

Meeting August 6, 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, Phillabaum, Rogacki, Ruzkowski, Stevenson and Yatsko. Mayor Lucia was present and Solicitor Istik was absent. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present. Councilman Yatsko left the meeting at 8:42pm.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruzkowski to approve the minutes of July 23, 2018 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

Public Comment:

- Hannah Hutter of 292 E. Main Street, Mount Pleasant, PA spoke to Council regarding placing signs and ribbons around the Borough regarding Juvenile Cancer Awareness Ribbons. President Caruso stated that the only thing that cannot be decorated is the Gazebo.

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to permit Hanna Hunter to place signs and ribbons regarding Juvenile Cancer Awareness from August 31, 2018 to September 25, 2018. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 9-0.

- Nicole Karfelt of 114 S. Depot Street, Mount Pleasant, PA requested permission from Council to cut the curb at 110 and 115 S. Depot Street for a driveway at their construction of a new commercial garage. Councilwoman Stevenson asked if any of the neighboring properties were opposed to the cutting of the curb. Councilwoman Bailey stated that there was a complaint; but was not regarding the curb in front of the parcels. It was when the excavating was being done in the alleyway; and, the complainant believed they were cutting into the alleyway. Councilwoman Bailey contacted K2 Engineering to check the area regarding the complaint since they issued the Demolition Permit.

Borough Manager Landy reported that he had received a call regarding the elimination of parking area if this driveway is permitted to be installed. Mr. Landy contacted Nicole Karfelt to inquire whether there would be an elimination of parking spaces. Mrs. Karfelt stated that she believed that it would be one (1) parking space that would be eliminated.

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to Amend the Agenda to permit the request of Nicole Karfelt to remove the curb at 110 to 115 S. Depot Street for the installation of a driveway. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 9-0.

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- Greg Prinkey of 11 Braddock Road Avenue, Mount Pleasant, PA spoke to Council regarding the sale of his home. Mr. Prinkey stated that he is now finding out that he has never received a sewage bill. He had received bills from MAWC and thought the sewage was included in that bill. Borough Manager Landy stated that a dye test was done by Andy Zelinsky at Mr. Prinkey's home; and, found that Mr. Prinkey was never placed on the Borough sewage billing. Andy Zelinsky then contacted East Huntingdon Township to see if he was being billed by their Township. East Huntingdon Township stated that they were not billing him. Mr. Prinkey's home is in East Huntingdon Township; but, is connected to the Borough's sewage. Borough Manager Landy stated that the Borough received a tap-in fee in 2006; however, billing was never established in the past 12 years. Borough Manager Landy asked Mr. Prinkey to get his water bills for the last 6 years; and, possibly the Borough be responsible for 6 years and Mr. Prinkey be responsible for 6 years. Borough Manager Landy stated that the calculations for the past 6 years totaled \$1,199.00 that Mr. Prinkey would owe if they billed him for the past 6 years. Mr. Prinkey said that he believed when he was paying his M.A.W.C. bill that he never knew that the

sewage was not included. Councilwoman Barnes asked if this billing was an oversight on M.A.W.C. Borough Manager Landy stated that in the past the Borough had their own billing company; and, it was billing 3 months behind. Mr. Landy said that after he had come they decided to have M.A.W.C. do the Borough billing with the water.

Councilman Rogacki felt that Mr. Prinkey should not be billed for the past 12 years but did feel 6 years was fair. Councilwoman Stevenson stated that she does not believe that Mr. Prinkey should be held responsible for someone else's oversight. Councilman Yatsko believed that 6 years of billing was a bit excessive and that they should bill for 3 years.

Councilman Phillabaum feels that Mr. Prinkey should not be held responsible and not have to pay. Councilman Cholock stated that he does not believe Mr. Prinkey should be held accountable for not receiving a bill for 12 years. Councilwoman Bailey stated that Mr. Prinkey should not be held responsible for not receiving a bill for the sewage.

Councilwoman Barnes stated that she does not believe the he should be held responsible either. President Caruso stated that Council agrees that Mr. Prinkey should not be held accountable for not receiving a bill for the sewage for the past 12 years; and, that he will not be charged for any past sewage; however, from this day forward he will be billed for sewage.

Speakers: None.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia reported on the Mayor's Conference that he attended in Lancaster, PA in July.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Istik reported via phone that she has sent the following correspondence:

- A letter to PennDOT regarding the Filling Station;
- A letter to McClure & Wolf regarding pending litigation;
- A letter to Facchiano Construction regarding the missing meters and monies;

Solicitor Istik stated that she is ready to submit the updated Police Policies and Procedure to the F.O.P. Union.

Solicitor Istik stated that the Uniform Pension Plan is ready to be signed. Borough Manager Landy stated that P.M.R.S. is also working on the Non-Uniform Pension Plan.

Solicitor Istik also reported that Extenet is agreeable to a set fee for the Borough; and, that she will advise them that we are looking into subscription fees and in the process of finalizing the Agreement.

