

April 1, 2019

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, Barnes, Cholock, Phillabaum, Ruszkowski, and Stevenson. 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 March 18, 2019 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment: None.

Speakers: None

Mayor's Report:

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

The Department answered the following calls:

Incidents	93
Criminal Arrests	10
DUI Arrests	4
Parking Tickets Issued Boro	0
Traffic & Non-Traffic Citations	14
Assist Other Departments (Police, Fire, EMS)	11
Accidents Investigated	7

Income

Parking Meters	\$862.86
Parking Tickets	\$0.00
Parking Permits	\$0.00
Fence Permits	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Fees	\$0.00
Clerk of Courts	\$221.30
Restitution to Police Department	\$0.00
Fees for Police Reports	\$90.00
District Court	\$1,156.03
Task Force Refund	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$2,330.19

Mayor Lucia reported that the speeding is out of control within the Borough, especially on Diamond Street, Church Street, and near Morewood Street. Council President Caruso asked if the Parking Authority had decided on using kiosks for parking meters or if they will continue to use the meters. Borough Manager Landy stated that the Parking Authority had discussed it but the Board was undecided as to whether or not they wanted to go with them. Borough Manager Landy also reported that there were discussions as to possibly putting a gate up to pay to get out of the parking lot. Councilwoman Stevenson asked if it would be feasible to have a meter person to monitor meters and issue tickets. Borough Manager Landy stated that a meter person would fall under the crossing guards' contract and would be in the union.

Solicitor’s Report:

Solicitor Istik reported that she had two (2) Motions placed on the Agenda for this evening. The first was the Ordinance under Public Safety regarding the DROP Ordinance. Ms. Istik stated that the Borough had previously done the DROP Ordinance last year; however, the DROP Ordinance that was provided did not include certain things that the pension company required, so the Ordinance that is on the Agenda is only to add the necessary requirements and has no effect on monies paid. The second was the Motion to approve the Zoning Permits as requested by Extenet placed under Human Resources/Ordinances. Ms. Istik reported that she had contacted Extenet regarding the questions the Borough had; and, that they are equipped for 4G now and will be 5G when it is available for the area. As far as the wooden poles, they are replacing 2 previous poles; therefore, all the poles will be wooden; and, the last issue was the height of the poles being above the required 45 feet. Once the poles are set in place, they will stand no taller than 45 feet and will be within the zoning requirements. Borough Manager Landy stated that he would like Council to know the locations of the poles in the event a resident asks about them. Councilwoman Barnes stated that the poles will be placed on 1) West Main Street across from the Church of God; 2) West Main Street and Eagle Street; 3) Main Street and South Church Street; and the last one will be near or right below the Diamond Mini Mall on Main Street. Borough Manager Landy stated that is the correct locations.

Mayor Lucia asked Solicitor Istik if the Borough gets paid a one-time fee. Solicitor Istik stated that the Borough will be paid yearly. She also reported that the Borough will be paid the initial fee, they will be paid annually for the use of the pole; and, anytime someone subscribes to the pole. Mayor Lucia asked if the revenue could increase. Borough Manager Landy stated that it should because the more subscribers they receive the more revenue the Borough should receive. Councilman Phillabaum asked if the Borough will receive a flat fee or a percentage. Borough Manager Landy stated that it is a percentage of the usage and a flat fee. Solicitor Istik reminded Council that they only signed for a one (1) year contract to see what the fees will be like due to no other municipalities in the area had this type of agreement; and, to see if the fees were reasonable and that a new contract can be negotiated in 2020.

Councilwoman Barnes asked how citizens would know about the service. Solicitor Istik stated that she believes that the company or phone companies would begin to advertise.

Solicitor Istik stated that the remainder of her report will be held in executive session.

Tax Collector’s Report:

Tax Collector, Carol Yancosky, read the following report for the month of March 2019:

Property Taxes	\$119,373.40
Supplemental Taxes	\$ 201.09
Per Capita Taxes	\$ 0.00
Total Collected	\$119,574.49

Tax Collector, Carol Yancosky, reported that the 2019 County and Borough taxes are now out; and, if any resident has not received them yet to please contact her office.

