

## Meeting June 7, 2021

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Caruso 7:00pm in Council Chambers at 1 Etze Avenue, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and President Caruso asked for a moment of silence for our deployed troops. President Caruso asked Borough Manager Landy to take roll call. Councilpersons present included Barnes, Phillabaum, Lasko, Ruszkowski and Wojnar. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Istik were present. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of May 24, 2021 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 6-0.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Speakers:** None.

### Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia read the Mount Pleasant Police Dept. Report for the month of May 2021:

The Department answered the following calls:

Incidents	165
Criminal Arrests	8
DUI Arrests	1
Parking Tickets Issued (Boro)	87
Traffic & Non-Traffic Citations	20
Assist Other Departments	21
Accidents Investigated	5

### Income

Parking Tickets	\$581.00
Parking Meters	\$2839.71
Fees for Police Reports	\$105.00
Clerk of Courts	231.90
District Court	\$1046.39
Parking Permit	\$20.00
DUI Task Force Refund	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$4829.09

Mayor Lucia gave the following report:

- Thanked everyone that came out to support the VFW and the American Legion on Memorial Day.
- The Volunteer Fire Department is going to hold a three (3) day carnival on Smithfield Street. It will be a small carnival. It will be June 24, 25, and 26, 2021. The parade will be on June 24, 2021. There will be a car show on June 25, 2021. There will be food vendors, entertainment, and games. There will be no rides this year. Any Council member riding in the parade should let Sharon know so they can have enough cars available. Councilwoman Ruszkowski said she had some inquiries as to whether they will be handing out cake plates. Mayor Lucia stated that they will not be doing cakes this year.

### Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Istik gave the following report:

- Prepared a Knox Box Ordinance for new commercial buildings, existing commercial buildings with improvements, prior commercial buildings and multifamily residential structures within the Borough.

Councilman Phillabaum asked about the safety of the keys to the knox box; and, if something happened can they be easily changed and replaced. Mayor Lucia stated that the only ones that would have access to the keys would be Medic 10, Fire Department and the Police Department. Borough Manager Landy asked if the Fire Department will go around and do the inspections once the 6-month time frame has passed that they have to get them installed. Mayor Lucia said that they would do the inspections. Mayor Lucia stated that Levins Furniture Store approached him about having knox boxes.

### **Tax Collector's Report:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following report for the month of May 2021:

Property Taxes	\$ 8,641.57
Supplemental Taxes	\$ 0.00
Per Capita Taxes	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total Collected	\$ 8,641.57

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

Borough Manager gave the following report:

- The waterway project next to American Architectural Salvage is approximately 70% completed.
- Attended a library board meeting.
- Began negotiations on the new police car. Cost with upfitting come in at around \$44,000. The car itself approximately \$31,000.00. They will be taking the lights from the Police Cruiser that they will be getting rid of. Borough Manager Landy said the cost should come in around \$38,500.00. They are waiting on one additional bid.
- Met with the County. They reviewed the projects that were being done, the Fire Department Apron Project and Cooks Way Project. They were pleased with the Apron. There is an issue with HUD funding since it is only good for certain parts of the Borough. Some of the projects do not qualify such as the bathrooms at Willows Park. Borough Manager Landy stated that he met with a gentleman that could possibly build the bathrooms for approximately \$20,000.00. Borough Manager Landy said that they will get them built this year whether the Borough pays for it or if they can find a grant.
- Renewed all of the CD's that were due at Scottdale Bank & Trust and at Standard Bank.
- Borough Manager Landy and Councilman Smetak went to the soccer field and it looks like the dog park will be possible. A large dog park where the big field is at a small dog park where the small field is located. Both areas are fenced in. Borough Manager Landy said that he contacted the insurance company and they have no problem with the dog park. Borough Manager Landy stated that it is one thing to have the dog park and another to maintain the park. Councilman Phillabaum stated that he sent pictures of Connellsville's dog park to Borough Manager Landy as a reference of their setup. Councilman Phillabaum said if you post a list of rules and set up a committee, he believes that it could come together. Councilman Wojnar stated that he believes that most people taking their dog to a dog park would be respectful. Councilwoman Lasko agreed and referred to people that walk their dogs at Frick Park and are respectful and clean up. Borough Manager Landy didn't fully agree and stated that Frick Park is here where people can see, where down at the soccer fields, there aren't as many people around. Borough Manager Landy stated that they should try to get a volunteer group together,

similar to the Veterans Park, that will be willing to help with the dog park. Councilman Wojnar believes that the Borough would have no problem getting a committee together for the dog park. Borough Manager Landy asked if Council wants to move forward with this. Council agreed that they do.

