

## Meeting January 21, 2020

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Caruso 7:03pm 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, Bailey, Cholock, Phillabaum, Lasko, Ruszkowski and Wojnar. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Istik were present. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present. Councilman Smetak arrived at 7:07pm. Councilman Smetak left at 8:14pm.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of January 6, 2020 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

### Public Comment:

- Robert Karfelt, Jr. of 114 S. Depot Street, Mount Pleasant, PA spoke to Council regarding cutting the sidewalk on Bridgeport Street.
- David Yelle of 745 Spence Way, Mount Pleasant, PA spoke to Council regarding the installation of the cell tower near Smithfield Street.

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to extend the 3-minute rule for public comment. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

**Speakers: None.**

### Mayors Report:

Mayor Lucia read the Mount Pleasant Police Dept. Report for the month of December 2019:

The Department answered the following calls:

Incidents	92
Criminal Arrests	4
DUI Arrests	0
Parking Tickets Issued Boro	0
Traffic & Non-Traffic Citations	40
Assist Other Departments	7
Accidents Investigated	5

### Income

Parking Meters	\$0.00
Parking Tickets	\$0.00
Parking Permits	\$0.00
Fence Permits	\$0.00
Clerk of Courts	\$225.39
Restitution to Police Department	\$0
Fees for Police Reports	\$85.00
District Court	\$489.05
Task Force Refund	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$799.44

### Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Istik stated that her report will be held during executive session.

### Treasurer's Report:

Borough Manager Landy stated that there were 2 bank statements received for the Police Tickets and Meters account for the month of December due to changing the Police Tickets and Meters account to an interest-bearing account. Therefore, there will be two (2) Treasurers Report for the month of December. The only thing different on the reports will be the line for Police Tickets and Meters.

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2019:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Dec-19					Balance 2018
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance 2019		
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	
General Fund Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069335	1,045,407.49	68,759.25	90,420.70	1,023,746.04		
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	650,014.35	718.07	0.00	650,732.42	652,633.46	
**Police		42,619.03					
**Streets		107,131.00					
**Contingency Fund		228,385.30					
**Infrastructure		131,588.62					
**BOMP Gas Wells		21,955.15					
** Frick Park Gas Well		22,768.03					
**Levins		970.06					
**Fire		60,000.00					
**K-9		13,828.76					
**Marcellus Impact Fee Act 13		21,486.47					
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 1026616	26,044.71	0.00	572.08	25,472.63	19,608.02	
Escrow Account	Scottdale Bank 19069343	8,304.98	12.74	0.00	8,317.72	4,203.70	
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	289,467.41	373.24	1,526.87	288,313.78	163,847.61	
Monument CD	Standard Bank 446635	7,255.80	30.88	0.00	7,286.68	6,842.85	
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,808.09	0.07	0.00	1,808.16	1,807.26	
Payroll Fund	Scottdale Bank 19069350	950.61	48,430.92	48,426.60	954.93	617.72	
Veterans Park Fund	Somerset Trust Co 200305830	18,894.96	0.00	0.00	18,894.96	12,916.84	
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	615.42	0.02	0.00	615.44	615.14	
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	Scottdale Bank 19069368	1,206.08	1.85	0.00	1,207.93	1,247.21	
Tum Back Account	Scottdale Bank 19069384	378,346.39	580.48	0.00	378,926.87	398,695.74	
Standard Bank CD	Standard Bank	202,702.98	6,172.97	0.00	208,875.95	200,000.00	
Standard Bank CD	Standard Bank 410571	50,000.00	2,120.89	0.00	52,120.89	50,000.00	
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD	Scottdale Bank 318007294	50,000.00	983.85	0.00	50,983.85	0.00	
<b>Total General Fund Balance</b>					<b>2,718,258.25</b>	<b>1,563,035.55</b>	
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010176010	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
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Medic 10 Savings	Scottdale Bank 19069723	111,755.75	1,172.90	0.00	112,928.65	146,049.87	
Medic 10 Money Market	Scottdale Bank 19069376	5,939.55	9.11	0.00	5,948.66	5,895.55	
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	7,494.21	25.77	0.00	7,519.98	6,542.32	
Medic 10 CD	Standard Bank 371917	18,223.78	768.44	0.00	18,992.22	18,223.78	
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<b>Total Medic 10 Fund Balance</b>					<b>215,177.52</b>	<b>214,216.77</b>	
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0010175932	703,078.93	64,431.44	61,965.25	705,545.12	576,956.24	
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	183,176.39	202.36	0.00	183,378.75	181,288.37	
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	140,683.15	155.42	0.00	140,838.57	119,243.74	
**Contingency		113,368.75					
**Infrastructure		27,469.82					
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	162,484.73	9,596.81	0.00	172,081.54	57,624.31	
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### Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy gave the following report:

