

October 7, 2019

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Caruso 7:03pm 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 Barnes, Bailey, Phillabaum, Lasko, and Ruszkowski. Solicitor Istik was present. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present. Mayor Lucia arrived at 7:48pm.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of September 23, 2019 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comment: None.

Speakers: None.

Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Lucia gave the following report:

- Mayor Lucia thanked everyone that helped with the Glass Festival; and, stated that it was a huge success.
- Mayor Lucia attended the ceremony at the Veterans wall; and, it was a great job by all.
- Trick or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2019 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. There are NO special bags.
- Halloween Parade will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 7:00pm.

Solicitor’s Report:

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

Tax Collector’s Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following report for the month of September 2019:

Property Taxes	\$2,561.60
Supplemental Taxes	\$ 0.00
Per Capita Taxes	<u>\$1,803.20</u>
Total Collected	\$4,364.80

Borough Manager’s Report:

Borough Manager gave the following report:

- Borough Manager Landy thanked neighbors, the residents, the town and Council for the support that the Borough gave to the Glass Festival along with the neighbors and the town. It was a great year for it. The weather was beautiful and attendance was high. It brings an unbelievable amount of new people to the town.
- The basketball court has been paved and painting will begin. It will be painted the same colors as previously. The water issues seem to have been resolved.
- Met with Diane Bailey regarding the paving project. Bids were opened. Spoke with
- Met with Diana Lasko regarding the parks and moving items around. Spoke with a resident that lives near Satcho Park and had some great ideas for the park. She is also willing to sit on the recreation advisory board.
- Worked with Diane Bailey on the CDBG Application and it has been submitted.

- CWM Environmental's contract is coming due. Will be interviewing 2 additional companies; and, then deciding who will run the plant for the upcoming year.
- Deposited Meter Money with Police Chief Grippo.
- Borough Manager Landy suggested that the Borough obtain an EZPass that can be used on any Borough vehicle when due to the escalating costs when using the turnpike. Solicitor Istik stated that you can open an account with the Turnpike and register all the license plates within the Borough.
- Resident requested a sign about parking at the old volleyball court at Frick Park for special events due to triaxles parking there.
- Borough Manager Landy asked Council to think about any projects they would like for next year.
- Saoussan (Susan) Zaitoon requested a credit on her account (Sewage Account No. W003-144-90). She received a \$250.00 credit from MAWC due to a water issue. This averaged approximately 1/3 of her bill. Her sewage bill would be credited approximately \$107.79 for sewage (1/3 of her bill).
- Received Violation Notice for the elevator regarding inadequate lighting.

President's Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to hold an Executive Session regarding legal. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 6-0.

Council President Caruso announced that an Executive Session was held from 7:20pm – 7:52pm to discuss personnel issues.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to participate in the G-Conference. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 6-0.

Property Report: None.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

Councilman Phillabaum gave the following report:

- Received a letter from Mr. Cole on South Church Street requesting that the Borough send a letter stating that he now in compliance with his sewage lines.
- Councilman Phillabaum stated that things are going well at the plant with the employees.
- CWM Environmental contract is up at the end of the year. Will be meeting with other 2 companies in addition to CWM Environmental for bids regarding operating the plant.
- Borough Manager Landy, Roger Vincent and Joe Lovis attended a seminar.

Streets Report:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to amend the Agenda to award the paving project bid. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to award the paving project bid to the lowest bidder, A. Liberoni, Inc., in the amount of \$801,602.05, project includes the following South

Church Street, Eagle Street, South Geary Street, College Avenue, Mullin Avenue, Jordan Street, Park Avenue and Parkview Terrace paving project with the addition of new stormwater lines on Eagle Street and South Church Street and sewage line on South Church Street. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Lucia asked if the paving included the curbing on South Geary Street. Councilwoman Bailey stated that the Borough will pull the rolled curb; and, the wedge curbing will be installed and is included in the bid.

Councilwoman Bailey stated that in order to finance the project, she suggested the following:

Low Bidder: A. Liberoni, Inc. \$801,602.05

State Turn-Back Money	\$376,700.45
Liquid Fuels Money (2018 – 2019)	\$288,176.87
Liquid Fuels Money Expected (2020) minus salt (2020)	\$ 85,000.00
Waste Water Treatment Money (for sewer lines in project)	\$ 20,000.00
Budgetary Reserve – Infrastructure	<u>\$ 31,724.73</u>
Balance	\$ 0.00

Council President Caruso asked where the monies would come from for the sewage lines. Councilwoman Bailey stated it would come from the Waste Water Treatment Operational Account. Council President Caruso also asked how did she get the figure for the 2020 Liquid Fuels. Councilwoman Bailey stated that it is an average and she took the figure that we received last year minus the salt; and, that it could be a little more or a little less.

