

## Meeting April 22, 2019

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Caruso 7:02pm 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, Phillabaum, Ruszkowski, Stevenson, Yatsko, and President Caruso. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Istik were present. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present. Councilman Cholock arrived at 7:15PM. Mayor Lucia left the meeting at 7:38PM and Councilman Yatsko left the meeting at 8:35PM.

Council President Caruso asked for a moment of silence for the loss of and in honor of Councilman John Rogacki.

Council President called for nominations and election of a Vice President to fill the vacancy due to the sudden passing of Councilman Rogacki. Councilwoman Stevenson nominated Councilwoman Bailey.

Council President Caruso called for a roll call vote for the nomination of Councilwoman Bailey for Council Vice President:

Councilwoman Bailey	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilman Phillabaum	Yes
Councilwoman Ruszkowski	Yes
Councilwoman Stevenson	Yes
Councilman Yatsko	Yes
Councilman Caruso	Yes

The vote was 7 Yes and 0 No for the nomination of Councilwoman Diane Bailey for Council Vice President.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to amend the Agenda to appoint Michael Smetak to fill the Third Ward Council Seat vacated by the passing of Councilman John Rogacki. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 7 – 0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum appoint Michael Smetak to fill the Third Ward Council Seat vacated by the passing of Councilman John Rogacki. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Michael Smetak was appointed unanimously to fill the vacant Third Ward Council Seat. Councilman Smetak was sworn in by Mayor Lucia.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of April 1, 2019 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Public Comment:**

Lynn Sirianni of 31 N. Shupe Street, Mount Pleasant PA spoke to Council regarding parking lines that they would like painted to resolve neighbor disputes and parking issues.

Borough Manager Landy stated that they did this on College and Washington Streets; and, when the lines were put in it helped. Councilwoman Bailey stated she will speak with Jeff McGuiness about getting lines painted on N. Shupe Street.

**Speakers:     None.**

## Mayors Report:

Mayor Lucia reported that more patrols are being done throughout the parks by the Police Officers; and, the basketball courts have been reopened. Mayor Lucia stated that Captain Grippo has been doing an excellent job running the Police Department.

Councilman Yatsko stated that he walks around the park with his children and has never had any issues with the older kids; however, he has seen the Police patrolling the parks more and talking with people and the kids and stated it is great to see.

## Solicitor's Report:

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

## Treasurer's Report:

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

<b>Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report</b>		<b>Mar-19</b>			<b>Balance</b>
		<b>Prev Bal</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>2019</b>
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	78,433.38	272,077.57	184,165.24	166,345.71
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-5062-1555	679,749.32	83,657.76	123,902.19	639,504.89
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	653,820.50	111.07	0.00	653,931.57
**Police		37,619.03			
**Streets		140,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		220,878.83			
**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					
Fee Act 13		21,486.47			
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 1026616	20,065.60	0.00	572.08	19,493.52
	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	4,203.70	4,223.54	4,223.54	4,203.70
Escrow Account					
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	157,107.39	143,822.99	7,497.55	293,432.83
Monument CD	Standard Bank 327085	6,842.85	0.00	0.00	6,842.85
	Standard Bank				
Holiday Lighting Fund	050004849	1,807.41	0.07	0.00	1,807.48
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	617.72	50,435.75	50,486.11	567.36
	Somerset Trust Co				
Veterans Park Fund	2003058309	14,816.84	1,500.00	80.00	16,236.84
	Standard Bank				
Town Clock Fund	0010038847	615.18	0.03	0.00	615.21
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3888-4556	1,247.21	0.00	50.15	1,197.06
	PNC Bank 10-7766-4491	397,060.08	134.05	0.00	397,194.13
Turn Back Account					
Standard Bank CD	Standard Bank	200,000.00	2,702.98	0.00	202,702.98
Standard Bank CD	Standard Bank 410571	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00
<b>Total General Fund Balance</b>					<b>2,454,076.13</b>
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	55,005.22	54,953.31	45,010.49	64,948.04
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	127,094.00	1,021.76	0.00	128,115.76
	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,896.03	0.23	0.00	5,896.26
Medic 10 Money Market					
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	6,542.32	896.60	0.00	7,438.92
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

