

Meeting May 21, 2018

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Caruso 7:01pm 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, Ruzkowski, Stevenson, Yatsko and President Caruso. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Istik arrived at 7:12 p.m. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present. Councilman Yatsko left the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

President Caruso called for nominations to fill the Third Ward Council Seat vacated by Fred McCloy. Councilwoman Stevenson nominated Mr. Kenneth Phillabaum. President Caruso called for a roll call vote to appoint Kenneth Phillabaum as Councilman of the Borough of Mount Pleasant to fill the vacancy of Councilman McCloy:

Councilwoman Bailey	Yes
Councilwoman Barnes	Yes
Councilman Cholock	Yes
Councilwoman Ruzkowski	Yes
Councilwoman Stevenson	Yes
Councilman Yatsko	Yes
President Caruso	Yes

Kenneth Phillabaum was appointed unanimously to fill the vacant Third Ward Council Seat.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruzkowski to approve the minutes of May 7, 2018 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Lucia swore in Kenneth Phillabaum as Third Ward Councilman. Councilman Phillabaum's term will expire 12/31/2019.

Public Comment: None.

Speakers:

- Dan Busatto of Century Insurance Consultants spoke to Council regarding the Borough's Business Insurance Renewal that is set for renewal in June 2018. Mr. Busatto stated that all limits of coverage will remain the same as it is now. Mr. Busatto said that there is approximately a 5% difference in premium mostly due to upgrading of vehicles in the Borough.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Lucia read the Mount Pleasant Police Dept. Report for the month of April 2018:

The Department answered the following calls:

Incidents	126
Criminal Arrests	19
DUI Arrests	4
Parking Tickets Issued Boro	47
Traffic & Non-Traffic Citations	28
Assist Other Departments	18
Accidents Investigated	6

Income

Parking Meters	\$0.00
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Parking Tickets	\$160.00
Parking Permits	\$0.00
Fence Permits	\$0.00
Clerk of Courts	\$213.19
Restitution to Police Department	\$146.91
Fees for Police Reports	\$90.00
District Court	\$1594.24
Task Force Refund	\$0.00
 Total Revenue	 \$2204.34

Mayor Lucia stated:

- The Borough Building flooded on May 14th following a heavy rain causing damage to drywall and ceiling tile. The flooding also damaged the bathroom vanity in the Police Station. Chief Sam and Patrolman Ellwood had to clean up water in the Police Station and the former Dentist Office.
- A lightning strike on May 12th damaged the Police security camera system. The system had to be replaced.
- Stop signs have been installed at Church and College; and, at Church and Hemlock. Additionally, a stop sign has been installed at Anne and South Geary. A sign will also be installed at Anne and North Geary.
- Borough Ordinance will need to be amended to include the new stop signs at the above listed intersections.
- According to the Borough Ordinance, North Shupe Street is a two-way street. However, there are signs placed indicated it as a one-way street. The Ordinance should be amended to identify North Shupe as a one-way street.
- Police Chief Sam attended a mandatory training at the FBI Training Center to recertify as a TAC Officer for the Department.
- A new county-wide policy is being implemented in June that will establish parameters for first responders who are requested to assist with a critical incident outside of their jurisdiction. A command structure and protocol will be established based on the needs of the host jurisdiction. This is being established in an effort to reduce unnecessary response by responders who were not requested by the host jurisdiction and confusion at the scene of a major incident. Each Chief of Police in the County will sign a Memorandum of Understanding with any jurisdiction where services may be needed. Specialized services such as K-9, Precision Rifle Certification, Advanced First Aid, SERT/SWAT, Forensics and others will be considered in the allocation of resources outside of normal jurisdiction.
- Another Police Officer will be leaving the Department to accept a full-time position at a different Police Department.

Mayor Lucia reported that the Memorial Day Parade will be held Monday, May 28, 2018 at 10:30 A.M.