Borough Manager Landy stated that the project bids come in over \$300,000.00 than what was expected. Mr. Landy said that this is why it is important to have a budgetary reserve for these types of unexpected expenses.

Councilwoman Bailey stated that all bids were sent to the engineering company; and, they have reviewed all aspects of the bid and approved that the lowest bidder, A. Liberoni, Inc., met all of the requirements of the bid.

Borough Manager Landy said that there is always a possibility of overruns. Councilwoman Bailey stated that there is still money in the budgetary reserve and in the Marcellus Act 13 fund. Borough Manager Landy stated that when money is left at the end of the year that it gets transferred to budgetary reserve and will help to replenish the reserve.

Borough Manager Landy reported that Rick Skovensky from PennDOT will review the plans regarding the turnback projects; and, if more monies is needed for the streets that are in the turnback, he can request additional monies.

Councilwoman Barnes asked when the project will begin. Councilwoman Bailey stated she will not know until they hold a pre-construction meeting. It could start in the next few weeks or it may not be until spring. They will set a start date and the bid package does have an end date of June 30, 2019. If they miss the deadline, penalties and/or fines are imposed.

Storm Water Management Report: None.

Parks & Recreation:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to authorize payment to Hunt Valley Environmental, LLC for engineer services in the amount of \$5,445.00 from the Frick Park Gas Well Funds for the Frick Park Basketball Court Project. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 6-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to amend the Agenda to authorize Silvis Group to spray at Penn Park at a cost of \$29.62 and Veterans Park at a cost of \$236.04. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 6-0.

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Councilwoman Lasko reported that she and Borough Manager Landy had done an inventory at Satcho Park, Medic 10 Park, Willow Park and Jack Bobbs Park. There is some equipment that they will be retiring that are not up to standards; and, there is some equipment that they will be moving from Medic 10 Park to Satcho Park.

Public Safety Report:

Councilwoman Ruszkowski read the following Fire Report for the month of September 2019:

Total Calls -
10-45's - 18
Entrapment Calls - 3
Fires - 9
Public Service Calls - 9
AFA's - 16
Stand-by's - 1
Drills - 1
Turnpike Calls - 3
Total Members Answering - 793
Avg. Member Per Call - 14
Total Staff Hours - 523

A Motion was made by Councilwoman to hire William Tripoli of Rostraver, PA as a Part-time Police Officer at the Part-time Officer Rate pending physical, drug test and background check. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 6-0.

Veterans Park Report:

Councilwoman Barnes thanked Council and the Veterans Park Advisory Committee for the support with the new tablet along with the Commanders of the American Legion and VFW. She thanked the public for all of their support.

Councilwoman Barnes reported the following:

- They are aware that the light on the new tablet is brighter than the other lighting.
- They have ordered the fence that is to go next to the wall where the alley was. It is being picked up today.
- The light posts at Veterans Park needs painted. They will most likely wait and do them in the spring.
- The committee discussed putting the different military branches and pictures on the back side of the wall, where the parking lot is located, in a frame.

Borough Manager Landy asked Councilwoman Barnes if the covers on the pillars are a solution; or, are they temporary. Councilwoman Barnes stated that Shoemaker Monuments stated that they are not a high-quality granite and would eventually fall and crumble and will need replaced. He suggested to continue to cover them. No sealer will help. They are hollow and cracking from the inside and it is best to keep as much water off of them as possible.

Councilwoman Barnes stated that all of the names that have been placed on the new tablet have to be added to the digital wall. She will be contacting Industry Weapon to give them the information.

Human Resources / Ordinances Report: **None.**

Finance & Grants Report:

Councilwoman Bailey reported that she worked on the CDBG Grant with Borough Manager Landy for the apron at the fire station and it has been submitted to the County. Councilwoman Bailey stated that she believes they award in the Spring. Borough Manager Landy said that they

do not always award what is requested. It can be a lower amount. Councilwoman Bailey also said that you can submit to CDBG throughout the year and she and Borough Manager Landy will work on submitting an application for the hill at Frick Park.

Councilwoman Bailey stated that she and Borough Manager Landy will be working on the budget for 2020 this week.

New Business: None.

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Westmoreland County Boroughs Association will be holding its dinner and meeting on October 24, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Westmoreland Conservation Donohoe Center Education Building.
- There is a training on flaggers in December. Cost is \$100 per person.
- PSAB will hold a seminar on De-escalation and Use of Force.
- Received new ideas for holiday lighting
- PSAB will hold a conference on the role of the Municipal Secretary and Administrator.
- LTAP will be holding a webinar on Bidding Requirements for Municipalities on October 17, 2019 or October 18, 2019.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comment: None.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:37 pm.

Motions from Meeting of October 16, 2019

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