

February 3, 2020

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 Bailey, Cholock, Phillabaum, Smetak, Lasko, Ruszkowski, and Wojnar. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Istik was present. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present. Councilwoman Barnes arrived at 7:02

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of January 21, 2020 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 9-0.

Public Comment: None

Speakers: None

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia reported that the State has come in and inspected the ambulance that was purchased a few months ago. It has passed and is now able to be used. Mayor Lucia reported that the Census will be sending out forms. He stressed that it is very important for residents to complete these. By not completing the forms, it affects not only the municipality, but the county and the state also. Grants monies can be cut, can lose congressional seats are just a few things affected.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Istik reported that she spoke with Councilman Cholock today; and, that he received a stormwater management evaluation for Greenwood Apartments prepared by Penn Corp Consulting of Cogans Station. The report gives calculations that they have done testing on the stormwater retention pond and that there are 2 problems. First, there is other runoff that is going into the stormwater pond that is not related to Greenwood Apartments; and, the second is that there is no Operations and Maintenance Agreement or Best Management Practices Agreement in place to review to determine whether or not Greenwood Apartments is in compliance with it. The plan was approved and constructed in 1992. The report states that the pond is functioning; however, there are no standards in place by the County or the Borough. Solicitor Istik stated that since this is a private matter that the Borough should table this until something else comes up from it. Solicitor Istik stated that they did do work; and, there are several invoices in the packet indicating that.

Tax Collector's Report:

Borough Manager Landy stated that there is no report for January 2020.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager gave the following report for January 2020:

- Met with the Amish regarding the roof on the synagogue and the street department. Will be having it rebid for the installation of a metal roof instead of shingles.
- Borough Manager Landy and Mayor Lucia met with the County Commissioners. There are 2 new Commissioners. Discussed possibility of getting decorative lamp poles on the east end of town and for additional lighting around the doughboy. They will also support the G-17.
- Receiving a lot of questions regarding addresses within the Borough. Borough Manager Landy and Mayor Lucia met with the County 911. They are willing to do whatever the Borough wants to correct the address concerns.
- There is a new municipal representative that handles the liquid fuels with Penn DOT.

- Meetings with Councilman Phillabaum regarding the new operator at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Borough Manager Landy believes it was a good move eliminating CWM Environmental as operator and bringing in Glenn Fodor.
- Borough Manager Landy, Mayor Lucia, Councilwoman Barnes and Councilwoman Bailey attended a meeting at the Mt. Pleasant School District regarding the Laurel Valley Connector. Borough Manager Landy stated they will be putting a roundabout down at Fox's Pizza which will bring traffic through the Borough; and, he believes this will not be good for the Borough. Councilwoman Barnes asked them what is the reasoning for the roundabouts. They stated that it is based on accidents. Councilwoman Barnes asked for a traffic study that showed this. They could not present one. She believes that no traffic study has been done. Mayor Lucia stated that the area at Middle Churches does have a lot of accidents. Mayor Lucia stated that the Borough has to worry about trucks coming across at Fox's up Church Street and won't be able to make the turn on to Main Street; and, if they go Low Street, they have to worry about the corner by the Copy Center and at the area of the Doughboy. Mayor Lucia stated that the roundabout is going to happen no matter what the Borough thinks about it. Councilwoman Bailey stated that some of the roads that the trucks will be traveling on will exceed the weight limits set on the roads. Council discussed options of dealing with overweight trucks that will be passing through on the Borough roads.
- The new public works employee, Jessie Jones, has been working out well.
- Auditors were in for 2 days. Liquid Fuels audit was in and completed with no findings.
- Computer system has been updated and the server has been eliminated. A new server would have cost approximately \$7,000.00.
- Met with Standard Bank regarding Waste Water Treatment account. The interest rate will increase to 1.3%.
- Met with the Rotary. They will not be doing movies in the park. Until they paid royalties for the movies, approximately \$500.00 and attendance was approximately 200 kids over the 3 different days of movies in the park. They would like to come up with another idea.