Solicitor’s Report:

A Motion was made to by Councilman Cholock to hold an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

Executive Session 7:30pm to 8:00pm

A Motion was made to Reconvene by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

President Caruso announced that the Executive Session was held to discuss legal issues.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Apr-18			Balance
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	2018
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	50,000.00	391,695.95	391,695.95	50,000.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	631,926.81	305,837.27	59,125.38	878,638.70
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	674,878.76	109.33	14,103.46	660,884.63
**Police	37,619.03				
**Streets	140,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	219,676.85				
**Infrastructure	121,588.62				
**BOMP Gas Wells	19,863.65				
** Frick Park Gas Well	31,176.19				
**Levins	970.06				
**Fire	55,000.00				
**K-9	13,503.76				
**Marcellus Impact					
Fee Act 13	21,486.47				
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 1026616	22,920.64	160.00	572.08	22,508.56
Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912- 6867	6,655.70	0.00	4,452.00	2,203.70
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	169,419.56	198.86	0.00	169,618.42
Monument CD	Standard Bank 327085	6,842.85	0.00	0.00	6,842.85
Holiday Lighting Fund	050004849	1,806.58	0.07	0.00	1,806.65
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	675.32	53,538.48	53,538.48	675.32
Veterans Park Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2003058309	7,066.84	50.00	0.00	7,116.84
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	614.90	0.03	0.00	614.93
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	49.06	0.00	5.00	44.06
Turn Back Account	PNC Bank 10-7766- 4491	418,650.00	283.57	10,147.32	408,786.25
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					2,460,988.12
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	50,747.53	49,969.91	49,512.39	51,205.05
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	136,835.98	1,022.66	0.00	137,858.64
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516- 8804	5,893.32	0.25	0.00	5,893.57
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	6,539.85	0.00	0.00	6,539.85
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					224,720.89
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	484,691.77	125,614.57	66,113.50	544,192.84
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	181,015.40	29.76	0.00	181,045.16
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	119,064.20	19.57	0.00	119,083.77
**Contingency	111,613.95				
**Infrastructure	7,469.82				
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	117,924.71	17,715.09	6,915.25	128,724.55
Total WWT Balance					973,046.32

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy gave the following report:

- Mr. Landy has had several meetings on the Main Street Project regarding:
 - The flooding on Main Street
 - Help with installation of meter poles, location, and parking of vehicles.
- Attended meetings at Medic 10.
- Mr. Landy has done some Code Enforcement. When calls come in regarding high grass, etc., Mr. Landy would visit the property and then send a certified letter regarding the violations. Mr. Landy stated that the property owners that are difficult to get in touch with are the ones in foreclosure or are owned by a bank.
- There was a Fence Permit issue. Patrolman Nathan Ellwood and Mr. Landy visited the property to try and resolve the issue.
- Held a Managers Meeting with Jeff McGuinness, Andy Zelinsky, Police Chief Doug Sam. Mr. Landy said communications are much better between the departments.
- Met with Blue Otter, Inc. regarding the app that is being created for mapping of the Borough for inventories of stop signs, manholes, etc.
- Met with Gibson-Thomas Engineering Co., Inc. and will supply information for the tablets that the Departments will be using.
- Attended the G-16 Conference. Mr. Landy thanked everyone that attended the Conference.

Mr. Landy stated that the Gas Well Revenues for the year 2017 was \$3,382.55; and, \$312.74 for January 2018. Mr. Landy stated that the monies is not the only benefit of the gas wells. The benefit of the Gas Wells is that the Municipal Building, Fire Station and the Synagogue receives free gas as part of the allotment.

Mr. Landy said that he has brought information from the G-16 meeting regarding stormwater.

Mr. Landy stated that they received the GPS for the vehicles and will soon be installed.

President's Report:

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to close Smithfield Street from Church Street to Diamond Street from June 25, 2018 to June 30, 2018 for the Firemen's Fair. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to close Route 31 Main Street on June 26, 2018 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm for the Annual Firemen's Parade. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

President Caruso reported that the Community Yard Sale that was held Saturday, May 12, 2018 was a success; and, we will continue to make it better each year.

President Caruso spoke with John McGoran of Republic Services at the G-16 Conference. Mr. McGoran stated that garbage pickup for the Borough will be moved to Wednesday; and, recycling will be split into 2 days for pickup. The split will be North of Main Street and South of Main Street. The schedule for recycling is not yet known.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

Borough Manager Landy said that they have received only one (1) application for Waste Water Treatment. Mr. Landy stated when we apply for Street Department they get 10 to 15 applications. When it is Waste Water Treatment they receive one (1). Mr. Landy suggested to advertise for public works; and, hope that it will draw more people in to be interviewed.

