

**MINUTES**  
**BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING**  
**MAY 4, 2023**

Media Borough Council met on the above date in Council Chambers with the following officials present: Mayor McMahon, President Hall, Vice-President Romaine, Councilpersons Boyer, Paikoff, Robinson and Washington. Also present were Borough Manager Forman, Engineer Matson and Solicitor Scott.

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

**Public Comment & Privilege of the Floor**

Received via email:

Julie Smith of N. Olive Steet

I am sorry I couldn't be at the meeting this evening to participate in any possible discussion. I wanted to let the community know that even though Mosquito Shield admitted fault and paid a large fine to the Department of Agriculture for pesticide drift onto my property, they were out spraying again yesterday morning at the same location to the point our entire neighborhood had the strong garlic/chemical odor. I may have even had an allergic reaction this time and I was just standing in my own yard letting my dogs out. I reported them once again to the Department of Agriculture. Unfortunately, the odor was particularly bad on W. Ridge Road and most of those homeowners could have pesticide all over their yards and not even know because they weren't home to witness it. I saw the Mosquito Shield signs all over town yesterday and heard from another neighbor that his yard also seems to have been contaminated with drift yesterday morning and he also reported them.

I was told by the Dept of Ag it would take another 2-3 months minimum to receive the results and they can just continue spraying monthly - the Department of Agriculture can't make them stop.

Currently, the only recourse those of us impacted with drift in PA have is to report any suspected drift to the Department of Agriculture. We have had a meeting with Representative O'Mara and hope to help get some changes in regulation at the state level. So many of us just want to be able to protect our little pieces of earth and can't even do that.

I spoke with someone at a recent community event and we were discussing mosquito spraying. She had spoken with a representative from a different pest control company who said they won't even spray in the Borough because our houses/properties are too close, so why does Mosquito Shield? This is a real problem for the health of our town and beyond. Hopefully we can continue to educate about the harm and alternatives broadly.

Thank you for your time!

Received in person:

Jim and Lee Divito of E. Jefferson Street mentioned that the property next to them has a school bus parked in the driveway and the bus has no insurance or registration and doesn't run. It has been there for 3 months and it is a safety issue. Additionally it is effecting the sale of their home.

Solicitor Scott mentioned he has discussed the situation with the Code Enforcement Director but was unaware that the vehicle is uninsured and unregistered. He will follow up with Code Enforcement.

Robin Lasersohn of W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street asked is Council would consider a consultant from other organizations such as American Rivers regarding the silt removal and stream restoration at the Third Street project. Solicitor Scott mentioned he has heard good things about this organization.

Linda Emory of W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street agrees with Robin and suggests the Borough consult with other. She mentioned she would like a stakeholder committee.

### **Presentation**

Dennis Rowas spoke about creating a CCA. A CCA allows for the procurement of renewable energy and reduces greenhouse gases and omissions.

### **Borough Manager's Report**

Manager Forman mentioned the resignation of Karen Taussig-Lux and the hiring of Jenn Metzger.

### **Engineer's Report**

Engineer Matson mentioned he has provided a written report. He mentioned the paving on Baltimore Avenue is complete and the CMAQ sidewalk project is moving along.

### **Solicitor's Report**

Solicitor Scott had no report.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor McMahon gave the police report.

### **Council/Committee Reports**

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

Councilperson Robinson mentioned the consideration of an ordinance to reduce the time the lights on Barrall Field are illuminated. Solicitor Scott will look into this possibility.

### **Personnel and HARB– Ms. Washington**

Councilperson Washington mentioned the Personnel Committee has reviewed the draft job description for the Special Projects Coordinator and they agree it is ready to advertise.

### **Finance and Media Business Authority– Ms. Romaine**

Vice President Romaine mentioned an agreement with Wilmington Trust to move pension funds. The Finance Committee is recommending moving to Wilmington Trust.

### **Community Development – Mr. Hall**

President Hall mentioned Bob Linn and County representatives presented plans to develop the South parking lot on Orange Street. They estimate the completion to be February 2024. The County will permit use of the parking lot after business hours.

President Hall mentioned that John Harrison presented the possible plans to the Broomalls Lake County Club Board, the County Solicitor and Public Works Director. The BLCC Board requested that soil be placed on top of existing soil and a longer culvert be installed. Mr. Harrison will present these requests to the DEP for their opinion.

### **Public Safety, Recreation and Civil Service Commission – Mr. Boyer**

Councilperson Boyer mentioned Summer Camp is sold out. Upcoming events include the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

Councilperson Boyer mentioned a mass gathering permit application for the Media Elementary School Block Party on Friday, June 2, 2023 from 3:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Councilperson Boyer mentioned a mass gathering permit application for MUPFL Outdoor Family Fun Day on Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Councilperson Boyer tabled a mass gathering permit application for Media Rotary Music and Food Festival.

### **Library – Lisa Gelman**

Councilperson Gelman had no report.

### **Environmental Advisory Board and Shade Tree Commission – Mr. Paikoff**

Councilperson Paikoff mentioned the upcoming Pride Parade is seeking volunteers.

Councilperson Paikoff mentioned the Shade Tree Commission will attend the next CDC meeting regarding their request for new tree and sidewalk ordinances.

Councilperson Paikoff mentioned he would like to institute the PSAB Junior Council Member Program.

**Public Comment and Privilege of the Floor**

There was none.

**Adjournment**

Councilperson Robinson made a motion to adjourn the Workshop meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Repino". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Karen Repino  
Recording Secretary