President's Report:

Council President Caruso discussed setting the annual spring yard sale date on Saturday, May 9, 2020. The yard sale will be held rain or shine. Council President Caruso also suggested having a fall yard sale.

Council President Caruso reminded Council that they need to complete the Statement of Financial Interests and turn them in to the office.

Property Report:

Councilman Smetak reported that they will be reopening the bids for the roofs at the synagogue and the municipal building. They would like to get a quote for a metal roof instead of shingles.

A Motion was made by Councilman Smetak to accept the bid of Jerry Fedell in the amount of \$1,690.00 for the upgrading of Borough Manager's computer, backup system and installation. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 9-0.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

Councilman Phillabaum reported that he received information on a seminar next week regarding wellheads. Borough Manager Landy stated that they do not need that seminar.

Streets Report:

Councilwoman Bailey gave the following report:

- They have been working on installing the new signs as required. They have installed 20 signs to date and have ordered 50 more signs. Stops signs are the first to be updated and then the additional street signs.
- Contractors have completed sidewalks and handicap ramps on Bridgeport Street. They are now working on S. Church Street completing the handicap ramps.
- Borough Manager Landy reported that the traffic signals that were taken down during the Main Street project are now for sale. The small one is \$75.00 and the 4-head signal is \$135.00.

Stormwater Management Report:

Councilman Cholock gave the following report:

- Councilman Cholock spoke with Frank Puskar of Mount Pleasant Township regarding the Dollar General. Borough Manager Landy reported that he is trying to set up a meeting with the Township, their Engineer and Solicitor to discuss the stormwater issues.

Parks & Recreation:

Councilwoman Lasko reported that Jessie Jones, Public Works, will be building fire pits at Willows Park. There will be one at each pavilion. Councilman Smetak stated that they should be certain that they are using the correct type of brick to withstand fire and heat.

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Cholock reported that he will look into what is required to do overweight DOT inspections.

Councilwoman Bailey asked if the Police Department have the new parking permit stickers for this year. Councilman Cholock will check and report back.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilwoman Barnes reported that the advisory committee held their regular meeting on Thursday, January 30, 2020. They have decided that since there is not a lot of activity at this time, they will hold their next meeting in April.

Councilwoman Barnes asked if the Borough does receive a grant for the decorative lighting for the east end of town; how far will the lights go. Borough Manager Landy stated that they will not give to do all of it and that he could only guess at this time. He is hoping that they can get enough to do from Browns to the Village Restaurant.

Councilwoman Barnes reported that they are still receiving names for the tablet.

Human Resources/Ordinances Report:

Councilman Wojnar gave the following report:

- He will be contacting the committee members at looking into the Sign Ordinance.
- Contacted 3 communities that have the Junior Council program. The only one to get back with him was Blawnox. They were very encouraged and happy with it. It was more the student that made it work. They recommended working with a Sophomore or Junior student so you have additional time to work with them. He is going to contact the school to see if they believe that there would be any interest.

Finance / Grants Report:

Councilwoman Ruszkowski reported that the gas well report was corrected.

Council President Caruso stated that the check detail reports will now be in a folder with Councilwoman Ruszkowski and with Borough Manager Landy.

Borough Manager Landy reported that the CDBG Grant is due February 22, 2020. Councilwoman Ruszkowski stated that she would like to get with the committee and work on it.

New Business: None.

Reading of Communications:

- Mt. Pleasant Viking Baseball Boosters Organization is seeking donations for the 2020 baseball season
- Westmoreland Conservation District will be holding its 10th Annual Municipal Roundtable on February 21, 2020 from 11:30 – 3:30pm at the J. Roy Houston Conservation Center, 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg. Cost is \$12.00 per person.
- Grants are available for DCNR Grants. Information can be found at www.dcnr.pa.gov

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 9-0.

Public Comment: None.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 9-0.

Meeting Adjourned 8:10pm.

Motions from Meeting of February 3, 2020

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