Councilwoman Ruszkowski stated she had a few calls from residents on N. Geary Street regarding the Waste Water Treatment Department going door to door in the evening after 8:00pm regarding downspouts. Ms. Ruszkowski asked if this is going to continue to be this late in the evening. Borough Manager Landy stated that Andy Zelinsky had spoken to him about this and what happened was Mr. Zelinsky had a call-out that evening at 6:00pm; handled the call-out issue and continued to work that evening to complete his three (3) hours. Mr. Zelinsky's contract states that if he is called out he must work three (3) hours. Borough Manager Landy stated that for the most part they will not be doing many evening hours; however, there can be an occasion where it could possibly happen. Borough Manager Landy stated that they will set a time frame that they can inspect until dusk.

Borough Manager Landy stated that Julia Specht will be also working with the Waste Water Treatment Department in going door to door checking for downspouts.

Streets Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to advertise for bids to pave Parkview Terrace, Hitchman Street, Mullin Avenue, South Geary Street, College Avenue and Silver Street with the understanding that it will only be certain sections of these streets and not the entire street other than Parkview Terrace. Mullin will be from Main Street to Smithfield Street. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilwoman Bailey stated that they had an issue on Main Street on Monday, May 14, 2018 with flooding at the Diamond Mini Mall basement along with a building below there. A Safety Engineer had come out and met with Councilwoman Bailey. The Safety Engineer stated the damages would be taken care of by the construction company working on Main Street.

Councilwoman Bailey spoke with Mike Barrick of Hunt Valley Environmental, LLC regarding the stormwater issues on St. Clair Street. Mr. Barrick reported to Ms. Bailey that he and the Engineer from his firm have been out working from the Church of God and mapped waterflow, catch basins, etc. and have put it in a temporary model to work with and making it permanent so they can provide a proper presentation to the Borough for the issues on St. Clair. Once this information is complete, they will then speak with the property owners of Falcon's Field and Mr. and Mrs. Zavatsky regarding opening the pipe.

Councilman Cholock questioned where we were at with the stormwater issue on St. Clair Street.

Councilwoman Bailey said she also spoke with Mr. Barrick regarding the Mount Pleasant Cemetery property containing 1.57 acres that they want to sell to the Borough. Mr. Barrick is not certain it will be enough acreage for the installation of a detention pond to serve the needs of the Borough. Mr. Barrick will review it and report back whether it would be sufficient or not. Councilwoman Bailey stated that Mr. Barrick feels that the Borough would need approximately 3 acres.

Borough Manager Landy stated he has spoken with Jim Pillsbury of the Westmoreland Conservation District and he will be coming back next week to revisit Greenridge with Mayor

Lucia. Councilwoman Bailey suggested that Mr. Pillsbury also look at the issue on Diamond Street. Mayor Lucia stated that they have looked at Diamond Street previously. Mayor Lucia stated that the issue will come down to who owns the property.

Councilwoman Barnes asked if the mining company that owned the property cannot be located or does not exist what happens to that property. Solicitor Istik stated that it would depend if anyone is utilizing the property currently; and if so, it could fall under adverse possession.

Council President Caruso stated that the property is not within the Borough.

Mayor Lucia suggested that a meeting be held with Mount Pleasant Township to see if everyone can try to come to a solution regarding the flooding issues.

Councilwoman Ruszkowski asked Councilwoman Bailey if the curb at the corner of S. Geary Street and Joseph Street will be fixed. Councilwoman Bailey stated she will look into it.

Public Safety Report:

Councilwoman Ruszkowski asked Councilman Cholock to have Police Chief Sam check St. Clair Street near the top of the hill at Vine Street for individuals parking on the yellow line. Mayor Lucia said that he will speak to Chief Sam regarding the individuals parking on the yellow line.

Councilwoman Ruszkowski stated that she spoke with Police Chief Sam regarding the handicap sign requested by Margaret Tinkey at 423 W. Smithfield Street and Chief Sam stated that it can be installed. Councilwoman Bailey stated that she will have the Street Department install the sign.

