

Meeting June 4, 2018

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, Rogacki, 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 May 21, 2018 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment:

- Justin Blancett of Carroll County, Maryland with Network Building and Consultants; representing Extenet Systems spoke to Council regarding network building and wireless infrastructure to help with areas that have trouble with network/cell phone reception.
- Diane Zelenock of Greensburg, Pennsylvania spoke to Council in support of adding another granite slab at Veterans Park. Ms. Zelenak would like to have her brother and father's name inscribed on the granite wall as opposed to the Digital Wall.

Speakers:

- Mike Barrick of Hunt Valley Environmental, LLC, 632 Hunt Valley Road, New Kensington, PA spoke to Council regarding the potential of purchasing property for a stormwater facility along N. Quarry Street near the intersection of Broad Street and Orchard Avenue. Mr. Barrick reported that after going to the property, which is approximately 1 ½ acres, he feels that this would not be enough acreage. He stated that this property would hold a pond to be the equivalent of a two (2) year event. St. Clair Street was recommended to be a ten (10) year event. Mr. Barrick stated that approximately 3 acres would be necessary for an affective pond.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia announced that the Mount Pleasant Girls Softball team won 4 – 2 and are advancing.

Mayor Lucia reported that he has had several complaints regarding traffic and parking citations on Main Street and would like to request that the Police Department not ticket anyone that is parked on Main Street until construction is completed. Council agreed and has asked Mayor Lucia to instruct the Police Department to not ticket anyone on Main Street until construction is completed.

Mayor Lucia, Borough Manager Landy and Council President Jack Caruso met with the railroad company regarding the replacement of the tracks on the east end of town. Mayor Lucia stated that they will be closing the crossing for three (3) days and traffic will be detoured.

Mayor Lucia thanked the community along with the local communities for supporting the Veterans on Veterans Day.

Mayor Lucia stated that the Mount Pleasant Annual Fireman's Fair will be June 25 – 30, 2018. The parade will be on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Solicitor's Report:

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Executive Session 7:35pm to 8:36pm

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

Tax Collector Report:

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky read the following report for the month of May 2018:

Property Taxes =	\$9,403.02
Per Capita Taxes =	\$ 137.50
Total Collected =	\$9,540.52

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky reported that the Per Capita reminders have been mailed out for the 2017/2018 school year. Tax Collector Carol Yancosky stated that the new Per Capita statements will come out in August.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy gave the following report:

- Borough Manager Landy had a meeting regarding Code Enforcement Officers.
- Had several meetings with the Department Managers, Andy Zelinsky and Jeff McGuinness.
- Attended Veterans Park meeting.
- Attended Railroad Crossing meeting.
- Met with Harmon House and Andy Zelinsky regarding waste water discharge.
- Had several discussions with the attorney regarding the employees on the Borough's workers comp.
- Meetings regarding the Frick Playground construction.
- Met with Councilman Phillabaum regarding issues that he will be working on.
- Life's Work of Western PA has begun bringing students in for community service work.
- They have been working around the Borough Building and some of the parks. They are working Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays between 9:00am and 2:00pm.
- Borough Manager Landy stated that he would like to discuss further with Council the possibility of a Public Works Department.
- Borough Manager Landy stated that since there won't be Concerts in the Park this year that possibly they could hold a celebration of Main Street once it is completed. Completion date for Main Street is set for September 22, 2018. Borough Manager Landy suggested the celebration to be held on September 24, 25, and 26 with the businesses having sidewalk sales and possibly handing out "Borough Bucks" \$5 coupons to be used at any of the businesses on Main Street. This would be putting some money back in to the businesses that have suffered from the construction of Main Street.

- Southmoreland School District will be offering the Summer Food Service Program at Frick Park, Monday through Friday from 12:00pm to 1:00pm from June 18, 2018 to July 31, 2018.
- Received a report back from MAWC regarding adding language for the \$5.00 Late Fee Notice.
- Received a letter from CDBG that the Borough was approved for a grant in the amount of \$65,025.00 for the Reconstruction of Frick Park Basketball Court.
- Received a Tax Assessment Appeal for J. T. Sowers.

President's Report:

Council President Caruso stated that residents should be receiving in the mail the new schedule for garbage and recycling pick up from Republic Services. Republic Services will begin garbage and recycling pick up on Wednesday this week.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to approve a 3-year Contract for the sampling of the waste water, with no annual price increase, in the amount of \$14,316.00 per year with CWM Environmental. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Rogacki reported that there are two (2) primary clarifiers that have paddles, chains, and gear driven mechanisms that service the clarifiers to remove the waste. These parts are worn out and need to be replaced along with preventive maintenance. If they are not taken care of they will cause great problems along with issues with the DEP.

