swearing in of Peter Williamson who then took his seat on Media Borough Council. Members of Council welcomed Mr. Williamson to the Council table.

President Daly reported Councilman Williamson's committee assignments as follows: Community Development and Code Enforcement.

President Daly inquired as to Councilman Williamson's intentions on continuing to serve the Media Borough Planning Commission. Councilman Williamson mentioned he prefers to resign from the Planning Commission. President Daly asked Borough Manager Smith to make a formal announcement of the opening. The Planning Commission meets the first Tuesday of each month.

With bringing Councilman Williamson on board to Media Borough Council, President Daly mentioned he intended to shuffle the committee assignments as follows:

- Councilman Williamson – Community Development and Code Enforcement
- Vice-President Hall – Public Safety Chair, Liaison to Media Arts Council and Streetscape
- President Daly – Finance Chair

Vice-President Hall made a motion to confirm the committee assignments as outlined by President Daly. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Comment & Privilege of the Floor**

Jane Rowland, E. Second Street, inquired about the status of the Third Street Bridge. Borough Manager Smith mentioned the funding for this project is still available. The project is currently in the design phase and should be finished later this year and the project will be put out to bid sometime in 2007. President Daly mentioned that ownership issues with the Third Street are ongoing.

Dawn Patterson, Delco Road Runners Association, inquired about the status of the permit to hold the Media Five Mile Run. Councilwoman Simpson responded that she should resubmit the application and the fee shall be waived until the registration for the race begins. Borough Manager Smith suggested that Ms. Patterson should bring her completed application to the upcoming Media Five Mile meeting.

Addie Cianelli, S. Edgmont Street, mentioned the Streetscape improvements look good; however, she inquired about plans for other areas within the Borough. Councilwoman Simpson reported on a couple of long term goals for the Baker/Jasper Street area such as dumpster enclosures and power washing of sidewalks. Vice-President Hall mentioned that a litter map will be developed in order to focus on problem areas within the Borough.

President Daly reported that the CMAQ project will be underway in the near future with improvements to the traffic signals on Baltimore Pike and Providence Road. The improvements include a closed loop system that will allow the signals to interact with each other as opposed to each signal operating on its own.

Zubair Khan, Executive Director of the Media Business Authority, reminded Council to set a date for the Green-up/Clean-up Day, which is usually held in April, around Earth Day.

Judy Fowler, President of the Media Arts Council, introduced Meg Barney (founder) and Jessica Eldridge (board member). Ms. Fowler thanked Borough Council for their support of the Media Arts Council, which is a relatively new organization and is just getting off the ground. For more information, please visit [www.mediaartscouncil.org](http://www.mediaartscouncil.org). Councilman Tyson mentioned the Media Arts Council is a great organization and their website is informative. Councilwoman Simpson mentioned she is impressed with the group and announced there will be a Fiber Series (knitting and fabric) on March 11, 2006 at the Delaware County Institute of Science from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Councilwoman Simpson made a motion to approve the following for the Media Arts Council: temporary usage of an office on the third floor of the Media Municipal Center, limited copier use within the second floor office and a donation in the amount of \$2,000. Vice-President Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Engineer's Report** – Mr. Walton

Engineer Walton reported that the Borough is moving forward with NPDES Phase II, which is an unfunded mandate by the state pertaining to stormwater management. Engineer Walton has provided a report pertaining to the status of the Borough's implementation of this program. The Borough is currently meeting all requirements, however, it is a slow process. Most recently the Borough circulated educational information to residents pertaining to stormwater management.

#### **Mayor's Report** – Mayor McMahan

Mayor McMahan reported the Police Department received and investigated 915 complaints during the month of January and there were no reported burglaries. On February 4, 2006 Police were dispatched to the 800 block of North Olive Street for report of damage to vehicles. Investigation revealed that seven (7) vehicles were damaged by two (2) individuals, one (1) in custody and the other still being sought. On February 12, 2006 Police were dispatched to 100 E. State Street for an attempted burglary. Investigation is ongoing.

