

August 3, 2020

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, Smetak, Lasko, Ruszkowski and Wojnar. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Istik were present. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present. Councilwoman Barnes arrived at 7:57pm.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of July 6, 2020 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment:

- Chris Rega Boucher of 610 W. Smithfield Street, Mount Pleasant, PA spoke to Council regarding a sewage issue at 608 W. Smithfield Street, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. Solicitor Istik responded to Ms. Boucher that Council would discuss the issue and respond to her legal counsel. Solicitor Istik explained that the Borough could not discuss the matter with her since she chose to have legal representation.
- Sheree Zorosak, tenant of 608 W. Smithfield Street, Mount Pleasant, PA spoke to Council in support of Chris Rega Boucher regarding the sewage issue at her residence.
- Joe Gorecki of 2741 S. R. 982, Mount Pleasant, PA President of MPIAA Girls Softball, spoke to Council regarding using Frick Park Ballfield for the Girls Softball Slow Pitch Fall Recreation League. He said they have COVID 19 restrictions in place for both team players and parents and those restrictions will be enforced.

Speakers: None.

Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Lucia swore in part-time Police Officers Joseph VanOrd and Mark Price.

Mayor Lucia gave the following report:

- Police have been extremely busy and are doing a great job.
- Reminded residents to social distance and wear a mask for the safety of the community.

Solicitor’s Report:

Solicitor Istik stated that her report will be held during executive session.

Treasurer’s Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer’s Report for the month of June 2020:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Jun-20			Balance
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	2020
General Fund Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069335	1,050,569.51	52,445.79	84,354.33	1,018,660.97
**Town Clock	619.92				
**Holiday Lighting	1812.51				
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	800,417.69	125.01	0.00	800,542.70
**Police	47,619.03				

**Streets		147,131.00			
**Contingency Fund		287,494.42			
**Infrastructure		171,588.62			
**BOMP Gas Wells		22,166.04			
** Frick Park Gas Well		23,258.30			
**Levins		970.06			
**Fire		65,000.00			
**K-9		13,828.76			
**Marcellus Impact Fee					
Act 13		21,486.47			
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 1026616	24,911.14	0.86	572.08	24,339.92
Escrow Account	Scottdale Bank 19069343	8,358.45	4.10	0.00	8,362.55
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	351,783.86	61.88	0.00	351,845.74
Monument CD	Standard Bank 446635	7,286.68	0.00	0.00	7,286.68
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payroll Fund	Scottdale Bank 19069350	969.59	48,738.92	48,737.63	970.88
Veterans Park Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2003058309	21,544.96	0.00	0.00	21,544.96
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	Scottdale Bank 19069368	1,213.86	0.60	0.00	1,214.46
Turn Back Account	Scottdale Bank 19069384	239,964.53	117.68	0.00	240,082.21
Standard Bank CD	Standard Bank	208,875.95	0.00	0.00	208,875.95
Standard Bank CD	Standard Bank 410571	52,120.89	0.00	0.00	52,120.89
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD	Scottdale Bank 318007294	50,983.85	0.00	0.00	50,983.85
Total General Fund Balance					2,786,831.76
Medic 10 Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069533	86,286.15	41,686.80	45,388.25	82,584.70
Medic 10 Savings	Scottdale Bank 19069723	118,493.51	1,058.57	0.00	119,552.08
Medic 10 Money Market	Scottdale Bank 19069376	5,977.81	2.93	0.00	5,980.74
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	7,539.75	3.57	0.00	7,543.32
Medic 10 CD	Standard Bank 371917	18,992.22	0.00	0.00	18,992.22
Medic 10 CD	Standard Bank 410053	5,199.37	0.00	0.00	5,199.37
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					239,852.43
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0010175932	712,939.38	95,597.29	44,681.16	763,855.51
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	183,919.37	28.73	0.00	183,948.10
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	141,253.78	22.06	0.00	141,275.84
**Contingency		113,806.02			
**Infrastructure		27,469.82			
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	219,623.75	90.27	0.00	219,714.02
Total WWT Balance					1,308,793.47
Total Borough funds					4,335,477.66
Councilwoman Susan Ruszkowski / Secretary Sharon Lesko					

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

Tax Collector's Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following report for the month of July 2020:

Property Taxes	\$18,760.18
Supplemental Taxes	\$ 331.25
Per Capita Taxes	\$ 00
Total Collected	\$19,091.43

Mr. Landy reminded Borough taxpayers that the County and Borough real estate taxes are being collected at a 2% discount until August 31, 2020. The face amount is extended through December 31, 2020.

