

June 3, 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 Barnes, Bailey, Phillabaum, Smetak, Lasko, Ruszkowski and Yatsko. 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 May 20, 2019 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment:

- Andrea Pritts of 926 Washington Street, Mount Pleasant, PA spoke to Council regarding Ordinance No. 652 Wireless Communication Facilities and whether or not the cell towers installed by Extenet were within the Ordinance requirements. Ms. Pritts asked that any of the towers that were installed and not in compliance with the required setbacks of the Ordinance be removed. Ms. Pritts stated that although the towers are not operating as 5G, they were built to be 5G ready. Ms. Pritts asked Council to study about 5G and possibly have a setback farther than the current requirements to residential lines before considering to renew the contract with Extenet in December 2019. Council President Caruso and Solicitor Istik stated that there were discussions regarding the agreement with Extenet; and, it was voted on to sign the Agreement. Solicitor Istik stated that after the last meeting of May 20, 2019 when Ms. Pritts husband spoke to Council regarding this, she reached out to and spoke with Justin Blasnet, the contact for Extenet, and said that the poles are only being used for 4G. In the event that 5G becomes existent and utilized, our contract with Extenet at this time is only for 4G; and, the Borough would have to negotiate a new contract for 5G. Ms. Pritts stated that nowhere in the contract does it state 4G or 5G. Solicitor Istik stated that in the correspondence that she has received from Extenet, it is stated that the Agreement is only for 4G and if they want to use it for 5G, Extenet will notify the Borough. Ms. Istik further reported that when she spoke with Justin Blasnet, she told him that there were concerns as to the locations and setback requirements and they are going to come and survey to be sure that they are within the setback requirements.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia recognized Jack Caruso, Sr., a lifelong resident and businessman of Mount Pleasant. Jack was a member of the Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department Rescue Squad and one of the founding fathers of Mount Pleasant Medic 10. Jack was elected to be the first Chief. Jack Caruso, Sr. was the father of Council President Caruso. Mayor Lucia asked for a moment of silence in honor of Jack Caruso, Sr.

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

The Department answered the following calls:

Incidents	101
Criminal Arrests	15
DUI Arrests	4
Parking Tickets Issued Boro	23
Traffic & Non-Traffic Citations	40
Assist Other Departments (Police, Fire, EMS)	20
Accidents Investigated	5

Income

Parking Meters	\$3,116.00
Parking Tickets	\$ 26.00
Parking Permits	\$ 15.00
Fence Permits	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Fees	\$0.00
Clerk of Courts	\$388.22
Restitution to Police Department	\$0.00
Fees for Police Reports	\$0.00
District Court	\$803.69
Task Force Refund	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$4,349.51

Mayor Lucia asked that the Ordinance Committee look into digital signs. Councilwoman Lasko reported that she reached out to Ligonier Township and the Borough of Scottdale regarding digital signs. Ligonier Township stated that they would not accept digital signs. The Borough of Scottdale is going to forward a copy of their Ordinance regarding digital signs.

Mayor Lucia asked that the Street Department get lines painted for parking on N. Shupe Street due to the congested parking. They are also to install a handicap parking space for Ashley Varcovitch at 28 N. Shupe Street once all necessary paperwork and payment has been provided and Police Chief Grippo approves it. Mayor Lucia stated that in the City of Pittsburgh has their handicap parking signs designated specifically for the individual / home that requested it. Council President Caruso agreed that since the person requesting the handicap space has to pay that it would be a good idea to make the sign specifically for that individual.

Mayor Lucia asked Council to please let Sharon, Borough Secretary, know if they are riding in the Fireman’s Parade; and, if any of them would like to volunteer to help with the fair.

Solicitor’s Report: None.

Tax Collector’s Report:

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

Property Taxes	\$13,156.78
Supplemental Taxes	\$ 0.00
Per Capita Taxes	\$ 0.00
Total Collected	\$13,156.78

Borough Manager’s Report:

Borough Manager gave the following report:

- Spoke with Skowronek Landscaping about the grass cutting that was not done last week at Veteran’s Park. He said that of all the years this was the first that they did not complete their rotation of cutting. They were behind due to the weather; and, is making every effort to get back on track.
- July 3rd will be the Party in the Park
- Borough Manager Landy and Jeff McGuiness attended a public works seminar.
- Met with Dawood Engineering Co regarding South Church Street, Eagle Street and Bridgeport Street.
- Met with Councilwoman Lasko to get her updated with her committees and things going on in the Borough.
- Waste Water Treatment Plant is going through many changes. CWM Environmental has been hired to manage the plant. The Borough is hiring a laborer for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Borough Manager Landy stated that Roger Vincent should be given credit for keeping the plant moving along.