Tax Collector Report:

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

Property Taxes =	\$3,249.43
Per Capita Taxes =	\$ 0.00
Total Collected =	\$3,249.43

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky reported that the Per Capita Taxes have been mailed out. Per Capita can only be paid through December 31, 2018. Tax Collector Carol Yancosky also reported that she has received 5 exonerations from the Westmoreland County Tax Assessment Office. The exonerations include: The old Cook's Lumber Building, a home on N. Silver Street due to a house fire, a home on Washington Street that was torn down, the properties that was purchased by Frick Hospital; and, the land bank property on Washington Street, a garage was removed. The old Cook's Lumber Building is completely exonerated; and, will need to be reimbursed their spring taxes that they have paid.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy gave the following report:

- Borough Manager Landy stressed to Council to review the Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Report and to begin thinking of projects that will need to be completed next year and monies that will need to be allocated for those projects.
- Borough Manager Landy attended a hearing for Workman's Compensation for a Waste Water Treatment Plant employee; and, will be moved forward to Arbitration.
- Borough Manager Landy, Mayor Lucia and Mike Barrick of Hunt Valley Environmental, LLC met at Greenwood Apartments regarding stormwater issues. Mr. Barrick will be putting a letter together for the Borough addressing some changes and stormwater issues at Greenwood Apartments.
- Borough Manager Landy reported that they will be holding a meeting with Pleasant Manor in the upcoming month along with additional meetings at Braddock Avenue Road where the stormwater issues begin.
- Borough Manager Landy spoke with Councilwoman Bailey regarding a new dump truck for the Street Department. Mr. Landy stated that prior to the winter coming up, the Borough will need to purchase a new dump truck.
- Borough Manager Landy stated that PennDOT is still on schedule with Main Street; and, would like to start planning for the "Main Street Grand Opening" to help with the businesses. Mr. Landy requested help from Council to begin a committee for this event.
- Borough Manager Landy and Council President Caruso met with John McGoran of Republic Services regarding changes that are going to be made to recycling.
- Attended a meeting called Community Cabinet Meeting at the University of Pitt at Greensburg. Mr. Landy reported that there were officials from Harrisburg, DEP, Attorney General, person in charge of the National Guard, and person in charge of the Drug and Alcohol. Mr. Landy stated that DEP and the Attorney General's Department does have monies for flooding. Borough Manager Landy stated that he will do some research for Grants regarding help with costs for handling flooding. Mr. Landy said that Mike Barrick discussed previously of the Borough setting up stormwater fees to help with the exorbitant costs for flooding.
- Borough Manager Landy and Mayor Lucia met with PennDOT on Main Street near Grille 31 regarding the height of the curb. PennDOT stated the reason for the excessive height is discourage people from stepping off of the sidewalk on to the street. Mayor Lucia stated if they are keeping the curb at that height, they should consider installing a railing. Mayor Lucia said if someone steps over the curb it is a 2-foot to 3-foot drop.

President's Report: None.

Councilwoman Barnes asked Council President Caruso for an updated Committee Assignment. Council President Caruso stated he had it completed; but, he wants to review it. He will see that Councilwoman Barnes receives an updated Committee Assignment.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

Councilman Rogacki stated that the Waste Water Treatment Department has been cleaning out storm sewers. Councilman Rogacki reported that due to the railroad crossing repairs at the East End of town, they will be not doing the storm sewers there. Councilwoman Bailey stated that the Street Department will be handling the clean out; however, they would like the Waste Water Treatment to help with flagging. Councilwoman Bailey stated that due to the high-volume daytime traffic that they should do this during the night when traffic is much lighter.

A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to hire Robert Hudec for the installation of eighty feet (80') of 6" pipe, set manhole and hook up lines for additional taps in the alleyway at the Slovak Club at a cost of \$4,500.00 for labor, machine and truck. Cost does not include material, pipe, stone and blacktop. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 9-0.

Councilman Rogacki stated that the necessary parts have come in for the repair of the tanks at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. They will begin the repairs in the next few weeks.

Councilman Rogacki stated that they are continuing to go around to homes within the Borough checking downspouts and sump pumps.

Streets Report:

Mayor Lucia asked Councilwoman Bailey if anything was going to be done with Eagle Street this year. Borough Manager Landy stated “Yes”; and, that we have to do something this year. Councilwoman Bailey stated that the Street Department has been made aware that piping and catch basins have to be addressed on Eagle Street and on Sycamore Street.

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Cholock reported that the “National Night Out” event that was held Tuesday, July 31, 2018 turned out well considering the storm that passed through. Councilman Cholock thanked the Police, Medic 10, Fire Department, Grille 31, Westmoreland County Drug and Alcohol and everyone else that helped with making National Night Out a success.

Mayor Lucia stated that he has a request from the Fire Department for the concrete apron in front of the Fire Station to be replaced.

Zoning & Ordinance Report: None.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson stated that she would like to look into some of the DEP and Attorney General Grants offered that helps with the costs for handling flooding that Borough Manager Landy spoke of in his report.

Parks & Recreation:

Councilwoman Bailey reported that she has spoken with Peter Mullin who will be installing the playground equipment at Frick Park. He will be starting the project on Friday, August 10, 2018. The project should be completed in approximately two (2) weeks.