- Attended meetings at Medic 10. Borough Manager Landy stated that he feels a little more positive about the future of Medic 10.
- There was a question regarding the new VFD Apron not have any grates in it to handle water runoff. The engineer sent a letter as to the reasoning as to why he did not have them in it.
- Received a bid for the gazebo refurbishment and a bid for the garage door at the street department. Borough Manager Landy stated the railing will have tempered glass and will light up. Councilman Wojnar asked if the lighting would be able to change to different colors to be used during different holidays, such as Christmas red or St. Patrick's Day green, etc. Borough Manager Landy stated he was unsure and only saw the white but he will inquire about it. The roof will be steel but with a copper color. The base will be real stone. Borough Manager Landy stated that this does not cover the sound system or seating.
- Walked the trail with the YMCA.
- Borough Manager Landy reminded Council to review the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Report.

**President's Report: None.**

**Property Report: None.**

**Stormwater/ MS4 Report: None.**

**Streets Report:**

Borough Manager Landy gave the following report:

- Borough Manager Landy and Councilwoman Bailey are working on getting three (3) alleys tar and chipped. They are Coppula Way, Spence Way and the unnamed alley that runs parallel to Frick Street. It is above the car wash on S. Diamond Street.

Councilman Wojnar asked about the potholes on S. Diamond Street at the top of the hill near the cemetery. Mayor Lucia stated that is a state highway and PennDOT is responsible for it.

Councilwoman Barnes asked why the alley behind the Fireman's Club is never fixed. It is fixed to a certain point and then there is a buildup of grass and dirt that is taking over the rest of it. You can still see where it was paved. Borough Manager Landy stated he will discuss it with Councilwoman Bailey and the Street Department.

Councilman Wojnar asked if the damages on Spence Way were originally caused by a discharge from a home a while back. Borough Manager Landy agreed that it was and believes that there may still be a water problem there since it is broken up in the same area all the time. Borough Manager Landy stated you can't fix roads until you fix the water issue as we have learned on Eagle Street.

- Discussed installing a table bump on Cook's Way along with a pedestrian crossing.

**Parks & Recreation:**

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to purchase 4 benches, 3 trash cans and 4 light poles for the Cooks Way Waterway Project at a cost of \$14,362.58 from the Capital Reserve WWT account. Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilwoman Barnes asked if the lighting was the costliest of the project. Borough Manager Landy stated that it was. Councilman Phillabaum asked what type of trash cans were they. Borough Manager Landy stated that they are the same as the ones at Veterans Park.

Borough Manager Landy reported that Public Works employee, Rick Mognet, is to be off work until June 15<sup>th</sup> due to an auto accident. Borough Manager Landy stated that a lady from town called and said that her son loves to cut grass and asked about him doing summer work for the Borough. He will be a junior at Mt. Pleasant High School. Borough Manager Landy said that we could put him under summer help and that he would work for \$10.00 an hour. Mr. Landy reported that he checked with the union for the street department and they have no problem with it. Councilwoman Lasko asked if he would have to do the physical and drug screen. Borough Manager Landy stated that he would. Borough Manager Landy asked if Council wanted to move forward with hiring him for summer help. Council agreed that they should get the summer help.

### **Public Safety Report:**

Councilwoman Ruszkowski read the following Fire Report for the month of May 2021:

Total Calls - 44  
10-45's - 10  
Entrapments - 0  
Fires -13  
AFA's - 7  
Public Service Calls – 9  
Standby's – 2  
Hazardous Calls – 3  
Turnpike Calls - 2  
Total Members Answering – 567  
Avg. Member Per Call – 12

### **Veterans Park Report:**

Councilwoman Barnes gave the following report:

- The digital wall is now working. The gentleman worked on it for 2 days to get it in working order.
- There was a bench at Veteran's Park damaged by a juvenile. Borough Manager Landy received a quote of \$8,000.000 for the bench. Mr. Landy said it is a granite bench and it cannot be fixed. Council President Caruso asked if it was turned into the insurance company wouldn't the insurance company then go after the juvenile. Borough Manager Landy was uncertain and thought it may have to be handled through the police first.

Councilwoman Barnes asked about the Bridgeport property and looking at other avenues instead of the flex space and spending \$3million dollars just on the first phase of it. Councilwoman Barnes suggested a hotel with a water park such as Splash Lagoon or Borough Manager Landy suggested Wolf's Lodge and that the Borough should maybe reach out to one of these businesses to see if they would be willing to take a look at the property.

### **Human Resources/Ordinances Report:**

A Motion was made by Councilman Wojnar to advertise Ordinance requiring Knox Boxes on Commercial Buildings and multi-family residential structures with a common corridor for the units. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 6-0.

**Finance / Grants Report: None.**

**New Business: None.**

**Reading of Communications:**

- United Steelworkers District 10 will be holding its annual Poker Run on Saturday, August 7, 2021 proceeds benefit the March of Dimes (Giving Every Baby a Fighting Cause).
- Received a request from Richard Kujawa to use Frick Park for the Mount Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival annual car show August 20,2021 with a rain date of August 27, 2021. Council agreed that he can use Frick Park.

**Discussion and Payment of Bills:**

A Motion was made by Councilman Wojnar to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 6-0.

**Public Comment: None**

**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 6-0.

**Meeting Adjourned 7:53PM.**

Respectfully Submitted

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Jeffrey A. Landy,  
Borough Manager

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John H. Caruso, Jr., Council President

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