Borough Manager’s Report:

Borough Manager gave the following report:

- Met with Ken Phillabaum reviewing the parks and creating a list of ideas and changes to be made to the parks.
- Met with Ken Phillabaum and Waste Water Treatment Plant staff since they employees are new other than Andy. Councilman Phillabaum said the meeting went well and suggested that Borough Manager Landy meet with the staff once a week to check in, get updates and see how things are going.

- Met with Dawood Engineers regarding Bridgeport Street and South Church Street. The Borough will be bidding the contract for the paving projects to repave the streets. In addition, the Borough would like to bundle other projects into the contract to include Eagle Street and the stormwater project for Eagle Street to correct the water problem. In addition, there will be a new sewage line that has been crushed near the hospital and Church Street.
- Met with Captain George Grippo regarding the parking meters. They are waiting for a return call from the company to order the meters. Meters should be ordered within the next day or two.
- The bar screen at the Waste Water Treatment Plant needs a cover over it. Borough Manager Landy and Councilman Rogacki discussed options; and, have decided to put a carport over it. The cost of the carport is \$4,000.00; and, the cheapest bid received for a roof was \$8,000.00.
- Dawood Engineering Company completed an Engineering Traffic Study at South Church Street and Hemlock and at South Church Street and College Avenue. The traffic study indicated that the stop signs at South Church Street and Hemlock are warranted; however, the stop signs at South Church Street and College Avenue were not warranted. The stops will need to be removed from South Church Street and College Avenue. Dawood Engineering Company recommended improved pedestrian accommodations such as a crosswalk and a rectangular rapidly flashing beacon. Borough Manager Landy stated that before the do this they need to get the rules and regulations from PennDOT as to what is needed.
- Mr. Zelong contacted Borough Manager Landy regarding the removing the pine trees that are located at the home he purchased on the corner of Main Street and Kennedy Avenue. Borough Manager Landy informed Mr. Zelong that the only thing he worried about was the stormwater runoff once they were removed. Mr. Zelong believed the trees straddled his property and the Borough. Borough Manager Landy stated that the trees look half dead and like a jungle. Borough Manager Landy feels that it will make the area look much nicer with them removed.
- Borough Manager Landy reported that Ed Christophano is the Rotary Citizen of the Year. The banquet is Sunday, April 28, 2019 at Nino's. Cocktails at 5:00pm. Dinner at 6:00pm.
- There was a request to have lines painted on Kennedy Avenue.
- Received the bids for the 2019 grass cutting. Skowronek Landscaping was the lowest bidder.
- Hunt Valley will be doing the engineering for the water issues at the Frick Park Basketball Courts. Borough Manager Landy stated once they are complete with their work, it will be bid for the work to begin in September after school begins.
- Met with East Huntingdon Township and community municipalities. They would like a commitment from the communities to use Jacobs Creek / Jacobs Creek Watershed to do some tourism and community activities. They would apply for a grant; and, the Borough would sign off on the grant as one of the participants. Borough Manager Landy suggested that the Borough hold the next meeting in Mount Pleasant.
- Borough Manager Landy reported that himself, Councilman Rogacki and Gibson – Thomas Engineering Co., Inc. was unaware that one (1) year had passed since being notified by East Huntingdon Township of the overflow. East Huntingdon Township has requested an update on what has been done. Mayor Lucia asked if Ramsay School District was part of the issue. Borough Manager Landy stated that it is along with the line that was never completed on Quarry Street. Borough

Manager Landy stated that it has been turned over to Dan Schmitt from Gibson-Thomas Engineering. They will then have to meet with East Huntingdon Township to update them.

President's Report:

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to hold an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 7-0.

Council President Caruso announced that an Executive Session was held from 7:35pm – 8:35pm to discuss personnel and legal issues.