Councilwoman Bailey stated that they had a complaint about Jack Bob’s Park that weeds are coming up through the mulched areas.

Councilwoman Barnes reported to Councilwoman Bailey that while she was at a function at Willow’s Park someone had asked when the teeter totter would be installed. Councilwoman Bailey stated that they have picked out an area where to place it and the Street Department will be installing it.

Councilman Rogacki asked Councilwoman Bailey if there was any update on the water leak at the soccer fields. Mayor Lucia reported that the leak has not yet been found. Mayor Lucia stated that after several discussions with MAWC, it has been determined that the water lines were installed by the Borough Street Department in 1985. The water lines run from the restrooms to the soccer field concession stand. MAWC tried finding where the broken line is and could not locate it. The Street Department is going to put a shut off valve after the restrooms at Willows Park to try and isolate the area that is leaking.

Councilwoman Barnes asked what the status of the Basketball Court Grant is. Borough Manager Landy stated that we have received the grant; and, that they are looking at getting an engineer to design it. Borough Manager Landy stated the grant runs out in 3 years; and, hopefully they can complete the plans this year, begin the project in the upcoming spring so that the court is ready for summer 2019.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilwoman Barnes stated that they have received a bid for the new slab; and, are waiting for another one.

Councilwoman Barnes also reported that the applications for names on the new section of Veteran’s Wall are now available; and they can be picked up at the Mount Pleasant VFW or the

Mount Pleasant American Legion. The cost is \$100.00; and, the applications are due back by August 31, 2018.

Councilwoman Barnes met with a gentleman who traveled here from California to see his son's name on the digital wall and the digital wall was not working. Councilwoman Barnes spoke with Industry Weapons regarding the digital wall not working; and, that from this point on Industry Weapon will be continually monitoring the digital wall and troubleshooting when need be.

Councilwoman Barnes reported that the granite on the wall comes from India and/or China; and, that the United States does not have that granite. Pennsylvania has granite but it has a white vein that runs through the granite. The purest granite comes from Africa. Councilwoman Barnes stated that one of the bidders declined to bid because he does not want to be responsible for anything happening.

Councilwoman Barnes reported that one of the tablets has a crack at the top of it; and, it should be monitored. Council President Caruso asked if they should be sealed every so often; and Councilwoman Bailey stated that they cannot be sealed.

Finance & Human Resources Report:

Councilwoman Ruszkowski stated that everyone should be reviewing their budget and thinking about the projects that need to be done next year because the budget for next year will soon begin to be prepared.

Property Report:

Councilman Rogacki stated that he would like to table the Motion regarding the french drain on the Agenda under property until further investigation on the french drain that was previously installed can be completed.

Councilman Rogacki reported that he is waiting on another bid regarding moving the generator from the Municipal Building to outside. Councilwoman Bailey asked Councilman Rogacki if there was an issue that warranted moving the generator outside. Councilman Rogacki stated that it was brought to his attention by the Safety Committee who researched it and informed him that the generator has to be outside. Councilwoman Bailey suggested K2 Engineering come in and inspect the generator and give an opinion as to whether it needs replaced and/or moved.

Storm Water Management Report:

Councilman Yatsko reported that he had an update from Mike Barrick of Hunt Valley Environmental, LLC; and, that they have investigated the St. Clair Street stormwater issues and have found that the storm system is adequate; but, there is an issue with the culverted stream and a 36" culvert. Mr. Barrick said that they will need a survey; but, it is still within the budget of the original workorder.

New Business: None.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Received an email from PennDOT dated 8/1/18 regarding the road closure on Route 31 at the railroad crossing on West Main Street. The closing will be August 11 – 15, 2018.
- Save the Date – Westmoreland Conservation District 2018 Awards Reception on September 12, 2018 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the J. Roy Houston Conservation Center, 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg, PA
- Pennsylvania811 Conference in Moon Township on September 20, 2018 from 7:00am – 2:00pm.
- Received an email from the National Guard requesting to hang a banner for the month of September near the Dough Boy intersection. The banner is for events that they will be holding in September. They requested to hang the banner across the street. Borough

Manager Landy advised them that they cannot hang a banner across an open street; and that they could possibly hang a banner on the fence along Veterans Park.

- Frick Park will be used as the landing zone for Frick Hospital and Life Flight effective immediately for the next 3 months due to construction at Frick Hospital. The backup plan when there is an event at Frick Park is Ramsay Field.
- 3 Rivers Wet Weather is having their 20th Anniversary 3 Rivers Wet Weather Sewer Conference on October 17 – 18, 2018 from 8:00am – 4:00pm at the Monroeville Convention Center, 209 Monroeville Boulevard, Monroeville, PA 15146. Councilman Rogacki recommended Jeff McGuinness and Andy Zelinsky go to the conference.
- Mount Pleasant Area Library will be hosting various events such as Baby animals return to the library, Small Business Basics Workshop’ offered by experts; and, Computer and smart phone classes.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment: None.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

Meeting Adjourned 8:55pm

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