

Meeting August 20, 2018

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Caruso 7:04pm 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 Phillabaum, Rogacki, Ruzzkowski, Stevenson and Yatsko. Mayor Lucia was present. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present. Solicitor Istik arrived at 7:07pm.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruzzkowski to approve the minutes of August 6, 2018 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comment:

- Jim Meredith with the Church of God spoke to Council thanking the Mayor, the Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department and Borough Manager Landy for participating in the Back to School Carnival.

Speakers:

- John McGoran of Republic Services spoke to Council regarding the Mount Pleasant Area School District not following the Borough Ordinance for their schools that are within the Borough. Mount Pleasant Area School District wants Republic Services to remove the dumpsters that are at the schools located within the Borough. The School District wants to remove the dumpster at the school that is within the Borough and replace it with the company that they are contracted with. Mr. Goran stated that the Borough Ordinance states that any institution shall utilize and subscribe to the collector that the Borough is contracted with; and, that there should not be any exceptions for one customer which can then lead to causing others to want to have special exception then too.

Borough Manager questioned how Council would like to respond to the School District's request. Council suggested that the Borough Solicitor send a letter to the Mount Pleasant Area School District advising them that they will have to follow the Borough Ordinance and continue to use Republic Services for the dumpster at any school that is within the Borough.

Mr. Goran thanked Borough Council and the Borough Manager for their support with Republic Services and their support during his illness.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Lucia asked Council where they stand with bids for the replacement of the apron at the Fire Station on Church Street. Councilman Rogacki stated that they are in the process of getting bids for the replacement of the apron.

Mayor Lucia stated that he is getting calls regarding high grass and also calls regarding garbage that is not being picked up. Councilman Rogacki stated that the properties with the high grass are going through the process with the Code Enforcement Officers. Councilman Rogacki reiterated that they can no longer go on the properties with high grass and cut it due to the advice of the Solicitor and the new laws that are out.

Mayor Lucia asked Police Chief Sam to have the patrolmen when they are patrolling, if they see garbage piled up from week to week at a resident's home to warn them to have it removed; and, if it is not that they will be cited.

Mayor Lucia also stated that they are having an issue with residents cutting grass and blowing it into the streets. This goes into the storm drains and causes an issue with drains backing up. Mayor Lucia asked Police Chief Sam to have the patrolmen carry a copy of the grass cutting Ordinance with them; and, if they see anyone blowing grass into the street to stop and give them a copy of the Ordinance.

Borough Manager Landy asked Police Chief Sam if a resident does not pay to have their garbage picked up and it becomes a nuisance, is there an offense that they can be charged with. Police Chief Sam stated that they can be cited. Mayor Lucia asked Chief Sam to have the Police Department handle a garbage issue on Washington Street.

Mayor Lucia read the Mount Pleasant Police Dept. Report for the month of July 2018:

The Department answered the following calls:

Incidents	127
Criminal Arrests	19
DUI Arrests	3
Parking Tickets Issued Boro	0
Traffic & Non-Traffic Citations	35
Assist Other Departments	12
Accidents Investigated	4

Income

Parking Meters	\$0.00
Parking Tickets	\$0.00
Parking Permits	\$0.00
Fence Permits	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Fees	\$50.00
Clerk of Courts	\$127.85
Restitution to Police Department	\$39.10
Fees for Police Reports	\$75.00
District Court	\$578.11
Task Force Refund	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$870.06

Mayor Lucia stated to Council that due to no parking meter collections for the last few months, the monies have dropped significantly and has dropped the budget at that coming into the end of the year it will have to be looked at to see where they can adjust monies into the Police budget to cover expenses.

Solicitor Istik stated that she has contacted Facchiano Construction regarding the missing meters; and, is waiting to hear back from their insurance company. Ms. Istik asked Council if they still wanted the decorative sleeves as replacement for the monies that were missing from the meters. Councilman Rogacki asked if there is a clause in the Agreement with PennDOT for loss of revenue since they were stolen. Borough Manager Landy stated that according to PennDOT that this was not addressed in the Agreement; and, this is why PennDOT took the position that they have nothing to do with it. PennDOT believes that this falls on to the construction company.

Borough Manager Landy stated that he does not believe that the decorative sleeves would cost the amount of monies that was stolen; and, it may be a loss for the Borough to accept the decorative sleeves in-lieu-of the monies. Police Chief Sam stated that the meter collection on Main Street averages approximately \$2,500.00 to \$3,000.00 per month.

Police Chief Sam gave the following report:

- The Police Department has completed the first phase of firearms training and qualification. Additional training is scheduled for September, including use of force training. All Officers are required to attend.
- Officer Mike Stefko has resigned from the Department to pursue other career options; and, Officer Richter has been hired by the Uniontown Police Department and will be resigning from our Department.
- The Police Department is requesting that anyone who wishes to speak to the Police for any reason to dial 911 instead of calling the Police Station.