- A safety meeting was held today, Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 9:00am.
- Met with Standard Bank about earning more interest on Waste Water Treatment Accounts.
- Met with Bob Regola and Commissioner Kertes about funding for Borough projects such as additional lighting around memorial square and decorative poles on the east end of town.
- Review new computer proposal for Borough Manager.
- Will be reviewing all security cameras in the Borough and get proposals.
- Attended a waste water treatment seminar regarding maintenance with Roger Vincent and Joe Lovis.
- Meet with Jessie Jones, Public Works Department, daily.

- Notified the banks regarding new signature cards.
- Met with Councilwoman Bailey and A. Liberoni Construction about Bridgeport Street.
- Attended Medic 10 and Library Board Meetings.
- Had a meeting with Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County (MAWC), Liberoni Construction, Dawood Engineering, Jeff McGuinness, Mayor Lucia and Bob Regola regarding South Church Street and Eagle Street water issues.
- Zoning Ordinance will not be updated until the sign ordinance is completed.

### **President's Report:**

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to hold an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made to Reconvene by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 9-0.

Council President Caruso announced that the Executive Session was held from 8:01pm – 8:31pm to discuss legal issues.

Council President Caruso reported that he had met with a few of the Committee Chairpersons. When he met with Councilwoman Bailey, they discussed a having committee for Christmas decorations. Councilwoman Bailey suggested that she and Councilwoman Ruszkowski be on the committee and they will discuss new Christmas decorations.

### **Property:**

Councilwoman Lasko gave the following Property Report:

- Councilwoman Lasko reported that Councilman Smetak stated that he followed up with the suggestion of the Amish repairing the roof on the synagogue and they do not have transportation and do not want to travel here from Punxsutawney to do the work.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to sign an Agreement with Accountable Assets, Inc. for the appraisal of machinery and equipment in the amount of \$1,850.00 with the option of an annual service of \$275.00 per year for a five (5) year period beginning in the year 2020. Cost being divided equally between waste water treatment in the amount of \$925.00, line item 840.06; and, general fund in the amount of \$925.00, line item 400.36. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

### **Waste Water Treatment Report:**

Councilman Phillabaum gave the following report:

- Spoke with Glenn Fodor who will now be the operator at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. He spoke highly of Roger Vincent and Joe Lovis. Mr. Fodor stated that there were filters that hadn't been changed in several years and should have been. They have been changed now.
- Councilman Phillabaum reported that Mr. Fodor stated that the pump that had went down last summer could have been taken care of in a different manner by bypassing the pump and diverting pipes, etc. Under advisement from CWM Environmental they suggested the pump be removed and rebuilt or replaced costing the Borough several thousands of dollars.
- Councilman Phillabaum stated that the employees are now working better together. Borough Manager Landy stated that as a whole between all of the departments the employees are working well together which has never been the case before.

## **Streets / Stormwater Report:**

Councilwoman Bailey gave the following report on Streets:

- Met with Council President Caruso regarding projects for 2020. One is the street / traffic signs breakaway poles. Councilwoman Bailey stated that there is a law that all of the street signs must be replaced by the end of this year. Councilwoman Bailey spoke with Jeff McGuinness about making this a priority, beginning with replacing all of the stop signs, then traffic signs, one-way, do not enter, etc. Councilwoman Bailey stated that the Street Department is keeping her up to date on what signs are going in and what is left to go in so that there is a tracking process.
- Looking at the possible sale of some old equipment.
- Need to do crack sealing; however, the machine is still broken.
- There will be line painting done this year. Street Department is to be looking at streets as they are out working and make a list of what streets should be considered for paving.
- Councilwoman Bailey and Councilwoman Ruszkowski will be working on Christmas lighting.

