

**MINUTES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 20, 2023**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Councilperson Robinson made a motion to approve the June 1, 2023 Workshop minutes. Councilperson Paikoff seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Robinson made a motion to approve the June 15, 2023 Council minutes. Councilperson Paikoff seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment**

Jane Valdez-Depena of Jackson Street mentioned the bamboo invasion on her property and would like an update on the notice of violation that was sent to the property owner. President Hall mentioned that code enforcement is working with the property owner about potential abatement.

**Borough Manager's Report**

Manager Forman had no report.

**Engineer's Report**

Engineer Matson mentioned that all the paperwork has been submitted to PennDot for the road program.

**Solicitor's Report**

Solicitor Scott had no report.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor McMahan gave the police report and noted there has been an increase in traffic accidents.

**Council/Committee Reports**

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

Councilperson Robinson mentioned there is still a need for volunteers in the Media Fire Co. The fire report includes 27 fires and 200 EMS responses for June. The EMS fund drive is underway.

Councilperson Robinson mentioned he continues to work with Senator Kearney and Representative O’Mara regarding mosquito drift.

Councilperson Robinson made a motion to approve resolution #2023-21 authorizing the purchase of an emergency sprinkler system. The current system has failed. This is an unbudgeted item and the cost is \$50,000. Councilman Boyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Personnel – Ms. Washington**

Councilperson Washington made a motion to accept an agreement from Karen Taussig-Lux for grant writing services. Councilperson Paikoff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilperson Washington made a motion to promote Richard Leicht to the rank of Sergeant. Councilperson Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilperson Washington made a motion to promote Mitchel Hellmandollar to the rank of Sergeant. Councilperson Paikoff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilperson Washington made a motion to hire Christine Cylc for the position of Sidewalk and Property Maintenance Inspector. Councilperson Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Vice President Romaine made a motion to ratify the payment of bills for the month of June.

General Fund	\$484,013.44
Recreation Fund	8,827.23
Liquid Fuels Fund	0.00
Capital Fund	<u>338,868.59</u>
Total	\$ 831,709.86

Councilperson Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

President Hall made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to draft a zoning ordinance amendment and send it to the County and Borough Planning Commissions. The amendment is for the property at Orange and Front Streets and includes a change from Office District to Residential Office Apartment District to allow for a restaurant in the former Santander Bank building. Councilperson Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Councilperson Boyer mentioned plans are underway for the Senior Luncheon to be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> at Spassos. Details regarding tickets will be announced soon. The July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration at Barrall Field was a huge success.

Councilperson Boyer made a motion to approve a mass gathering permit application for Media Rotary Club Music and Food Festival on Saturday, September 9 from 8am to 9pm (raindate: September 10). Councilperson Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Library – Ms. Gelman**

Councilperson Gelman mentioned the summer reading program is on-going.

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

Councilperson Paikoff made a motion to approved Resolution #2023-22 appointing Karen Taussig-Lux to the Environmental Advisory Council for an unexpired term ending 12/31/25. Councilperson Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilperson Paikoff made a motion to accept the MOU for Community Choice Aggregation Agreement. This agreement will allow for conversation and there will be no requirement for residents to participate. Councilperson Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

There was none.

### **Adjournment**

Councilperson Robinson made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Repino  
Recording Secretary