Property Report:

Borough Manager Landy gave the following report:

- Have not received a proposal back from Bakers Waterproofing on who is going to do the repairs for the work before they begin the waterproofing in the Borough Building.
- The generator has been removed.
- There was a report from a citizen that they believed the gazebo was rotting and was going to fall. Councilman Rogacki had Jamie Kunkle look at it to see if repairs were needed. Jamie Kunkle stated that the anchor foot had rotted out and was not the pole itself. Borough Manager Landy asked Jamie Kunkle to inspect the entire gazebo while he was there to be sure it was safe. Jamie Kunkle stated that once the poles/anchor footings were fixed that the structure is safe. He is going to check under the roof; and, once he checks it, the gazebo will be fine other than needing painted.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

Councilman Phillabaum gave the following report for March 2019:

- Camera the main line in the Quarry Street area.
- Inspected and cameraed three (3) residents about smell and backups. All were lateral problems.
- Serviced the skid steer (Bobcat)
- Had a meeting about Church Street and Eagle Street Project. Walked the two (2) streets and discussed the stormwater and sanitary lines.

Home Inspections – 6

PA One Calls – 35

Emergency One Calls – 11

Streets Report:

Councilwoman Bailey gave the following report:

- Met with Dawood Engineering regarding South Church Street and Eagle Street. Councilwoman Bailey reiterated that they would like to bundle the street paving projects with Church Street and Bridgeport Street. Councilwoman Bailey listed the streets that they would like to include with the paving. They are Parkview Terrace. Borough

Manager Landy reported that they have already included Parkview Terrace in the bundling cost with Dawood Engineering Co. Councilwoman Bailey stated the additional streets are 1) Mullin Avenue from Main Street to Smithfield Street; 2) College Avenue from Washington Street to Main Street; 3) Sections of South Geary from Joseph Street; 4) Hitchman Street off of Main Street to Washington Street; 5) Sections of Silver Street from Main Street to Smithfield Street and to Diamond Street. Councilwoman Bailey stated that they will look at Jordan Street and Quarry Street depending on the costs that come in. Mayor Lucia asked that they also look at Mount Joy Street near Mullin and St. Clair Street. Councilwoman Stevenson asked that they look at the alley at the top of Hitchman Street (Diamond to Hitchman) that runs along there at the base of the cemetery, it is in very poor condition. Councilwoman Bailey also stated the alley that runs between Harmon House and Frick Street is down to the dirt and must be repaired before anything can be done with it. Council President Caruso asked if there will be any tar and chip done. Councilwoman Bailey stated that there are some alleys that are in need of tar and chip being done; some being Yoder Avenue to Bridgeport Street; Diamond Street to College Avenue; Route 31 to Smithfield Street (Ken Wiltout alley); Diamond Street to Rumbaugh; and Center Avenue to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Councilwoman Bailey suggested bundling all of these streets and alleys together. Councilwoman Ruszkowski asked that Park Avenue be looked at also. Borough Manager Landy suggested that if you are short by a small amount of maybe \$40,000.00 to \$50,000.00 to look at the monies in the Budgetary Reserve for streets and take it from there to make the project a bundled project.

- The Street Department will begin street sweeping 1st Ward on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 and Wednesday, April 17, 2019 south side of Main Street to Church Street.

Storm Water Management Report:

Councilman Cholock asked Solicitor Istik if Code Enforcement had gone to Greenwood Apartments to notify them the code violations. Solicitor Istik stated that Code Enforcement sent a letter stating that they were going to be cited and gave them thirty (30) days to make the necessary improvements to their retention pond. Councilman Cholock stated that there were improvements made, not sure if it was from the letter they received or not; and, that trees and debris was removed from the retention pond and planted grass around it. Mayor Lucia stated that there is a new pipe where the overflow comes out of installed in the back. Councilman Cholock stated that it is not a new pipe and there is no water in the retention pond other than the small creek that runs into the pipe and runs out the other side. Solicitor Istik stated that the Code Enforcement Officers will follow up in thirty (30) days. Councilman Cholock stated that they have a call in to the Westmoreland Conservation District.

Councilman Cholock reported that he had spoken with Frank Puskar from Mount Pleasant Township regarding the catch basins on Braddock Avenue asking him to look at them to see if larger catch basin or additional catch basins can be installed to catch some of the water. Gary's Garage has done some work behind his place to try and divert the water. Councilman Cholock stated that the Borough needs to now get Pleasant Manor to correct issues.

Councilman Cholock stated that Mount Pleasant Township has received a grant to fix the problems at the bottom of North Diamond Street.