Borough Manager Landy asked Councilwoman Bailey what is wrong with the crack sealer machine. Councilwoman Bailey replied that there were numerous things wrong and as one issue was fixed another would go wrong. It is to the point where we cannot repair it our self. The machine has been taken for repairs. At this point, Councilwoman Bailey is uncertain whether it can be repaired.

- Councilwoman Bailey stated that she asked Secretary, Sharon Lesko, to forward all PA One Calls to her that we receive so she can keep track of all streets that are being torn up and by whom. Borough Manager Landy suggested that Jeff McGuinness forward all PA One Calls to her since he also receives them.
- Councilwoman Bailey stated that Columbia Gas sent a letter stating that on Center Avenue there is a riser that is not sleeved related to the natural gas service line.

## **Stormwater Report:**

Councilman Cholock spoke to Frank Puskar of Mount Pleasant Township regarding the Dollar General that is being built and the water issues in that area. Councilman Cholock asked what the plan is going to be regarding the water. Mr. Puskar stated that the Dollar General has an engineer and they handle all of that.

## **Parks and Recreation:**

Councilwoman Lasko gave the following report:

- The new public work employee, Jessie Jones, will be doing some work in the parks. There will be park equipment being moved around. Street Department and Waste Water Treatment will all be helping to move the equipment.
- Contacted 3 residents that are interested on being on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. They are all committed and have some great ideas.
- Spoke with Council President Caruso regarding putting pea gravel at Jack Bob's Park.
- Would like to finish with tree trimming in the parks.

## **Public Safety Report:**

Councilman Cholock read the following Fire Report for the month of December 2019:

Total Calls - 47  
10-45's - 16  
Entrapment Calls - 2  
Fires - 14  
Public Service Calls - 7  
AFA's - 10  
Turnpike Calls - 7  
Total Members Answering - 693  
Avg. Member Per Call - 14  
Total Staff Hours - 418

Councilman Cholock read the following Fire Report for the Year of 2019:

Total Calls - 53  
10-45's - 185  
Entrapment Calls - 15  
Fires - 128  
Public Service Calls - 72  
AFA's - 159  
Stand-by's - 12  
Boat Calls - 1  
Drills - 3  
Turnpike Calls - 56  
Total Members Answering - 8613  
Avg. Member Per Call - 15  
Total Staff Hours - 5004  
Fire loss for the Borough - None

Councilman Cholock gave the following report:

- Will begin having a monthly meeting with Police Chief Grippo and the Safety Committee.
- Medic 10 is doing good. Medic 10 monitors are not wifi. They will eventually be required to be wifi. They will need 3. The cost will be approximately \$15,000 - \$35,000. Would like to have a fundraiser to help with Medic 10. Any suggestions are appreciated.
- Westmoreland Drug & Alcohol held a meet and greet at the Church of God in Mount Pleasant with the Mount Pleasant Police Chief Grippo.

## **Veterans Park:**

Councilwoman Barnes gave the following report:

- Would like to hold a meeting with the Veterans Park Committee, Council and the Veterans Park Advisory Committee.
- Borough Manager Landy reported that Jessie Jones, Public Works Department, repaired the GFI outlet.

## **Human Resources / Ordinances:**

- Would like to have a meeting regarding the Sign Ordinance to discuss the size of the frame of the signs.
- Would like to have an Ordinance regarding paving curb to curb when there is work being done on the streets.

- Researching fees for permits and possibly raising fees.

Councilman Wojnar asked if they would be interested in the Jr. Council program; and, if so, he would contact the school regarding it. Councilwoman Bailey stated that she would like to see it happen. They had discussed it previously but due to the long late meetings they opted not to do it.

There is a company called Hometown Maker Space that is starting up in the area of Smith Glass. They have applied for their non-profit status. They gather resources and give you the opportunity to learn different skills. Councilman Wojnar believes it would be a good organization for the community to get involved with.

**Finance / Grants Report:**

Councilwoman Ruszkowski will be meeting with the committee to discuss grants.

**New Business:**

Councilman Cholock reported that there will be a meeting at the Mount Pleasant High School on January 30, 2020 at 3:30pm regarding the Laurel Valley Interceptor – Roundabouts on S. R. 981.

**Reading of Communications:**      **None.**

**Discussion and Payment of Bills:**

A Motion was made by Councilman Wojnar to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

**Public Comment:**      **None.**

**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

**Meeting Adjourned 9:23pm.**

### **Motions from Meeting of January 21, 2020**

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