



MBA Board Meeting Minutes, November 18, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

In Attendance: Heather Arata, Vince D'Amico, Don Connolly, Tim D'Ignazio, Stu Eli, Dave Fairman, Vanessa McGuinn, Elizabeth Romaine, Brittany Scharr, David Sibley, Michael Straw

Absent: Danielle Millio-DiGalbo

Guest: Josh Young (Owner, Chosen Tweed)

Consent Vote: T. D'Ignazio motion to approve October minutes and Financials. Unanimous approval

Comments from Chair: Maris is open (formerly Two-Fourteen).

H. Arata nomination of slate for officers for 2026. V. D'Amico-Chair, H. Arata-Vice Chair, D. Connolly-Treasurer, D. Sibley-Secretary. D Sibley motion to close nominations. Unanimous approval of slate as presented.

Vice Chair Comments: No update on committees. Plans in the works to get things moving in 2026.

Treasurer's Comments: 2026 budget approval. Same projection as last year, slight loss anticipated. But this year it was better than projected. Some higher expenses have come in recently for Fall Fest and Holiday Décor. D. Connolly motion to approve 2026 budget as presented. Unanimous approval.

Business Mixer at Off the Rail 11/13 – good variety of attendees, hoping to try to do these quarterly which may be helpful for Board and Committee development.

Some holiday décor is already in place with some still to come in December.

Secretary's Comments: Santa Parade is Sunday, Nov. 30 – Block Party 2:30, Fun Run 4:15, Parade 5PM. Be aware of parking restrictions and street closures that day. Streets re-open by 6:30.

Mayor tribute in September provided a \$500 contribution to Veterans Legacy Project with some funds still going to MBA.

Executive Director – Written report distributed.

Window art at 101 W. State was supported by Media Real Estate.

Discussion of restaurant complaints against County Health Inspectors.

Overall positive reaction to Dining Under the Stars one-time rebate. Well received by restaurateurs.

Operations Administrator – Written report distributed.

A lot of in-person communication has taken place. Working on lamppost signs, events, gathering feedback. Helps overall communication.

Planning now for Holiday events every Saturday in December. Need volunteers each weekend and Wednesdays for Trolley Rides with Santa.

New event planned for December 8 – ‘Shop Late on State Until 8’. Holiday shopping kick-off; 18 participants already.

State Street Cocoa Crawl on December 20. Participating restaurants will give complimentary hot chocolate. Visit Delco is helping with funding.

Santa Trolley registration was frustrating. Online glitch by ticket vendor. Even with fewer nights this year, overall there are more tickets available than in previous years.

Borough Council Liaison – Council will vote this week and budget is expected to approve MBA requested contribution.

Polystyrene ban is expected to be approved but will not be enforced until July.

A parking study is likely in 2026.

Borough is working on attainable housing, including for staff for Media businesses.

A potential ordinance will clarify grease traps policy in Media. AQUA is preparing information and education in coordination with Borough Manager.

Council is honoring Mayor McMahon after the council meeting on Dec. 18, all invited.

New Business: S. Eli thanked the board for opportunity to serve; this will be his last meeting. Going forward he suggests a town mascot, social media improvements, new merchandise, and Valentine lamppost campaign.

Executive Session: The Board went into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Board adjourned the executive session and approved the personnel matters as discussed.

Meeting adjourned 7:55 PM.

Next meeting December 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Prepared by David Sibley, 12/11/25