On February 22, 2006, the Media Fellowship House will host an event celebrating black history month. Sam Lemon will be the featured speaker and will discuss the events surrounding his family's escape from slavery in Virginia, their arrival to Media in the 1960's and the subsequent building of their lives here.

## **Council Committee Reports**

### **Health, Historic Preservation & Library** – Mr. Tyson

Councilman Tyson welcomed Councilman Williamson to Media Borough Council.

Councilman Tyson thanked Dawn Patterson and the Delco Road Runners Association for contributions made to the Media-Upper Providence Library. Over \$3,000 was given to the library, which helped to purchase a new circulation desk.

In other library announcements, children's story time events will be held in March. Look for more information on their website. There will be a Celtic story telling event in honor of St. Patrick's Day. A tax tip seminar will be held on February 22, 2006, 6:30 p.m., at the library.

### **Recreation, Technology, Media Arts Council & Media Business Authority** – Mrs. Simpson

Councilwoman Simpson announced the following for the Recreation Board:

- A family dance will be held on March 11, 2006 at the Community Center from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5/adults and \$2/child.
- Lunch with the Easter Bunny will be held from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. after the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Senior Aerobics take place every Wednesday from 1:00 – 1:45 p.m. in the Community Center. Cost is \$1.00 per session.
- Information is forthcoming regarding the tennis clinics and summer camp registration.

Councilwoman Simpson reported that the Media Business Authority is currently reorganizing and setting their goals and objectives for the coming year. Some Media Business Authority Announcements are as follows:

- The Great Media Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 8, 11:00 a.m. in Glen Providence Park.
- The Americana Roots Ramble will be held on Friday, April 22, 8:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. throughout the business district.

### **Community Development & Code Enforcement** – Mr. Hall

Vice-President Hall made a motion to adopt Resolution #2006-03 pertaining to the sewer module for 113-125 West Fifth Street, which received subdivision and land development approval in 2005. Councilman Derrickson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Hall made a motion to appoint Gail M. Whitaker as the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Hall made a motion to approve the display of Community Action Agency (anti-poverty organization) flags on State Street during the month of May. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Vice-President Hall made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to draft and advertise an ordinance to revive the Art and Architecture Design Commission. This commission formerly existed and was subsequently repealed in 1996. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel, Public Properties, Public Safety, Finance & Insurance** – Mr. Daly

President Daly read the finance report. The Finance Committee reported checks drawn on the Central Disbursement account for the following funds:

General Fund	\$ 410,359.52
Recreation Fund	\$ 62.42
Liquid Fuels Fund	<u>\$ 12,606.41</u>
Total	\$ 423,028.35

President Daly motioned that bills be paid when properly approved for all funds. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Daly made a motion to adopt Resolution #2006-05, which accepts a proposal to participate in a collaborative effort with the Delaware County Consortium of Governments (COG) to prepare a cable franchise agreement with Verizon. Councilman Williamson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Derrickson inquired about any future problems with highway and sewer as it pertains to running the cable wire. Engineer Walton replied that this is allowed through Borough's Right of Way Ordinance. Borough Manager Smith mentioned this is the first phase of the cable franchise agreement. Amending the Right of Way ordinance will be the next phase, however, we are a long way off from that at this point.

President Daly mentioned it has been five (5) years since the Borough solicited proposals for banking services. With that President Daly made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to solicit a request for proposals (RFP) for banking services. Councilman Derrickson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Daly made a motion to hire Paula Tenaro as the part-time Recreation Office Manager. Councilwoman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilwoman Simpson mentioned the position was advertised and interviews were conducted. Mrs. Tenaro has an impressive background and we are excited to have her on board with the Recreation Department.

President Daly made a motion to hire John Dietrich as a part-time Parking Meter Maintenance/Coin Collector. Borough Manager Smith reported this position was advertised and 12 resumes were received. Mr. Dietrich is a retired aircraft mechanic and will start on February 22, 2006.