<b>Total Medic 10 Fund Balance</b>						229,622.76
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	539,506.67	92,179.46	62,277.89		569,408.24
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	181,346.99	30.81	0.00		181,377.80
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	119,282.30	20.26	0.00		119,302.56
**Contingency		111,832.74				
**Infrastructure		7,469.82				
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	77,434.80	9,493.46	0.00		86,928.26
<b>Total WWT Balance</b>						957,016.86
<b>Total Borough funds</b>						<b>3,640,715.75</b>

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 Bailey. Motion carried 7-0.

**Borough Manager’s Report:**

Borough Manager Landy spoke about the loss of Councilman John Rogacki and how it will be a great loss to the Borough. Mr. Landy said that Councilman Rogacki cared about the Borough and getting things done in a timely manner; how he hated when things weren’t getting done on time; and, the many resources that John had. Councilman Rogacki offered a lot to Council and he will be deeply missed.

Borough Manager Landy gave the following report:

- Borough Manager Landy and Mayor Lucia has a meeting with Congressman Guy Reschenthaler on Tuesday, April 23, 2019.
- Have a meeting with Dan Schmitt of Gibson-Thomas Engineering Co., Inc. on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 regarding the Quarry Street Pump Station.
- Will meet with a resident, Dan Copeland, of South Church Street on Thursday, April 25, 2019 regarding a sewage line issue.
- There will be ribbon cutting at Big Lots on Friday, April 26, 2019 at 8:30AM.
- Been scheduling more meetings within the departments. There are weekly meetings being held with the Street Department and the Waste Water Treatment Department. There are Safety Meetings and a Managers Meeting once a month. Communication and employees working together is improving among the departments.
- Working on a grant through the Community Trust for the property at the old Arevalo Building that has been torn down by the Westmoreland County Land Bank. The grant is up to \$40,000.00. The Land Bank and the Business District Authority will partner with the Borough for the Grant. The thought was that they would add 4 – 6 shops in wooden shed-like structures and have “pop-up” businesses in them. Borough Manger Landy stated that the Farmers Market should also be in that area.
- Borough Manager Landy and Councilman Phillabaum met with Steve Simon from the YMCA. They will continue to have their summer program.
- Southmoreland School District will not be holding the summer lunch program this year. They do not have the funding and had to cut areas.
- Rented out 2 of the 3 suites that were available in the Borough Building.
- Borough Manager Landy and Councilwoman Ruszkowski attended a seminar on Borough Police.

- Andy Zelinsky, Superintendent of the Waste Water Treatment Plant has submitted his resignation.

**President’s Report:**

Council President Caruso announced that an Executive Session was held from 5:15pm to 6:30pm to discuss personnel and legal issues.

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to hold an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilman Yatsko. Motion carried 8 – 0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8 – 0.

Council President Caruso announced that an Executive Session was held from 7:34pm – 8:29pm to discuss personnel issues.

Council President Caruso reported that the annual Community Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2019. Council President Caruso contacted the Mount Pleasant Historical Society and they will be handing out the maps for the yard sale. Rain date will be the following Saturday, May 18, 2019.

**Property:**

Borough Manager Landy gave the following Property Report:

- The Borough is still working with Baker’s Waterproofing for the waterproofing of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Baker’s Waterproofing agreed to pay the difference between the two proposals that Jamie Kunkle submitted. The difference is \$300.00. The Borough will pay the difference, which will be between approximately \$1,000.00 to \$1,600.00.

**Human Resources / Ordinances:**

Councilman Yatsko gave his report due to having to leave early.

A Motion was made by Councilman Yatsko to advertise adopting Ordinance No. 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 8 – 0.

