

Meeting January 22, 2019

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 Bailey, Barnes, Cholock, Phillabaum, Rogacki, Ruszkowski, Stevenson, Yatsko, and President Caruso. 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 January 7, 2019 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

Public Comment: None.

Speakers: None.

Presidents Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to change the Commercial Sweep account with PNC Bank to the Small Business Treasury Enterprise Plan along with opening a Money Market with PNC effective immediately. The signers will remain the same; Council President Jack Caruso, Jr., Council Vice President John Rogacki, and Borough Manager Jeff Landy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 9-0.

Randy Klimchok, Esquire, of the Mount Pleasant Planning Commission, spoke to Council regarding the Irene J. Palanko Subdivision. Mr. Klimchok stated that Mrs. Palanko owns two (2) neighboring parcels of property; one with an address of S. Quarry Street and the other on W. Washington Street. The subdivision is to add the garage to parcel 214 from parcel 215. Both properties are being sold.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to accept the recommendation of the Mount Pleasant Planning Commission approving the Irene J. Palanko Subdivision; and, to authorize the Borough Council President and Secretary to sign the said subdivision plan indicating Councils approval of the same. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 9-0.

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

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 9-0.

Council President Caruso announced that an Executive Session was held from 7:14 pm – 8:16 pm to discuss personnel issues.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Lucia reported that Excelsa Health will be holding an open house and ribbon cutting for the new Excelsa Square Frick Family Medicine and Excelsa Health Orthopedics and Sports Medicine Offices on Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 5:30 P.M., at Excelsa Square at Frick 508 South Church Street Mount Pleasant PA.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Istik stated that her report was given in Executive Session.

Treasurer's Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2018:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Dec-18			Balance
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	2018
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	50,000.00	143,526.90	143,526.90	50,000.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	854,176.69	48,626.86	80,586.61	822,216.94
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	649,154.04	3,479.42	0.00	652,633.46
**Police		37,619.03			
**Streets		140,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		220,556.61			
**Infrastructure		121,588.62			
**BOMP Gas Wells		20,951.52			
** Frick Park Gas					
Well		20,657.39			
**Levins		970.06			
**Fire		55,000.00			
**K-9		13,803.76			
**Marcellus Impact					
Fee Act 13		21,486.47			
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 1026616	20,180.10	0.00	572.08	19,608.02
Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	4,203.70	0.00	0.00	4,203.70
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	163,558.50	289.11	0.00	163,847.61
Monument CD	Standard Bank 327085	6,842.85	0.00	0.00	6,842.85
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,807.18	0.08	0.00	1,807.26
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	617.72	51,588.73	51,588.73	617.72
	Somerset Trust Co				
Veterans Park Fund	2003058309	12,516.84	400.00	0.00	12,916.84
	Standard Bank				
Town Clock Fund	0010038847	615.11	0.03	0.00	615.14
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3888-4556	1,247.21	0.00	0.00	1,247.21
	Standard Bank				
Police Grants	0010151752	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Turn Back Account	PNC Bank 10-7766-4491	398,425.03	270.71	0.00	398,695.74
Standard Bank CD	Standard Bank	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	200,000.00
Standard Bank CD	Standard Bank 410571	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00
Total General Fund Balance					2,385,252.49
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	65,200.57	25,592.72	58,288.04	32,505.25
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	145,025.06	1,024.81	0.00	146,049.87
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,895.30	0.25	0.00	5,895.55
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	6,541.49	0.83	0.00	6,542.32
Medic 10 CD	Standard Bank 371917	18,223.78	0.00	0.00	18,223.78
Medic 10 CD	Standard Bank	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					214,216.77
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	547,522.54	76,833.89	47,400.19	576,956.24
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	181,257.58	30.79	0.00	181,288.37
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	119,223.49	20.25	0.00	119,243.74
**Contingency		111,773.92			
**Infrastructure		7,469.82			
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	48,117.04	9,507.27	0.00	57,624.31
Total WWT Balance					935,112.66
Total Borough funds					3,534,581.92