Borough Manager’s Report:

Borough Manager gave the following report:

- The Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County (MAWC) will be taking over the operations of the sewage plant beginning August 4, 2020.
- Borough Manager Landy asked Council to review the profit and loss budget vs. actual. Mr. Landy asks that everyone review the report and if they have any questions or need to correct anything now is the time instead of waiting until the end of the year.
- Council has received an updated gas well report in their blue folder.
- The hand money from the sale of the sewage plant of \$1.5 million will be deposited into an account with Standard Bank or Scottdale Bank & Trust. This money is held until the closing of the sale of the plant. The Borough will retain the interest made on this money.
- Hiring for part-time cleaning and part-time summer help public works positions.
- Renovations are being made to the playgrounds and parks. A fence will be installed at Frick Park playground behind the swing set area.
- Switched phones to AT&T. The Borough will save monthly and up to \$2,000.00 with additional credits through the end of the year.
- Worked with the attorney, Larry Hague, and Norm Stout from MAWC regarding the transfer of the waste water treatment plant.
- Looked at catch basins with the street committee.
- Attended the Library Board meeting.
- Met with April Kopas with the Westmoreland Cultural Trust and Jason Rigoni of the I.D.C. regarding the waterway project.
- Attended a meeting with Councilwoman Bailey, Jeff McGuinness and Gibson Thomas Engineering regarding MS4 Stormwater.

President’s Report:

Council President Caruso gave the following report:

- The community yard sale signs have been put up for the August 15, 2020 community yard sale. The Historical Society will be handing maps out.
- There will be a new committee added since we will no longer have the Waste Water Treatment (WWT) Committee. The new committee will be Stormwater – MS4. The committee members who was on the WWT Committee will now be on the Stormwater – MS4 committee.

- Council President Caruso asked that, due to COVID-19 coronavirus and only having one meeting a month, all committees commit to having at least one meeting a month so they can report on it at the regular meeting.
- Discussed purchasing a vehicle for Borough administration to use for Borough business. Councilwoman Bailey felt very strongly that should a purchase be made; the vehicle should be a used vehicle; and, that there's no need for a brand new car for the limited amount of travel that will be done with it. Council agreed that a vehicle can be purchased and that the vehicle should be between the years 2015 – 2020 and the cost should be between \$15,000.00 and \$20,000.00.

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to amend the Agenda to approve the purchase of a vehicle for Borough administration. Motion seconded by Councilman Smetak. Motion carried 8-0.

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A Motion was made to reconvene by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

Council President Caruso announced that the Executive Session was held from 7:30pm – 7:40pm to discuss legal issues.

Property Report: None.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

Councilman Phillabaum stated that the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County (MAWC) will assume possession of the Waste Water Treatment plant on August 4, 2020. The Municipal Authority hired Borough employees Roger Vincent and Joe Lovis.

Streets Report:

Councilwoman Bailey gave the following report:

- The paving project is near total completion and a few minor issues were being worked out with the contractor, the engineer and the Borough.

Stormwater Management Report: None.

Parks & Recreation:

Councilwoman Lasko gave the following report:

- Ed Christofano with The Mt. Pleasant Area School District has requested to use the basketball courts at Frick Park for practice. Boys basketball practice would be Tuesday and Thursday 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Girls basketball practice would be 10:00am – 11:30am. It will begin on August 18, 2020. The committee is requesting the Mt. Pleasant Area School District to submit a formal schedule of practice dates and times, post a sign stating the date range and times of practice, and provide proof of insurance for both boys and girls basketball teams.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to approve the MPIAA Girls Slow Pitch Softball League the use of Frick Park Ballfield for Fall 2020 season beginning July 24 through October 31, 2020 with a COVID-19 plan. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 9-0.

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A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to approve the installation of a new fence at Frick Park playground behind the swing set area by Manack Fencing and Contracting in the amount of \$2,290.00 as well as repairs and maintenance to the existing fencing for \$475.00 for a grand total of \$2,765.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 9-0.

Public Safety Report:

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to promote full-time Officer Timothy Ferree from patrolman to Sergeant with no increase to pay. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 9-0.

Councilman Cholock read the following Fire Report for the month of July 2020:

Total Calls – 37
10-45's – 18
Entrapments – 1
Fires – 8
AFA's – 7
Public Service Calls – 3
Drills – 3
Turnpike Calls – 3
Total Members Answering - 635
Avg. Member Per Call - 17

Veterans Park Report:

Councilwoman Barnes gave the following report:

- The Veterans Park Advisory Committee would like to be a part of helping with the upgrades to the Gazebo. They would like to help with the cost of installing a sound system.
- Councilwoman Barnes will be meeting with Councilman Cholock and Medic 10 regarding the gazebo.

Human Resources/Ordinances Report: None.

Finance / Grants Report: None.

New Business: None.

Reading of Communications:

- PSAB Fall Leadership Conference will be held October 16 – 18, 2020 at the Wyndham Gettysburg. Register by October 2, 2020. Hotel Registration deadline is September 11, 2020 or until sold out.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A Motion was made by Councilman Phillabaum to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman Smetak. Motion carried 9-0.

Public Comment:

Jim Meredith of Mount Pleasant Township, PA spoke to Council regarding safety at Veterans Park.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 9-0.

Meeting Adjourned 8:58.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeffrey A. Landy,
Borough Manager

BOROUGH OF MOUNT PLEASANT

John H. Caruso, Jr., Council President

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