- Borough Manager Landy and Mayor Lucia attended a public safety seminar at Westmoreland County Community College. Borough Manager Landy stated that at most of the meetings they have been attending talk about Council and how they are ultimately overall responsible.
- Borough Manager Landy, Mayor Lucia and Rick Fike from Armstrong Cable will be attending the PSAB awards ceremony at Hershey, PA to receive an award for special recognition of the Jeff and Jerry Show. They will be doing the show from there and interviewing the President of the PSAB, Executive Director of the PSAB, the Committee who gave the award for the show; and, possibly Governor Wolf.
- Residents will be receiving information regarding mine subsidence insurance from Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Councilman Yatsko asked Borough Manager Landy if he knew of any mine subsidence within the Borough. The Borough Manager stated in the time he has been here he has not heard of any; however, he believed that if anyone did, they most likely would not have contacted the Borough regarding it.
- Borough Manager Landy reminded all of Council to review the Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual Report.
- Received an insurance check from the windstorm at the synagogue, the salt storage shed and the Borough shed. The Borough will proceed with getting the repairs done.
- The YMCA will hold the supervised Frick Park Program. The program includes: June 17, 2019 – Let's Go to the Zoo; June 24-27, 2019 Time Travel; July 1-3, 2019 National Treasure; July 8-11 Music; July 15-18 Trip around the World; and July 22-25 Christmas in July.
- There will be an upcoming MS4 Stormwater Workshop at the Hempfield Township Municipal Building on June 20, 2019.

President's Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to have Mayor Lucia attend the Pennsylvania State Mayor's Association Conference, July 18 – 21, 2019 at Nittany Lion Inn, State College, Pennsylvania at a cost not to exceed \$750.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruskowski. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to hold an Executive Session regarding personnel. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

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

Executive Session 7:37pm to 8:13pm.

Council President Caruso spoke about the community yard sale this year and stated that the weather was great and it was a successful year for the yard sale. Council President Caruso suggested that they possibly hold a fall yard sale. Mayor Lucia stated when another yard sale is held, the Borough needs to consider making the streets in Ramsay Terrace one way for the day due to the heavy traffic.

Council President reported that Council has received an email with an updated Zoning Ordinance and would like to have everyone review it.

Speakers:

Mount Pleasant Borough Code Enforcement Officers Adam Hlad and Mark Cypher spoke to Council regarding Adam Hlad leaving effective July. Adam Hlad will handle magistrate issues only and assist Mark in a support role. Mark Cypher will be handling all of the violations. Adam will remain as an employee of the Borough since he will be handling the magistrate issues. Mr. Hlad stated that the Borough is a special place in how unique it is and the residents within the Borough take great pride in their Borough. It is something that they as Code Enforcement Officers are not use to seeing. Mr. Hlad said it is a great reflection on the leadership. Councilman Yatsko stated that he believes the Code Enforcement Officers are doing a great job; and, he likes the fact that they work with residents in giving them a chance to remedy the problem and not take them to court or fine them right away.

Property Report:

Councilman Smetak gave the following report:

- The waterproofing has been completed by Bakers Waterproofing. The sump pump is not hooked up and have received two (2) quotes for the installation; and, there should be one (1) more quote coming.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to amend the Agenda to hire Joseph Lovis as a full-time employee at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Motion seconded by Councilman Yatsko. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to hire Joseph Lovis as a full-time employee at the Waste Water Treatment Plant at a rate of \$13.00 per hour pending a background check. He has already passed the physical. Motion seconded by Councilman Yatsko. Motion carried 8-0.

Streets Report:

Councilwoman Bailey gave the following report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to approve an amount adjustment for Justin James Excavating, LLC for the North Church Street Project in the amount of \$210.00 (from \$560.00 to \$770.00) due to additional work needed. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilwoman Bailey reported that she, along with, Borough Manager Landy and Bob Regola have met with Dawood Engineering and they have received the schematics from CZ Survey and are finalizing the package so advertising can be done for bids for paving.

Storm Water Management Report:

Council President Caruso reported that there was work being done at the retention pond at Greenwood Apartments.

Parks & Recreation:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to have the Street Department cut down the dead tree at Jack Bob's Park. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to have all trees at all the Borough Parks inspected and cut and trimmed if needed for safety. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Safety Report:

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

- Total Calls - 42
- 10-45's - 17
- Entrapment Calls - 1
- Fires - 14
- Public Service Calls - 2
- AFA's – 8
- Turnpike Calls - 8
- Total Members Answering - 628
- Avg. Member Per Call - 15
- Total Staff Hours – 348

Veterans Park Report:

Councilwoman Barnes gave the following report on Veterans Park:

- The concrete and landscaping have been completed for the new tablet.
- The granite slab for the new tablet is between India and here. There will be a ceremony when it comes in.
- The VFW has received the plaque that will be dedicated to Councilman John Rogacki.

Human Resources / Ordinances Report:

Councilman Yatsko reported that he will look into digital signs and try to get an informational sheet out to everyone for review.

Borough Manager Landy stated that the committee should look into Ordinances for parking trailers, boats, etc. on the Borough Streets. Councilwoman Bailey said that maybe the Ordinance should state that it must be motorized or operable.

Finance & Grants Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to move Medic 10 Savings Account from Standard Bank to Scottdale Bank and Trust. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

New Business: None.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- The Mount Pleasant Library will be holding several events throughout the month.
- Mount Pleasant Viking Football Boosters would like a donation for the Athletic.
- Harmon House is having a Brady Hunker and Mollie Landman's Bucket List Bash.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment: None.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:50 pm

Motions from Meeting of June 3, 2019

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