

July 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, Cholock, Phillabaum, Lasko, and Ruszkowski. Solicitor Istik is present. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present. Councilman Smetak arrived at 7:05pm. Councilwoman Barnes arrived at 7:20. Mayor Lucia arrived at 8:05pm.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to approve the minutes of June 17, 2019 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comment: None.

Speakers: None.

Mayor's Report: None.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Istik stated that the issue discussed in a previous Executive Session was resolved and there are no further issues.

Tax Collector's Report:

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

Property Taxes	\$33,579.28
Supplemental Taxes	\$ 0.00
Per Capita Taxes	\$ 0.00
Total Collected	\$33,579.28

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager gave the following report:

- Party in the Park will be held on July 3, 2019.
- Street Department and Waste Water Treatment Plant will be helping to get the park ready for the Party in the Park. They will be power washing the sidewalks, getting the lights working in the fountain and fixing the gazebo poles.
- Held Interviews for Public Works. Had 3 candidates; 2 could not pass a background check and 1 declined the position.
- Met with Standard Bank regarding our bank accounts.
- Met with Chuck Zelenak of CZ Surveying.
- Attended an MS4 stormwater seminar with Jeff McGuinness.
- Began closing all accounts with PNC Bank; and, opened accounts with Scottdale Bank and Trust.
- Held the monthly Safety Meeting with the staff. Borough Manager Landy asked any Council member wishing to attend to please do so.
- Held the appreciation luncheon for the employees that have worked together to keep things running smoothly. Borough Manager Landy once again stated that this is the best that he has seen with all departments working and getting along together so well.

- Borough Manager Landy asked Council to review the Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual
- The Glass Festival has requested the use of Frick Park on August 16, 2019 at 7:00pm for its annual car show with a rain date of August 23, 2019.
- Spoke with Hallie Chatfield from Westmoreland County Land Bank regarding the Bridgeport Street property. Properties are still be marketed by the Land Bank.

President's Report: **None.**

Property Report:

Councilman Smetak gave the following report:

- The electrical hookup on the first floor for the sump pump has been completed.
- The drywall work has not been completed yet. Will be following up with Jamie Kunkle.
- Had 2 companies look at the air conditioning unit on the first floor. The air conditioning unit was low on coolant causing it to freeze up. It is working for now. They will be sending quotes on replacing the unit. The unit is 24 years old.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

Councilman Phillabaum suggested doing an inventory at the Waste Water Treatment Plant of the smaller items to know what is there such as mower blades, etc.

Borough Manager Landy discussed the bio-towers; and, the collapse of the first bio-tower. There was a capital improvement charge placed on resident sewage bills to help offset the exorbitant costs for the repairs of the first bio-tower. They will continue the fee for improvements to the second bio-tower.

Streets Report:

Councilwoman Bailey gave the following report:

- Bids for the paving project has gone out. Bids will be opened on July 22, 2019.

Storm Water Management Report:

Councilman Cholock gave the following report:

- Councilman Cholock and Councilman Smetak met with engineer, Chuck Zelenak of CZ Surveying, regarding the Braddock Road Avenue, Lincoln Way, water issue and if there was a way to resolve the problem. Councilman Cholock received a proposal from CZ Survey in the amount of \$4,880.00 for suggestions. Councilman Cholock said that he does not believe that it is feasible to pay the \$4,880.00 for suggestions.
- Councilman Cholock asked that the Code Officers be sent to Greenwood Apartments as a follow-up to the violations that were issued. Borough Manager Landy suggested having Gibson-Thomas Engineering Company look into it since we are MS4 permitted through PA DEP. Councilwoman Bailey stated that since we are MS4 permitted that Borough residents must follow the MS4 guidelines.

Parks & Recreation: **None.**

Public Safety Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to suspend part-time Police Officer Trevor Ely without pay for 3 days retroactive to June 18, 2019. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman Cholock reported that Medic 10 calls were approximately 134 per month and have dropped off to approximately 80 calls per month due to Norvelt having their own ambulance service now. They also lost calls due to the landing pad now back at Frick Hospital. Frick Hospital and Harmon House has a contract with Mutual Aid. Mutual Aid is dispatched first by Frick Hospital. Councilman Cholock suggested fundraising for Medic 10 or would like to see if something can be negotiated with Frick Hospital and Harmon House to contact Medic 10 for calls. Residents can request Medic 10 specifically for transport instead of using Mutual Aid. Borough Manager Landy stated that this is extremely important that this be looked into; and, it is possible that by the end of the year, it is possible they would not be able to meet their obligations due to the decrease of revenues. Borough Manager Landy stated that the monies Medic 10 receives from subscriptions is what is carrying them; and, without the subscriptions, they would be broke.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilwoman Barnes gave the following report on Veterans Park:

- The base around the gazebo has not been fixed. The Street Department will be fixing it temporarily. The gazebo also needs painted. Borough Manager Landy stated that any repairs done to the gazebo can be paid for by the interest received from the Pittsburgh Foundation. The monies from the Pittsburgh Foundation is specifically designated for the gazebo only.
- After the Party in the Park is over, the fountain is going to be need to be turned off for a few days so it can be sealed.
- Shoemaker Monuments has sent the listing of names that will be going on the tablet to be proofed.
- Councilwoman Barnes stated that there will be a ceremony once the plaque is installed.
- Councilwoman Barnes reported that she received a phone call from a lady from North Carolina had called and wanted to know if there will be a ceremony; and, that she wanted to attend. Her son's name was going on the tablet. The lady thanked the Borough for doing this project again so her son's name could be on the wall.

Human Resources / Ordinances Report:

Councilwoman Lasko asked what the standing was on the sign permit request for the sign at the Diamond Mini Mall. Borough Manager Landy stated that one sign was approved; however, the sign that was to go on the roof of the building was denied and they can appeal through the Zoning Hearing Board.

Finance & Grants Report: None.

New Business:

Councilwoman Bailey stated that since she was unable to attend the PSAB conference due to medical reasons; PSAB will be refunding the money to the Borough.

Borough Manager Landy reported that Solicitor Istik will be donating a laptop along with a desktop computer to the Street Department.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- The Mount Pleasant Library will be holding several events throughout the month.
- Received correspondence from Gibson – Thomas Engineering Co, Inc. regarding the Quarry Street Pump Station
- PaRuralWater will hold a training class on Water & Wastewater on July 17, 2019 from 8:00am – 3:30pm. at the Ramada Greensburg, 100 Ramada Inn Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601 at a cost of \$95.00 for PRWA members and \$130.00 for PRWA non-members.

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

Executive Session 8:11pm to 8:24pm.

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:

Jim Meredith of 119 Route 819, Mount Pleasant invited Council and the public to the Mount Pleasant Church of God for a patriotic sing along event on July 3, 2019 from 5:30pm – 6:30pm before the Party in the Park begins.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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Meeting Adjourned 8:25 pm

Motions from Meeting of July 1, 2019

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