Parks & Recreation:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to accept the bid from Skowronek Landscaping for the 2019 Grass Cutting Contract from April 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 in the amount of \$12,000.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to accept the bid from Hunt Valley Environmental, LLC for the Engineering cost for the Construction Plans and Construction Consultation for the rehabilitation of the basketball court at Frick Park in the amount of \$5,445.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Safety Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve Ordinance Number: 654, to amend the police pension plan to include the DROP program pursuant to the Pension Plan Contract, retroactive to January 1, 2018. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to amend the Agenda to advertise for the Civil Service Test. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to advertise for the Civil Service Test for the Mount Pleasant Police Department. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 7-0.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilwoman Barnes reported that Jamie Kunkle will inspect the Gazebo for any structure issues.

Councilwoman Barnes stated that they now have 99 names for the new tablet; and, anyone that still has applications out and do not respond soon, the spot will be given to another applicant.

Councilwoman Barnes also reported that Bob Hudec will be replacing the cement and landscaping where the new tablet will be installed at no cost. The only cost to the Borough would be the cost of the cement of \$150.00.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to accept the bid from Robert L. Hudec for the installation of a concrete pad for the new tablet at Veteran's Park in the amount of \$150.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7-0.

Human Resources / Ordinances Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve Zoning Permits as requested by Extenet. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to amend the Agenda to advertise adding a stop sign location to Ordinance No. 15-207. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to advertise adding the stop sign located at South Church Street and Hemlock Street to Ordinance No. 15-207. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Lucia had a request to install digital signs for businesses within the Borough. He suggested that the Ordinance Committee look into the guidelines for digital signs.

Finance & Grants Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to amend the Motion to purchase a General Fund C. D. from Standard Bank that was approved on March 18, 2019; and, correct it to purchase the General Fund C. D. from The Scottsdale Bank & Trust in the amount of \$50,000.00. Motion seconded Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 7-0.

New Business:

Borough Manager Landy received a letter from an employee at Harmon House regarding the older kids causing trouble and using foul language at Frick Park. She went on to say that she feels it is no longer safe for people to walk around the park or the young children to play there. Councilwoman Bailey stated when people see any problems at the parks to please call 911 and report it to the police.

Mayor Lucia stated that they have had complaints in the last week because of the kids at the basketball courts and the language they are using. Mayor Lucia said that the parks are there for the kids; but the kids have to be respectful at the parks.

Borough Manager Landy suggest placing signs within the park reminding citizens if they see something that should not be happening to call 911.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Westmoreland County Boroughs Association will be holding its Annual Banquet on Friday, April 26, 2019 in the Crystal Room, Ferrantes Lakeview, 6153 Route 30, Greensburg, PA 15601. Cash bar opens at 6:00pm with dinner at 7:00pm.
- PSAB will be holding a PA Municipal Legal Update seminar August 7 – 8, 2019 at Sheraton/Harrisburg/Hershey 4650 Lindle Road Harrisburg, PA
- PATH will be holding a Comprehensive Training for Municipal Secretaries and Administrators on April 23, 2019 at the Hampton Inn Waynesburg, 227 Greene Plaza, Waynesburg, PA 15370 from 9:00am – 4:00pm. Cost is \$80.00.
- PSAB Training will hold The Ethics Act for Elected and Appointed Officials on May 7, 2019, 1:00pm – 4:00pm, at the Courtyard by Marriott, 700 Power Line Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601. Cost is \$25.00.
- SPC Water Resource Center will be holding a workshop MS4 Series: Adjusting your Program to New MS4 Requirements on Thursday, June 20, 2019 from 9:00am – 12:00pm at the Hempfield Township Municipal Building, 1132 Woodward Drive, Greensburg PA 15601.
- PSAB will be holding a Public Works Management Class on May 30, 2019 from 9:00am – 3:30pm at the Courtyard by Marriott, Greensburg, PA 15601. Borough Manager Landy and Jeff McGuinness will be attending.
- The Mount Pleasant Library will be hosting 7 weeks of sign language classes on April 2, 9, 23, 29 and May 6, 21, and 28 at 6:00pm.
- The Mount Pleasant Library will be hosting dinner with Nathaniel Hawthorne on Friday, April 5, 2019 at 6:00pm.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruskowski. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment: None.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting Adjourned 9:25 pm

Motions from Meeting of April 1, 2019

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