Councilwoman Ruskowski asked if Mount Pleasant Township Municipal Authority is aware of the necessary repair and the cost of it. Councilman Rogacki stated that they have been made aware and will pay their portion of the costs for the parts and repair to the 2 Primary Clarifiers.

A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to authorize the purchase of parts through EVOQUA Water Technologies for the repair of 2 Primary Clarifiers in the amount of \$16,088.00 with the agreement of Mount Pleasant Township Municipal Authority paying their portion of the costs. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to authorize RJMC, Inc. to make the repairs to the 2 Primary Clarifiers in the amount of \$8,320.00 with the agreement of Mount Pleasant Township Municipal Authority paying their portion of the costs. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilman Rogacki gave the following WWT Report for the month of May 2018:

- Installed new railing on final clarifier #2
- Met with Harmon House regarding rags and grease issue.
- Met with contractor regarding the primary clarifier upgrade.
- Continue with Phase 2 of the handout of the fliers, home inspections documenting the downspouts, sump pumps and external cleanouts.
- Worked on the fountain at Veterans Park
- Helped with the playground at Frick Park.

Home Inspections – 12

PA One Calls – 87

Emergency One Calls – 16

Borough Manager Landy stated that the maps for stormwater and sewage have been downloaded onto the tablets.

Streets Report:

Councilwoman Bailey gave the following Street Department recap report for April 2018:

- They have begun the preparations for the installation of the new park equipment at Frick Park.
- Painted Lines on the Streets and Curbs.
- Completed the street and pipe repairs on N. Quarry Street.
- Gathered data on drainage concerns and future pipe installation of St. Clair Street.
- Installed new Stop Signs on S. Church Street near Harmon House.
- Finished the storm drain on S. Diamond Street in front of the storage building across from Dollar General.
- Installed Stop Signs at Anne Street and S. Geary Street.
- Covered the window wells on the side of the Borough Building.
- Repair work of drains on N. Quarry Street.

Councilwoman Bailey stated that she and Borough Manager Landy will be meeting on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 with Dawood Engineers regarding the turnback monies for Church Street and Bridgeport Street paving projects.

Councilwoman Bailey reported that the Street Sweeping Schedule is as follows:

- First Ward – June 12 and 13, 2018 – First Street to South Church Street.
June 19 and 20, 2018 – Braddock Road to North Church Street.
- Second Ward – June 26 and 27, 2018 – North Church Street to North Hitchman Street.
July 3 and July 5 – South Church Street to South Hitchman Street.
- Third Ward – July 10 and 11, 2018 – South Hitchman Street to the Borough Line.
July 17 and 18 – North Hitchman Street to the Borough Line.

Councilwoman Barnes asked Councilwoman Bailey if the lines can be painted on the street where the new stop signs went in on S. Church Street. Councilwoman Bailey stated that they will be painting lines there.

Councilwoman Barnes also asked Councilwoman Bailey about the yellow lines painted to the alley on Vine Street coming off of Church Street due to cars parking there waiting for their children to come off of the school bus. Councilwoman Bailey suggested speaking with Police Chief Sam as to what can be done with the area that is painted and the Street Department can then change it to what his recommendation is. Councilwoman Barnes stated that Police Chief Sam had previously made a recommendation of each corner being painted 15’ from the alley up Vine Street towards Church Street and 15’ from Church Street down Vine Street. Council President Caruso stated that the former Street Manager Mario Fontanazza suggested the whole area be painted yellow from Vine Street coming off of Church Street to the alley on Vine Street and the Police Chief agreed to it.

Councilwoman Barnes asked if they can ticket people that park in that area; and, Council President Caruso stated that if they are parked on the yellow line that they can be ticketed.

Borough Manager Landy gave an update on Blue Otter, Inc., the company that is doing the street signs, is 80% complete. Blue Otter, Inc. has requested a meeting for the Borough to review what they have completed so far before they finalize the app.

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Public Safety Report:

Borough Manager Landy stated that at one of the new stop signs by Harmon House there is a tree that hides the sign and the tree should be trimmed due to it being a safety issue.

Councilwoman Ruszkowski asked Councilwoman Bailey why the stop sign below Harmon House is right at the end of a resident's driveway. Councilwoman Bailey stated the Police Chief Sam had made the marking where the signs were to be placed. Councilwoman Bailey said that she will have to speak with Police Chief Sam about possibly moving it to the sidewalk away from the driveway.

Councilman Rogacki stated that there is a meeting for Medic 10 on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 6:00pm.