Councilwoman Diane Bailey / Secretary Sharon Lesko

Mayor Lucia asked if the BioTower has been paid off. Borough Manager Landy stated that it has been paid off and the balance in that account will be used for future capital improvements. Borough Manager Landy stated that the overflow situation at the Quarry Street pump station must to be addressed. Councilman Rogacki reported that the blowers at the waste water treatment plant will need to be replaced in the near future.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 9-0.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy gave the following report:

- Borough Manager Landy reported that Council has received the updated Gas Well Revenue spreadsheet through October 2018.
- Borough Manager Landy stated that Council has received the Profit and Loss Actual vs. Budget dated 1/22/2019.
- Attended a meeting with the Redevelopment Authority of Westmoreland County regarding properties that they are selling; one being the Levin Property on Bridgeport Street. One of the options recommended was a possible attraction / amusement area. R&R and Arevalo properties were discussed, they believe the property value is more than what their initial thinking was.
- Spent time with Street Department on Eagle Street. A pipe was found that was broken. It is unknown if it was already broken or broken while digging. The pipe leads to a telephone pole. When digging at the pole the water filled at the pole. Borough is still trying to determine where the pipe is coming from, if it is on Frick property; and, why did it have water in it and if it still has water in it. Councilman Rogacki asked if it was possible that it is the pipe that fed the reservoir. Borough Manager Landy stated that it did not; and, that the pipe is a terracotta pipe. Councilwoman Bailey asked what was the response from Frick Hospital regarding the pipe and water. Borough Manager Landy stated that he met with Jeff McGuinness and a gentleman from Frick Hospital. The gentleman from Frick Hospital had many questions; and, obviously we have no answers as of yet and neither do they. Frick Hospital discussed plugging the pipe.
- Met with Police Chief Doug Sam regarding the parking meters. Chief Sam googled the map of Mount Pleasant which showed where the parking meters were originally and from that map, we will be able to determine exactly how many meters are missing. Chief Sam and Borough Manager Landy will be meeting with Jeff McGuinness at the Street Department to see how many meters are at the maintenance building. Borough Manager Landy reported that Police Chief Sam stated that some of the meters were averaging up to \$70.00.
- Borough Manager Landy reported that the grass is over run with dog waste at the synagogue. Mr. Landy spoke with the tenant across the alley regarding the situation. The tenant admitted to taking his dog to the back of the synagogue but not the front. Mr. Landy believes that customers going to the dog groomer across the street from the synagogue may be using the grass area in front of the synagogue. Borough Manager Landy recommended that a fence be put up around the synagogue. Councilman Rogacki suggested cameras be installed in the area. Councilwoman Stevenson suggested installing the doggie bag station. Council President Caruso also suggested a sign be put up. Borough Manager Landy stated that the gentleman had a bag with him but had no intentions of using it until he was confronted about the situation.
- Met with Andy Zelinsky from the Waste Water Treatment Plant and he reported that a line was installed by Hudec Excavating by the Slovak Club to service a home that was previously tied in with another home. Andy Zelinsky asked that a

letter be sent to the homeowner notifying them that they are required to tap into the line. There will also be another letter sent to a homeowner on S. Church Street that he will be required for him to tie in to the sewage on S. Church Street. The letter will state that there will be a construction and paving project on S. Church Street and when it is excavated, he will be required to tie into the line at that time so he does not have to worry about digging into the middle of the street. There will be no permit fees.

- Reminded Council to complete their Ethics Reports.

Councilman Cholock asked about the high curb that was installed near Grille 31; and, that he believed there was to be a railing installed. Borough Manager Landy reported that they had met with PennDOT regarding how high the curb was. PennDOT designed the curb; and, stated that a normal curb is 8" inches high and they did the curb at two (2') feet high to deter pedestrians from stepping off of it. Borough Manager Landy stated that the Borough had suggested a railing be installed also as an additional deterrent to step off. PennDOT denied the suggestion and stated that it is not needed. Council President Caruso asked if the Borough could install a railing. Manager Landy stated he believed that the Borough could do that. Mayor Lucia asked if a letter could be sent to PennDOT to request a railing be installed. Solicitor Istik stated that a letter can be sent; however, she advised Council to not install a railing themselves since it was not recommended by PennDOT.