**Waste Water Treatment Report:**

Councilman Phillabaum mentioned again that Andy Zelinsky, Superintendent of the Waste Water Treatment Plant, turned in his resignation on April 11, 2019 and will work fulltime through May 13, 2019.

Councilman Phillabaum also stated that part-time laborer employee, Shawn Novak, of the Waste Water Treatment Plant has also submitted his resignation on April 16, 2019. He was offered a full-time position with the Belle Vernon School District which is near his home.

Councilman Phillabaum stated that employment ads have been placed on Indeed for a fulltime Superintendent and a part-time laborer for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. They have also been placed on the Borough website, the Borough Facebook and various Facebook sites.

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

- Worked at the fountain at Veteran’s Park and it is in working order and ready for the upcoming season.
- Took the Dodge Pick-up to the garage for steering recall part.

- Installed 41' of pipe a Jack Bob Park in the alley.
- Did camera work on a resident's lateral on Oak Street. It was backed up and was not the main line.
- Located a stuck camera for Mount Pleasant Township at Shady Street.

Home Inspections – 3

PA One Calls – 17

Emergency One Calls – 5

### **Streets / Stormwater Report:**

Councilwoman Bailey gave the following report regarding Streets:

- Councilwoman Bailey and Councilman Phillabaum reviewed the streets for paving. The Street Department will measure; and, the information will be given to Dawood Engineers. Council President Caruso asked if there is a time frame for this; and, Borough Manager Landy stated that everything is to be ready by Monday, May 6, 2019.
- Borough Manager Landy reported that he has spoken with the water company and they are willing to replace the lines under Eagle Street if they receive a copy of the plans.

Councilman Cholock gave the following report regarding Stormwater:

- There is work being done on the retention pond at Greenwood Apartments. Borough Manager Landy stated that Jim Pillsbury of the Westmoreland Conservation District said that when the plans were submitted for the retention pond years ago that all work was done in accordance with the guidelines. He said that if they have changed things with the retention pond since then the Westmoreland Conservation District has nothing that they can do with it. Solicitor Istik stated that the Code Enforcement Officers sent a Notice of Violation to them as a nuisance; and, this is the reason work is being done. Ms. Istik further stated that you will not know if the work was done correctly until you have a substantial rainfall.

### **Parks and Recreation:**

Councilman Phillabaum reported that he has been networking throughout the community to get a committee together and hopefully have it together in the next few weeks.

Borough Manager Landy reported that he has received a schedule for the Mt Pleasant Girls Softball League.

### **Public Safety Report:**

Councilwoman Ruszkowski reported the she and Borough Manager Landy attended a Public Safety Seminar. Councilwoman Ruszkowski stated that at the seminar one thing they did say was that it is Councils responsibility to look into any complaints that come about with any employee. There should also be a file with any complaint that comes in to the Borough, whether it be by phone or in writing, by a citizen or submitted anonymously.

Councilman Cholock stated that the Mount Pleasant Fallen Officer Dan Zilli Memorial Fund will be holding its annual Dan "Zil" Zilli Bartender Showdown at Gallagher's Pub on May 4, 2019 located at 120 South Quarry Street, Mount Pleasant, PA. Proceeds are used to provide a scholarship to an individual who plans to attend WCCC's Act 120 Municipal Police Officers' Training Academy. Councilman Cholock asked if the Borough would be willing to submit a donation. Borough Manager Landy stated that the Borough has donated to causes in the past. Borough Manager Landy said that Officer Zilli was a Mount Pleasant Borough Police Officer and the Borough should donate to his cause. Council President Caruso suggested that the Borough donate \$100.00. Council agreed.

### **Veterans Park:**

Councilwoman Barnes reported that the Veteran's Park Committee meets on the last Thursday of every month at 10:00AM at the Mount Pleasant Shoppes and anyone is welcome to attend.

Councilwoman Barnes stated that the digital wall was down last week and is now back up and running.

