

Meeting February 18, 2019

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Caruso 7:07pm 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, Rogacki, Ruszkowski, Stevenson, Yatsko, and President Caruso. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Istik were present. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present. Councilwoman Barnes arrived at 7:10PM. Mayor Lucia left at 8:49PM. Councilman Yatsko left at 8:56PM.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of February 4, 2019 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment: None.

Speakers:

Arthur Kromel of Arthur Kromel Surveying spoke to Council regarding the Michael Oravetz Subdivision. Mr. Kromel stated that the property is located on Washington Street. Mr. Oravetz owns two (2) properties. The revision will eliminate encroachments between the two (2) properties.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to accept the recommendation of the Mount Pleasant Planning Commission approving the Michael Oravetz Subdivision dated February 2019 as prepared by Arthur Kromel Surveying; and, to authorize the Borough Council President and Secretary to sign the said subdivision plan indicating Councils approval of the same. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0.

Presidents Report:

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to hire David Thomas of Acme, PA as a part-time Officer at the part-time Officer rate with a start date of February 28, 2019. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 9-0.

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A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve Resolution No. 2019-03, a resolution of support from the Borough of Mount Pleasant for Reimagining Our Westmoreland. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 9-0.

Mayor Lucia swore in part-time Officers, Olivia Harshell (previously hired by Motion on July 23, 2018), Zachary Burger (previously hired by Motion on November 5, 2018), David Thomas and Trevor Ely.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to adopt the Uniform Construction Code 2015 International Code Council Codes. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. President Caruso called for a roll call vote as to whether or not to adopt the Uniform Construction Code 2015 International Code Council Codes.

Councilwoman Bailey	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	No
Councilman Cholock	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilman Rogacki	No
Councilwoman Ruzkowski	Yes
Councilwoman Stevenson	Yes
Councilman Yatsko	Yes
President Caruso	Yes

The vote was 7 Yes and 2 Nay.

Motion carried 7-2. Councilwoman Barnes and Councilman Rogacki voted No.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Lucia apologized about the delay of getting to the roads of the unexpected fast snow fall that happened last week. Mayor Lucia stated he met with the Police Department and will be sure to not let this happen again.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Istik stated that her report will be held in Executive Session.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Jan-19			Balance
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	2019
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	50,000.00	91,088.67	108,747.04	32,341.63
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	822,216.94	10,723.42	55,613.75	777,326.61
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	652,633.46	1,086.74	0.00	653,720.20
**Police		37,619.03			
**Streets		140,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		220,667.56			
**Infrastructure		121,588.62			
**BOMP Gas Wells		21,271.93			
** Frick Park Gas Well		21,312.77			
**Levins		970.06			
**Fire		55,000.00			
**K-9		13,803.76			
**Marcellus Impact		21,486.47			
Fee Act 13		21,486.47			
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 1026616	19,608.02	150.00	0.00	19,758.02
Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	4,203.70	0.00	0.00	4,203.70
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	163,847.61	308.23	0.00	164,155.84
Monument CD	Standard Bank 327085	6,842.85	0.00	0.00	6,842.85
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,807.26	0.08	0.00	1,807.34
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	617.72	53,167.55	53,167.55	617.72
Veterans Park Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2003058309	12,916.84	1,300.00	0.00	14,216.84
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	615.14	0.02	0.00	615.16
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3888-4556	1,247.21	0.00	0.00	1,247.21
Police Grants	Standard Bank 0010151752	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Turn Back Account	PNC Bank 10-7766-4491	398,695.74	334.83	2,085.44	396,945.13
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					2,323,798.25
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	32,505.25	62,985.05	49,993.44	45,496.86
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	146,049.87	1,024.63	21,000.00	126,074.50
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,895.55	0.25	0.00	5,895.80
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	6,542.32	0.00	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						207,233.26
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	576,956.24	74,255.34	74,407.14	576,804.44	
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	181,288.37	30.80	0.00	181,319.17	
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	119,243.74	20.26	0.00	119,264.00	
**Contingency		111,794.18				
**Infrastructure		7,469.82				
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	57,624.31	18,832.55	0.00	76,456.86	
Total WWT Balance						953,844.47
Total Borough funds						3,484,875.98

Councilwoman Diane Bailey / Secretary Sharon Lesko

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

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy gave the following report:

- Borough Manager Landy reported that in the discussions he had with the Engineer for the Ramsay School Cafeteria Addition, he asked him where the downspouts were tied in to. The Engineer reported that he was pretty certain that the downspouts were tied into the sewage. The Engineer is going to come back with a proposal on how they will remove the downspouts that was tied in to the sewage along with where he will distribute the runoff. Councilwoman Bailey asked if this would be causing the problems at Quarry Street. Councilman Rogacki and Borough Manager Landy responded that it is a good probability it is contributing to the issues.
- Purchased the new truck for the Street Department; and, it has been delivered.
- Attended a Board Meeting for Medic 10. They purchased a used ambulance from Kecksburg EMS.
- Spent a lot of time with George Grippo at the Police Department helping with any questions and issues he may have had.
- Had several meetings with Jeff McGuinness. One was after the last snow storm and the issues of being called out to plow. After talking with Mayor Lucia, the Street Department and the Police Officers the issue should now be resolved.
- Borough Manager Landy reported that he and Councilman Phillabaum held interviews for the part-time Waste Water Treatment Plant laborer position. Mr. Landy stated that the applicant that they want to hire has had previous experience.
- Had a meeting with Andy Zelinsky, Councilman Yatsko and Councilman Phillabaum.
- Had a meeting with Dawood Engineering Company about South Church Street and Bridgeport Street. They are moving forward with the proposal for both streets, including the water issue on South Church Street. Bridgeport Street will be catch basins and it will be tar and chipped. Councilwoman Bailey asked if the brick that is under the blacktop will be removed from South Church Street or will it be milled and repaved. Borough Manager Landy stated that the turnback monies was not to replace it down to the base. However, if they should run into a problem and there are not enough monies, they can request additional funds.

- Met with Bob Regola regarding fixing the fire department apron at the central fire station on South Church Street. Mr. Regola stated he may be able to find some help with monies to fix the apron; and, that he will work on it.

President’s Report:

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 Ruszkowski. Motion carried 9-0.

Council President Caruso announced that an Executive Session was held from 7:53 pm – 8:49pm to discuss personnel issues.

Property:

A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to accept the bid from Palco Sales Corp in the amount of \$6,290.00 for a residential generator to be installed at the Municipal Building. Bid does not include the installation or hookup of gas. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to accept the bid from Koehler’s Ditching and Trenching in the amount of \$600.00 for the installation of the gas hookup for the new generator at the Municipal Building; bid includes the trade-in value of the old generator at a value of \$300.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 9-0.

Councilman Rogacki reported that the door on the first floor where the dentist office was had been leaking water again; and, it has since been repaired.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

Councilman Phillabaum gave the following WWT Report for the month of February 2019:

- Had a meeting with Borough Manager Landy, Council President Caruso and Andy Zelinsky regarding the monies that are escrowed for sewage external cleanout installation during winter months when it is difficult to dig. Andy Zelinsky suggested that the escrow should be set at \$3,500.00 with \$500.00 of that being a fee to the Borough.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to approve a Resolution increasing the escrow amount in the Agreement for the Temporary Document of Certification Practical Hardship from \$2,000.00 to \$3,500.00 with \$500.00 being a fee to the Borough. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to hire Shawn Novak as a part-time employee at the Waste Water Treatment Plant at the rate of \$12.75 per hour pending a background check, drug test and physical effective February 25, 2019. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

- Roof on the garage is 80% completed.
- Andy Zelinsky met with Borough Manager Landy and Mayor Lucia regarding hospital right of way.
- Met with Harmon House Maintenance regarding grease and rag issue.
- Finalizing Chapter 94 Report for Gibson-Thomas Engineering Co.

Home Inspections – 3
PA One Calls – 28

Borough Manager Landy reported that they met with the Director of Harmon House and that they would change the type of rags they are using along with the chemicals they use in the sinks. This did not resolve the issue. Borough Manager Landy told the Director that he may want to use a smaller bar screen. Borough Manager Landy informed the Director that it is on them to find a solution.

Streets / Stormwater Report:

Councilwoman Bailey gave the following report:

- The new truck is in. The Borough logos need installed along with a light bar on the top.
- Councilwoman Bailey, Council President Caruso, Mayor Lucia, Jeff McGuinness, Chuck Zelenak, John Cenkner and Mike from Excelsa Health Frick met at Eagle Street regarding the water problem. Mr. Zelenak and Mr. Cenkner, Engineers, believe that a french drain system will be needed. They need to know if the Borough is willing to dig up the entire street and remove the bricks, which will be costlier, or if it will be just be milling and paved. They will need to know so they can present a proposal. Council President Caruso stated that if they are replacing storm drains the bricks will have to be removed. Councilwoman Bailey stated that there will be some bricks taken out since there will be 3 catch basins. Councilman Cholock asked where they believe the water is coming from. Councilwoman Bailey stated that they believe that it is spring fed since that was the old reservoir at one time and has been filled in. They cannot guarantee that without doing extensive investigation but it is not the Borough's property; and, the hospital does not seem to be willing to pay for the investigation. Borough Manager Landy asked Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County to test the water at a lab to see if it is their water. They had it tested and it is not their water. Mr. Cenkner informed Councilwoman Bailey that the USDA could possibly offer monies at a low interest rate, approximately 2%, to use to correct the issue. Borough Manager Landy stated you have to apply for the monies before the project begins. Councilwoman Ruszkowski asked if the hospital is willing to help at all. Councilwoman Bailey stated that the gentleman that they met with from Excelsa did not have the authority to commit with any help. Councilwoman Bailey suggested speaking with a representative from Excelsa that has the authority and can say whether or not they are willing to commit to helping. Councilwoman Bailey asked does Council want a proposal with the brick removed or without. Councilman Rogacki stated that they should give a proposal with the brick removed and without it removed to compare the difference in cost. Council President Caruso stated that the brick will not be removed from the South Church Street project.

Parks and Recreation:

Borough Manager Landy asked Councilwoman Stevenson if she would like to meet with the YMCA to get the park program started for the summer. Borough Manager Landy suggested that they drive around the parks to look at the equipment to see if any needs repaired, moved or upgraded and make a list of any equipment that needs painted. Councilwoman Stevenson asked about the grass cutting. Borough Manager Landy stated that we are currently on a month to month contract with Skowronek Landscaping since it was not bid out in December. Council President Caruso stated that the grass cutting should be put out for bid.

Public Safety Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the Agreement with Sable Kennels for animal control, cost is remaining the same at \$100.00 per month. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilwoman Ruszkowski read the following Fire Report for the month of January 2019:

Total Calls - 56
10-45's - 10
Entrapment Calls - 0

Fires - 11
Public Service Calls - 9
AFA's – 23
Standby's – 3
Turnpike Calls - 3
Total Members Answering - 927
Avg. Member Per Call - 16
Total Staff Hours – 540

Councilwoman Ruszkowki reported that she attended a meeting with the Police Department; also, the Public Safety Committee met with Captain Grippo afterwards.

Veterans Park:

Councilwoman Barnes reported that they have received 77 applications for the new tablet so far. Councilman Rogacki reported that he and Mr. Meredith contacted all the people that have turned in applications to verify spelling to be sure they are correct. They have also contacted people that have not turned in their applications to see if they were still interested.

Human Resources / Ordinances: None.

Finance / Grants Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve sending Councilwoman Bailey to the Annual PSAB Spring Conference in Hershey, PA at a cost of \$943.67, which includes registration, lodging and turnpike tolls. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman Rogacki asked if Councilwoman Bailey found any grants available for the repairs to the synagogue. Councilwoman Bailey stated that there are grants out there but she has not had a chance to fully review them.

New Business:

Borough Manager Landy reported that the Westmoreland County Chamber of Commerce has asked him to speak at their leadership conference about how to be a leader this Thursday at the Redevelopment Authority in Greensburg at 8:30am.

Reading of Communications:

- Westmoreland County Boroughs Association will be having their Annual Banquet on Friday, April 26, 2019 in the Crystal Room, Ferrantes Lakeview, 6153 Route 30, Greensburg, PA. Cash bar opens at 6:00pm with dinner at 7:00pm. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Reservations are due by April 18, 2019.
- The Center for Dirt & Gravel Roads at Penn State will be holding a 2 day Environmentally Sensitive Maintenance Training at Ramada Greensburg Hotel and Conference Center on April 24 – 25, 2019. There is no cost to attend.
- PSAB will be holding a webinar training on Proper Supervision of Municipal Police Departments on Thursday, February 21, 2019 from Noon to 1:00pm at a cost of \$45.00.
- Pa Rural Water Association will hold its 2019 Annual Conference on March 26 – 29, 2019 at the Penn State Hotel & Conference Center, State College, PA.
- Braddock Trail Chapter, NSDAR, will be holding its annual Basket Bazaar on Saturday, May 4, 2019, admission cost is \$10.00.
- Mount Pleasant Library will be holding several events throughout the month.

- Received a letter from the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County regarding a higher than normal water consumption, possibly (toilet leaking) inside the building at 100 E. Main Street (Medic 10). Councilman Rogacki stated that he will look into the problem.

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 8-0.

Public Comment: None.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

Meeting Adjourned 9:40pm.

Motions from Meeting of February 18, 2019

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Councilman Rogacki	No
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Councilwoman Stevenson	Yes
Councilman Yatsko	Yes
President Caruso	Yes

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