Pertaining to Public Safety, President Daly noted that the Media Police Department strives to be the best in Delaware County. Chief Wusinich has the longest tenure of any chief in the history of the Borough. President Daly has looked into complaints regarding the Police Department and the perception that police officers target individuals coming out of bars/restaurants for the suspicion of intoxication. After reviewing the statistics with Chief Wusinich, it was determined that the average blood alcohol level of the individuals was .22, which is well over the legal limit. President Daly noted that the Media Police Department is about insuring the safety and welfare of the people in this town. President Daly encouraged Vice-President Hall to work with the Police Chief regarding his new public safety duties.

**Highway, Recycling, Emergency Management & Streetscape** – Mr. Derrickson

Councilman Derrickson welcomed Peter Williamson to Media Borough Council.

Councilman Derrickson mentioned leaves that have not been collected should be bagged and put out for trash collection. Leaves should not be raked into the street at this point in time.

Councilman Derrickson commended the Highway Department on the removal of snow during the most recent storm.

Councilman Derrickson mentioned that the Borough is currently soliciting bids for recycling, as our contract with Waste Management will expire at the end of March.

Councilman Derrickson announced that anyone interested in serving on the Emergency Management Committee should forward a letter of interest/resume to Borough Manager Smith.

Councilman Derrickson reported that the Civil Service Commission recently held their Reorganization meeting. Jerry Duffy is the Chairman, Peggy Levesque is Vice-Chair and Don Fredericks is the Secretary.

Councilman Derrickson is currently looking into a residential parking request on Front Street. Mr. Derrickson will follow up with more information at next month's meeting.

Councilman Derrickson reported that the 82<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the NAACP will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2006 from 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Cheyney State University. This is a change in time from his announcement last month. A dinner at the Concordville Inn will follow from 6:00-10:00 p.m.

Councilman Derrickson welcomes all questions/comments/concerns from the public.

Delaware County has announced the arrival of new voting machines. Councilman Derrickson suggested that we attempt to retrieve a sample machine from the County. President Daly mentioned that demonstration machines may be available at the Court House.

### **Shade Tree Commission & Environmental Advisory Council** – Mr. Alyanakian

Councilman Alyanakian welcomed Peter Williamson to Media Borough Council. Mr. Williamson was a great asset to the Planning Commission and brings that experience to Borough Council as well as his experience as a Natural Lands Trust employee. Councilman Tyson mentioned that Mr. Williamson was also formerly the Tree Warden.

Councilman Alyanakian made a motion to appoint Brett Lester to the Environmental Advisory Council. Councilman Tyson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Alyanakian made a motion to appoint Katherine LoRusso to the Shade Tree Commission to serve the unexpired term of Dottie Lewis, which will expire on December 31, 2008. Councilman Tyson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Comment & Privilege of the Floor**

Councilman Williamson mentioned he is excited to serve on Media Borough Council. Councilman Williamson noted it is a privilege to serve on Community Development and Code Enforcement.

Jane Rowland, E. Second Street, inquired as to why the hanging of the non-profit organization flags don't go further down State Street. Borough Manager Smith indicated it is usually non-profit organizations that make requests to display flags, therefore, it may be cost prohibitive for them to purchase more than 30 or 40 flags.

Kitty McFarland, State Street, requested that Borough Council revisit the Parking Committee. She served on the Committee and believes it is worthwhile to get this committee going again. President Daly mentioned he would like the opportunity to review the report and report back next month.

Kitty McFarland asked that Borough Council also revisit the Lighting Committee. Ms. McFarland believes there are many areas within the Borough that should be illuminated. President Daly asked if anyone on Council would be interested in serving as the liaison for this Committee. Councilwoman Simpson volunteered.

### **Adjournment**

Vice-President Hall motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Councilman Derrickson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Smith  
Borough Manager/Secretary