Councilwoman Barnes reported that Borough Manager Landy suggested that when the slab is installed for the new tablet that something commemorative in memory of Councilman John Rogacki since he was a veteran. Borough Manager Landy stated that he thought since John belonged to the C. B.'s that they could put the insignia/plaque of the C.B. into the concrete. The C. B.'s did the construction before war.

### **Finance / Grants Report:**

Borough Manager Landy reported that PNC Bank required the Borough to move accounts to a new municipal system. Every month there has been a new problem with their system; and, now they are charging exorbitant fees and they cannot waive the fees. Mr. Landy stated that the other banks that we work with do not charge fees. Borough Manager Landy stated he spoke with the Branch Manager and the Divisional Manager of PNC and they understand that we will be looking elsewhere due to the issues and fees. PNC stated that there is nothing that they can do with the fees. The Borough Auditor agreed that the accounts should be moved. Borough Manager Landy said that he will present the proposals to the other 3 local banks; i.e. Standard Bank, Mid Penn (Scottdale Bank & Trust) and Key Bank.

Councilman Phillabaum reported that Connellsville moved their bank accounts from PNC Bank for the same reasons.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to authorize the Borough Manager to research local banks in an effort to move several accounts from PNC Bank. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 7-0.

### **New Business:**

Councilwoman Stevenson read her letter of resignation that she submitted today to Council President Caruso due to her moving from 1<sup>st</sup> Ward to 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward.

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Council President Caruso thanked Councilwoman Stevenson for all she has done and for attending the meeting this evening.

Borough Manager Landy stated that Councilwoman Stevenson has served on Council for 14 years and will be truly missed.

### **Reading of Communications:**

- Received a beautiful thank you card from Beverly Rogacki.
- Received paperwork from the insurance company that needs completed regarding the damages at the Synagogue.
- The Westmoreland Conservation District and Westmoreland County Department of Planning and Development has sent an invitation to attend the County Commissioners' public hearing for the Integrated Water Resources Plan (IWRP) and Model Stormwater Management Ordinance on Friday, May 3, 2019 at 10:30AM in meeting rooms 2 and 3 of the County Courthouse.

- There will be an open house by the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission for SmartMoves for a Changing Region on May 13, 2019 at the Westmoreland County Courthouse regarding transportation and development plan, which identifies the region's priority roadway, transit and multimodal transportation improvements programmed for advancement over the next 25-30 years.
- The Mount Pleasant Area Library will hold various events throughout the month of May.
- MS4 Series: Adjusting Your Program to New MS4 Requirements Workshop will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2019 from 9:00AM – 12:00PM at the Hempfield Township Municipal Building, 1132 Woodward Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601.
- Scottdale Borough hosted an informal meeting to coordinate, create and take steps to sustain a regional recreation, heritage, agri-economic and flood control / management action plan within the corridor that has Jacobs Creek as the primary waterway core at the East Huntingdon Township Municipal Building 2494 Rt. 981, Alverton, PA on March 28, 2019. They would like Mount Pleasant Borough to participate in the program along with hosting a meeting.
- West Penn Power will be holding a SW PA Energy Efficiency Roundtable on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at the CCAC Boyce Campus Auditorium, Room S440, 595 Beatty Road, Monroeville, PA 15146. Registration is between 8:00am – 8:30am. Roundtable is 8:30am – 11:30am.

Councilwoman Bailey reported that she has received communication from Hunt Valley Environmental regarding the Frick Park Basketball Court. They have recommended that a geo-probe and soil testing be done which will cost approximately \$4,500.00 which is not included in their original projected costs and Scope of Services Agreement. The testing will determine if there is a conglomeration of soil and residuals such as ashes from residential burning of wood and coal, etc. Council agreed that they do not want this service completed.

Borough Manager Landy reported that Council has received an updated Gas Well Report which is in their binders.

**Discussion and Payment of Bills:**

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. 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 9:17pm.**

### **Motions from Meeting of April 22, 2019**

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