- The Police Department is investigating several fraud / scam cases related to requests for “donations” or “IRS” and other fraudulent requests and demands for money to be wired or transferred to individuals or fictitious entities.
- A meeting will be held between school official, Police, Mayor and public safety representatives regarding the school crossing area and duties of crossing guards along with concerns regarding cars parking and standing in the crossing area near the school during pickup and drop off of students.
- House Numbers – In an Emergency Every Minute Counts. There is a Borough Ordinance that requires homes and businesses to have address numerals clearly displayed on their homes or buildings. Failure to do so hinders the response of ambulance, fire and law enforcement personnel who may need to find an address quickly during an emergency. A delayed response could result in additional property damage, serious injury or loss of life. The preferred method of displaying house numbers is to use contrasting colors and patterns at the front porch area combined with reflective number signs near the street.

Solicitor’s Report:

Solicitor Istik reported that she has the completed the Police Pension Plan for Police Chief Sam and Officer Grippo to sign.

Treasurer’s Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer’s Report for the month of July 2018:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Jul-18			Balance
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	2018
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	69,837.00	174,000.98	193,837.98	50,000.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	914,855.31	72,772.30	110,324.23	877,303.38
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	661,105.56	112.31	0.00	661,217.87
**Police		37,619.03			
**Streets		140,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		220,010.09			
**Infrastructure		121,588.62			
**BOMP Gas Wells		19,863.65			
** Frick Park Gas					
Well		31,176.19			
**Levins		970.06			
**Fire		55,000.00			
**K-9		13,503.76			
**Marcellus Impact					
Fee Act 13		21,486.47			
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 1026616	21,068.32	0.00	572.08	20,496.24
	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	4,203.70	0.00	0.00	4,203.70
Escrow Account					
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	169,726.00	248.77	0.00	169,974.77
Monument CD	Standard Bank 327085	6,842.85	0.00	0.00	6,842.85
	Standard Bank				
Holiday Lighting Fund	050004849	1,806.80	0.08	0.00	1,806.88
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	675.32	94,343.08	94,343.08	675.32
	Somerset Trust Co				
Veterans Park Fund	2003058309	7,116.84	0.00	0.00	7,116.84
	Standard Bank				
Town Clock Fund	0010038847	614.98	0.03	0.00	615.01
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3888-4556	1,247.21	0.00	0.00	1,247.21
	Standard Bank				
Police Grants	0010151752	49.06	0.00	0.00	49.06
	PNC Bank 10-7766-				
Turn Back Account	4491	399,272.56	280.03	0.00	399,552.59
Standard Bank CD	Standard Bank	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	200,000.00
Standard Bank CD	Standard Bank 410571	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00

Total General Fund Balance						2,451,101.72
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	42,385.55	55,634.33	39,013.23	59,006.65	
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	139,905.22	1,023.93	0.00	140,929.15	
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516- 8804	5,894.06	0.25	0.00	5,894.31	
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	6,540.67	0.00	0.00	6,540.67	
Medic 10 CD	Standard Bank 371917	18,223.78	0.00	0.00	18,223.78	
Medic 10 CD	Standard Bank	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance						235,594.56
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	533,207.89	127,312.15	73,676.89	586,843.15	
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	181,105.69	30.76	0.00	181,136.45	
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	119,123.58	20.24	0.00	119,143.82	
**Contingency		111,674.00				
**Infrastructure		7,469.82				
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	115,919.15	34,210.66	13,830.50	136,299.31	
Total WWT Balance						1,023,422.73
Total Borough funds						3,710,119.01

Councilwoman Susan Ruskowski / Secretary
Sharon Lesko

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 6-0.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy gave the following report:

- PennDOT said they are still on schedule with the Main Street Project.
- Borough Manager Landy is in the process of receiving bids for a new dump truck; and, possibly a used one also.
- Met with the County and the company that will be demolishing the R&R. They are scheduled to begin removing items that can be salvaged from the R&R. Demolition is scheduled for October 1, 2018; and, will take approximately one (1) week to tear down. The County is still looking for someone to develop the property. The second building, Arevalo Building, that sits next to Home Run Graphics and McCloy Dental will be torn down after the R&R. The same contractor that will be doing both demolitions. He believes that he will have both buildings down this year. Both properties will be eligible for purchase from the County for redevelopment.
- Borough Manager Landy stated that we do own the Gorman Property, formerly the Bando Property, across from Gorky's; and, believes that we should advertise for bids for the sale of the property.
- Borough Manager Landy and Mayor Lucia met with County Engineers and the Engineers for Pleasant Manor regarding flooding and stormwater issues. As an answer to some of the flooding issues, they will be installing another catch basin which will be larger and be able to handle the water coming from Pleasant Manor. They also met with Greenwood Apartments and will have to have an additional meeting to try to get them to build a new detention pond where the water is actually going to. These two (2) resolutions should make an impact on the flooding issues downstream. Borough Manager Landy stated that they would like to follow up with Mount Pleasant Cemetery and a creek near Braddock Road Avenue and this should make an impact on flooding.
- Frick Park playground is moving along. The bollards are now working, a breaker that was not labeled had been turned off.