Property:

Councilman Rogacki reported that the waterproofing on the first floor of the municipal building will take place the middle of February.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to advertise for a part-time laborer position at the Waste Water Treatment Plant at a starting wage of \$12.75 per hour. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 9-0.

Councilman Phillabaum gave the following WWT Report for the month of December 2018:

- All fire extinguishers were updated with new 2019 tags
- Clean and serviced the belt filter press.
- Started Chapter 94 Report
- Met with Gibson Thomas Engineering regarding blower upgrade

Home Inspections – 4

PA One Calls – 18

Emergency One Calls – 3

Streets / Stormwater Report:

A Motion was made to advertise Amending Chapter 15 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) to change North Shupe Street from a two-way street to a one-way street from Vine Street to Main Street. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

Councilwoman Barnes said two (2) people have asked about a traffic sign that has an arrow on it that is posted at the red light going down through town at the doughboy when you cannot go around anyone there. Councilwoman Barnes will look to see if the sign is still there. Borough Manager Landy said that the all signage was put up by PennDOT; and, if the sign is still there that he and Councilwoman Barnes can contact PennDOT to ask them about the sign.

Councilwoman Stevenson asked if they could consider a one-way sign on Walnut Street coming down from College Avenue towards Diamond Street. Councilwoman Stevenson recommended that they cannot turn off of Diamond Street onto Walnut Street.

Borough Manager Landy reported that there was a meeting with municipal services and there will need to be a traffic study done by an engineer on S. Church Street at the Harmon House and Hemlock Street. Borough Manager Landy stated that the money to pay for the study can come from the Liquid Fuels money.

Borough Manager Landy reported that we do not have the new truck yet. It was to be ready on January 25, 2019.

Councilwoman Bailey asked if parking permits need to be issued. Mayor Lucia stated that anyone that needs to obtain a 2019 parking permit for Washington Street or College Avenue can get them between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm from Police Chief Doug Sam at the Borough Police Station.

Parks and Recreation:

Councilwoman Stevenson reported that she will be meeting with Borough Manager Landy in the near future regarding parks and recreation. Borough Manager Landy stated that a woman that lives in Ramsay Terrace had called with some good suggestions for the Borough parks; and, she is willing to help. Mr. Landy said that the lady had worked on other recreation committees where she had previously lived; and, if we institute a recreation advisory committee, she would like to be on it.

Public Safety Report:

Councilwoman Ruszkowski reminded everyone to get their Medic 10 Annual Subscription sent in.

Veterans Park:

Councilwoman Barnes reported that there will be a committee meeting on Thursday, January 31, 2019; and, the granite slab is being ordered.

Borough Manager Landy reported he has done some research regarding the bricks/pavers at Veterans Park. Mr. Landy said that the current charge to have a brick/paver at Veterans Park is \$50.00. The cost to have the brick engraved is \$40.00.

Human Resources / Ordinances: None.

Finance / Grants Report:

Councilwoman Bailey reported that she has two (2) grants that she will be looking into.

New Business:

Borough Manager Landy received plans and a Zoning Permit Application for the Ramsay Elementary School cafeteria renovations. The construction value for the renovations is \$976,000.00. The Zoning Permit Application fee would be \$9,710.00. Borough Manager Landy believes that the relationship with the school district is good; and, he believes that the fee should be reduced as a good will gesture.

Reading of Communications:

- Westmoreland Conservation District Municipal Roundtable will be held on Friday, January 25, 2019 from 11:30am – 3:30pm at a cost of \$10.00 per person. It will be held at the J. Roy Houston Conservation Center, 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg, PA 15601.
- Received Official Notice from the Election Bureau as to Offices that will need to be filled during election this year. Councilwoman Barnes, Councilwoman Bailey, Councilman Cholock, Councilman Rogacki and Councilman Phillabaum terms will expire 12/31/2019.
- Mount Pleasant Library will be hosting several activities.

- PSAB will be holding nominations for Second Vice President. Any nominations must be submitted no later than Wednesday, April 10, 2019 to Bill Rossey, Chair, PSAB Nominating Committee, 2941 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 9-0.

Public Comment: None.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 9-0.

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