Zoning & Ordinance Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to amend the agenda to approve a Franchise Agreement with Extenet to improve wireless communications. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve a Franchise Agreement between the Borough of Mount Pleasant and Extenet for the installation of wireless communication towers with Extenet to improve wireless communications. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilwoman Stevenson reported that she along with Borough Manager Landy, Council President Caruso and Councilman Phillabaum met with Mike Stack and three (3) of his associates regarding Code Enforcement. Councilman Rogacki asked how many hours the Code Enforcement Officers would be putting in monthly. Councilwoman Stevenson stated that there is not a set number of hours and will be working on a flat rate. Councilwoman Stevenson stated that previously the Borough had been paying approximately \$800 a month for Code Enforcement. The cost for 2 Code Enforcement Officers is a total of \$1000.00 a month, which will have no effect on the budget that was established for this year due to not having any costs for a Code Enforcement Officer through May 2018. Councilwoman Stevenson also stated that there will be no additional costs to the Borough for any attendance for hearings by the Code Enforcement Officers. Councilwoman Stevenson stated that they will bill us for postage. Councilwoman Stevenson stated that they work for a total of 9 other Boroughs.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to hire Adam Hlad and Mark Cypher as part time code enforcement officers, at a flat rate of \$500 each, per month. Hiring is conditioned on each of these individuals providing evidence of approved physical exam, drug screen test and background clearances. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilwoman Stevenson reported that she and Councilman Yatsko attended a seminar on Rental Inspection Ordinances presented by the PSAB.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report: None.

Parks & Recreation:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to allow the Glass & Ethnic Festival the use of Frick Park on August 17, 2018 for the annual Car Cruise with a rain date of August 24, 2018. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruskowski. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilwoman Barnes requested that the teeter totter be put back up at Willow Park. Councilwoman Bailey stated that it would be installed. Borough Manager Landy stated that he spoke with Jeff McGuinness today regarding the teeter totter; and, that it is going to be put back in at Willows Park, however, with the possible addition of more equipment, they want to be sure where exactly they want to install it.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilwoman Barnes stated that she has a call into Industry Weapons to see when it is possible for them to do the upgrades at the Digital Wall. Borough Manager Landy stated that he has a call into Christian with Industry Weapons and has not gotten a call back.

Borough Manager Landy stated that while he was at the park on Saturday, June 2, 2018, someone was using the Digital Wall and all of a sudden it went to google. Mr. Landy called the emergency number and spoke with Patrick at Industry Weapons. Patrick said that he could not reboot the system. Borough Manager Landy then called Dave Pritts with Armstrong Cable. Mr. Pritts come to the Digital Wall and ruled out that it was an internet problem. Mr. Pritts rebooted it and then contacted Industry Weapons. Mr. Pritts stated that Industry Weapons was going to run an analysis and contact Mr. Landy in the next day or two.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to request permission to add an additional 125 names to the existing tablet at Veterans Park. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilwoman Barnes stated that there are cracks in the fountain at Veterans Park that will need repaired. Councilman Rogacki stated that by sealing the cracks it will help prevent them from getting bigger and new ones from starting.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to approve the purchase of a sealant and epoxy top coat not to exceed \$700.00 to seal the cracks in the fountain at Veteran's Park. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 7-0.

Finance & Human Resources Report:

Councilwoman Ruskowski asked Borough Manager Landy to thank the Managers at the next meeting for filling out and being more efficient with the purchase orders.

Property Report:

Councilman Rogacki reported that he has called several companies to get a quote to move the generator from the Borough Building to the outside. Mr. Rogacki stated that to date no one has gotten back with him that is willing to give a quote to move it.

Storm Water Management Report:

Councilwoman Bailey asked Council if they would like to make a decision on the cemetery property or if more time is needed. Borough Manager Landy stated that he believes they should make the decision since it has been approximately one (1) month and they have another possible buyer for the property.

Councilwoman Bailey stated that after hearing the suggestion from Mike Barrick of Hunt Valley Environmental, LLC that she feels the Borough should not move forward in the purchase of the property from the cemetery. Council President Caruso and Councilman Rogacki agreed that they should not purchase the property.

Borough Manager Landy stated that he will be meeting with Jim Pillsbury from the Westmoreland Conservation District on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at noon to look at Greenridge Apartments, Pleasant Manor and walk around the area concerning the ongoing flooding issue. Mr. Landy said that Mr. Pillsbury will be following up with some of the residents.

New Business: None.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Laurel Valley Connector from the Turnpike Commission, brochure showing proposed roundabouts that which include a map and a roundabout at the Fox's Pizza Den at the end of N. Church Street and Low Street.
- Robert Karfelt, Jr. and Nicole Karfelt of RKN Trucking have requested a no turn around sign at the end of Depot Street.
- Armstrong Cable will be increasing their costs beginning July 2018.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment:

Gerard Rendine of Mount Pleasant, PA spoke to Council regarding the new Code Enforcement Officer and how property maintenance is being handled in the interim. Mr. Rendine suggested that a complaint form be completed for the new Code Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Rendine also spoke to Council regarding the new stop sign installation on N. Church Street near Harmon House stating that the stop signs should say 3-way stop sign.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting Adjourned 9:48pm

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