- Met with the Business District Authority regarding the “Main Street Grand Opening”.
- Attended the Medic 10 Meeting; and, there were some good business decisions made. Borough Manager Landy stated that this has been the best year financially for Medic 10.
- There were no bids received for the street paving projects in the Borough. Borough Manager Landy stated that he believes this is the first time that he knows that we have never received any bids for paving. It is hard to bid in the busiest time of the year. The bids must be put out much earlier in the year, approximately January through March.
- Borough Manager Landy and Councilwoman Bailey are having the hole dug on Eagle Street to determine where the water problem is coming from. Borough Manager Landy suggested that Eagle Street and the area in front of the library be fixed.
- Council has received the Gas Well Report.
- Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County (MAWC) will be placing a message on the sewage bills regarding the Five (\$5.00) Dollar late fee at no cost to the Borough.
- Received a letter from K2 Engineering, per Councilman Rogacki’s request, stating that the generator does not be removed; and, that carbon monoxide detectors should be installed.
- Received a letter from Westmoreland County Development of Planning & Development Community Development Division regarding the 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Applications due September 30, 2018. Borough Manager Landy reported that the last grant was used for the Basketball Courts. This grant can be used for streets, stormwater pipe installation and parks.
- Borough Manager Landy reported that he has been receiving bids for the replacement of the apron in front of the Fire Station on Church Street.
- Received a letter from Carol Yancosky, Tax Collector, stating that Shop Demo Depot (formerly Cook’s Lumber) has been exonerated of all taxes beginning January 1, 2018; and, a refund should be issued to them in the amount of \$1,857.86 for taxes previously paid on April 19, 2018.

President’s Report: None.

Property:

Councilman Rogacki reported that a letter was received from K2 Engineering stating that the generator does not need to be moved outside; however, carbon monoxide detectors should be installed in the building on each floor.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

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

- Worked with Street Department with cleaning inlets.

Mr. Rogacki stated that we need to continue getting the catch basins cleaned out before winter arrives.

Home Inspections – 6
 PA One Calls – 38
 Emergency One Calls – 8

Streets Report:

Borough Manager Landy reported earlier on streets in the Borough Manager’s Report.

Parks and Recreation:

Borough Manager Landy reported earlier on parks and recreation in the Borough Manager’s Report.

Public Safety Report: None.

Veterans Park:

Councilman Rogacki reported that he believes that deadline date of August 31, 2018 for the applications for the Veterans Wall will need to be extended.

Police Chief Sam stated that they will need to install a post for the electrical conduit for the Christmas Tree; and, Jim Meredith reported that he believes that they should wait to apply the coating to the fountain after Veterans Day once the fountain is shut down for the season.

Stormwater Management:

Councilman Yatsko reported that he received a letter from Robert and Nicole Karfelt requesting permission to tap into the stormwater basin or grate for their new garage on 110 -115 S. Depot Street. Borough Manager Landy questioned whether the storm drain can handle the water that he will be putting into it. Mayor Lucia stated that on the side of Mr. Karfelt’s trucks near the creek there is a broken pipe and that if they repair the pipe, that could handle all the water that he puts into it. Council President Caruso asked if Mr. Karfelt has a plan since there will be an apron along with his downspouts as to how he will be handling the water runoff and what will be distributed into the basin.

Councilman Yatsko also reported that he spoke with Mike Barrick of Hunt Valley Environmental, LLC and they will be completing a topographical survey of the Zavatsky property and St. Clair Street.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report: None.

Zoning & Ordinance Report:

Councilwoman Stevenson discussed a new law that is being considered limiting the authority of municipalities as to what fees and the regulations can be imposed on wireless cell towers.

Finance & Human Resources Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to refund Westmoreland Community Action \$1,857.86 for 2018 taxes paid for Tax Map No. 21-02-03-0-276 on April 19, 2018 pursuant to an Order of Court dated June 6, 2018. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business: None.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- PSAB will be holding its Fall Leadership Conference October 12 – 14, 2018 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort.
- Council on Substance Abuse and Youth (CSAY) will be holding an open house on September 7, 2018 from 1:00PM – 5:00PM at Westmoreland County Community College, Youngwood, PA 15697.
- Mount Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival Parade 2018 invited the Borough Council to participate in the parade on Saturday, September 29, 2018, line up at 1:00PM at Eagle and Main Streets. Parade begins at 2:00PM.

- Westmoreland Conservation District will be holding its 2018 Awards Reception on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the J. Roy Houston Conservation Center, 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg, PA.
- The Greensburg Managers & Supervisors Conference will be held November 6, 2018 at the Ramada Hotel & Conference Center 100 Ramada Inn Drive, Greensburg, PA
- Mount Pleasant VFD will be holding its annual Golf Outing on August 26, 2018. The Borough does a hole sponsor of \$100.00 since no one plays in the outing.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to pay all approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comment: None.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to amend the Agenda to hold an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 6-0.

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Executive Session 8:17pm to 8:48pm

A Motion was made to Reconvene by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 6-0.

President Caruso announced that the Executive Session was held at 8:17pm to 8:48pm to discuss personnel issues.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting Adjourned 8:49 p.m.

Motions from Meeting of August 20, 2018

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