Zoning & Ordinance Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson reported that she has an individual to do the Borough Code Enforcement. Councilwoman Stevenson, Councilwoman Ruszkowski, Council President Caruso and possibly Mayor Lucia and Borough Manager Landy will be meet with him on Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Borough Building to discuss the position of the Code Enforcement Officer. Councilwoman Stevenson stated that the gentleman currently works in Penn Township and for an additional 8 or 9 other Boroughs and/or Townships.

Councilman Cholock questioned what the course of action for high grass complaints is until the Code Enforcement Officer is hired. Councilwoman Stevenson said that the Borough Manager and Police Department have been handling it for the time being; and, that the Borough Office has been sending a notice to the homeowners.

Borough Manager Landy stated that the Borough can no longer go on the property after notice has been given and cut the grass; and, that it is private property and trespassing.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report: None

Parks & Recreation:

Councilwoman Bailey stated that there is a plan for the boat along with some new designs at the park on Geary Street.

Councilwoman Bailey said that they are still waiting on the favor from Connellsville Township for the work at Frick Park.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilwoman Barnes thanked Council for voting to add the upgrades from Industry Weapons to the Digital Wall at Veterans Park.

Finance & Human Resources Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the contract with Century Insurance Consultants for liability insurance etc. for an annual premium of \$38,000.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Property Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to ratify King Electric to perform electrical work at a cost of \$1,348.00 on the 1st floor in the former Dentist Office and install 20 amp 120-volt circuit from breaker panel box, rewire 6 receptacles, install wiring from wall thermometer to electric baseboard heater and install a cover plate over opening in wall where switch used to be. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilwoman Ruszkowski suggested that the storage area in the first floor Dentist Office where they wanted to remove the wall where the storage area was should be placed on hold since it is only cosmetic; and, there is so much more invested into this area than what was anticipated. Councilwoman Barnes disagreed that it is cosmetic; and, stated that if the storage area wall was removed they would have more space. Council President Caruso stated that if the tenant would like to remove the wall where the storage area was they could do it at their cost since it is not a load-bearing wall.

Councilwoman Stevenson asked why the sign for the Dentist Office is still there. Councilwoman Ruszkowski said if the tenant does not want to use it, the sign can be removed.

Mayor Lucia stated that the stained-glass windows at the synagogue are coming apart. Mayor Lucia said that the last storm part of a stained-glass window come out; and, he has a gentleman looking at it to get it repaired and it may cost up to \$1,500.00. Councilwoman Stevenson asked if it was possible to remove them and sell them. Mayor Lucia stated that this was the first church built in Mount Pleasant. President Caruso said that there is an option to put plexiglass in front of the stained-glass window to protect it. Mayor Lucia said that they are going to turn the damage to the window from the storm into the insurance.

Borough Manager Landy asked Councilman Cholock if Police Chief Sam has turned in the damage that he received in the Police Department to the insurance; and, if not it will need to be done as soon as possible.

Storm Water Management: None.

New Business: None.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Thank you card was received from the Mount Pleasant Public Library for allowing them to be part of the yard sale and having maps to distribute.
- Mount Pleasant Glass Festival requested permission for the use of Frick Park and the upper parking area of the Borough Building parking lot to hold their annual Mt. Pleasant Cruise Night on August 17, 2018 at 7:00PM with a rain date of August 24, 2018. They are requesting dates from August 14 through August 21, 2018; and, August 21 through August 28, 2018 as rain dates for set up and tear down.
- Mount Pleasant Library is hosting eclectic events kick off Summer Reading Program throughout May.

- Homes within Reach Conference from October 29 – 31, 2018 at the Hilton Harrisburg.
- United Steelworkers will be hosting the USW District 10 Golf Outing on Friday July 27, 2018 and Saturday July 28, 2018 at Linden Hall, Dawson, PA
- PA Rural Water is holding a 5 Wastewater Hours seminar at Cambria Suites Washington, 451 Racetrack Road, Washington, PA on July 26, 2018 from 8:00am to 2:30pm.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to pay all approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

Meeting Adjourned 9:31 p.m.

Motions from Meeting of May 21, 2018

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