

Meeting October 22, 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 Bailey, Barnes, Cholock, Phillabaum, Rogacki and Ruszkowski. Mayor Lucia was absent. Solicitor Istik was present. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of October 2, 2018 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment: None.

Speakers:

- John McGoran with Republic Services spoke to Council regarding services of trash collection. Borough Manager Landy reported that the dumpster from another company at the School District has been removed. Mr. McGoran spoke about the curbside eWaste service for residents. He stated that there is a charge for the service.

Mayors Report:

Council President Caruso read the Mount Pleasant Police Dept. Report for the month of September 2018:

The Department answered the following calls:

Incidents	144
Criminal Arrests	18
DUI Arrests	4
Parking Tickets Issued Boro	2
Traffic & Non-Traffic Citations	26
Assist Other Departments (Police, Fire, EMS)	17
Accidents Investigated	5

Income

Parking Meters	\$0.00
Parking Tickets	\$0.00
Parking Permits	\$0.00
Fence Permits	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Fees	\$0.00
Clerk of Courts	\$420.95
Restitution to Police Department	\$122.94
Fees for Police Reports	\$120.00
District Court	\$839.70
Task Force Refund	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$1,503.59

- A grant was awarded to the Police Department for training and training equipment in the amount of \$4,525.00.
- The Police Department held training events in September for case law and juvenile offender procedures. All Officers have attended the mandatory annual training and firearms certification to maintain certification.
- Residents of Eagle Street have requested that parking space lines be painted to mark the spaces. Several residents have medical conditions and are having a

difficult time finding a space because some cars are using more than one space than is needed to park. The same concerns have been mentioned about College Avenue. There have been numerous incidents where residents are placing chairs and garbage cans on the street in an attempt to reserve the parking spaces. Anyone doing this is in violation, as they are not permitted to obstruct the roadway or parking spaces.

- Officer Dechicis is no longer employed as a part-time Officer with the Police Department. Two (2) additional part-time Officers have been added to the Department roster. Zachary Burger of Monongahela and Howard Rider of Perryopolis. Pay rate will be determined per scale of hours worked.
- Parking meters will be calibrated in Spring 2019. Chief Sam will attend training to become certified to calibrate the meters.
- The Police Department is concerned about the chaotic nature of the student drop-off/pickup area on Eagle Street at the school; and, fear that this a tragedy waiting to happen. The Department believes that there is a need for a specific drop-off/pickup policy, as well as school supervision of the process. The plan should also address how school buses unload and load students. Several cars park in the areas in front of the school and block visibility of other cars as well as that of the children in the crosswalk. Most of the area in front of the school on Eagle Street has been marked as “No Parking Zone” by the yellow curbs. However, additional “No Parking” signs should be installed.

Solicitor’s Report: None.

Treasurer’s Report:

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

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Sep-18			
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	Balance 2018
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	51,397.00	216,290.50	217,687.50	50,000.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	879,810.05	114,180.40	79,149.57	914,840.88
General Fund					
Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	661,630.22	106.88	12,800.00	648,937.10
**Police		37,619.03			
**Streets		140,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		220,229.32			
**Infrastructure		121,588.62			
**BOMP Gas Wells		19,863.65			
** Frick Park Gas					
Well		18,376.19			
**Levins		970.06			
**Fire		55,000.00			
**K-9		13,803.76			
**Marcellus Impact					
Fee Act 13		21,486.47			
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 1026616	21,896.34	0.00	572.08	21,324.26
	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867				
Escrow Account		4,203.70	0.00	0.00	4,203.70
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	170,226.72	247.01	7,446.79	163,026.94
Monument CD	Standard Bank 327085	6,842.85	0.00	0.00	6,842.85
	Standard Bank				
Holiday Lighting Fund	050004849	1,806.96	0.07	0.00	1,807.03
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	617.42	51,472.04	51,471.74	617.72
	Somerset Trust Co				
Veterans Park Fund	2003058309	7,816.84	3,400.00	0.00	11,216.84
	Standard Bank				
Town Clock Fund	0010038847	615.03	0.03	0.00	615.06
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3888-4556	1,247.21	0.00	0.00	1,247.21

Police Grants	Standard Bank 0010151752	49.06	0.00	49.06	0.00
Turn Back Account	PNC Bank 10-7766- 4491	399,824.07	245.37	0.00	400,069.44
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					2,474,749.03
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	63,181.16	22,235.72	39,432.18	45,984.70
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	141,953.27	1,023.50	0.00	142,976.77
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516- 8804	5,894.56	0.23	0.00	5,894.79
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	6,540.67	0.82	0.00	6,541.49
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					224,621.53
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	555,082.20	43,636.07	59,596.36	539,121.91
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	181,167.22	29.79	0.00	181,197.01
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	119,164.06	19.59	0.00	119,183.65
**Contingency		111,713.83			
**Infrastructure		7,469.82			
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	130,389.70	9,645.34	6,915.25	133,119.79
Total WWT Balance					972,622.36
Total Borough funds					3,671,992.92

Councilwoman Susan Ruskowski / Secretary
Sharon Lesko

Councilwoman Barnes asked if the Bio-Tower is the savings account. Borough Manager Landy stated that the Bio-Tower has its own account. The monies are received from the Capital Assessment Charge. Mr. Landy reported that the Bio-Tower 1 will be paid off this year; and, then Council must decide if they want to continue the capital assessment charge for the repairs of Bio-Tower 2 or any unexpected repairs.

A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7-0.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy gave the following report:

- Borough Manager Landy reported that he will be meeting with the owner of Greenwood Apartments regarding the stormwater issue based on the letter she received from Solicitor Istik. The meeting will be held at Greenwood Apartments on October 24, 2018 at 1:00 P.M.
- Researched the Fair Market Value of the traffic lights. The 4-way is \$150.00 and the single pole is \$100.00. Council agreed this is a fair price.
- The dumpster is removed from Ramsay School.
- We have received approximately 60 resumes for the Waste Water Treatment Laborer position.
- Borough Manager Landy and Councilwoman Bailey met with Peter Mullin at Frick Park to review the work done.
- Borough Manager Landy and Councilwoman Bailey met with the Engineers from Hunt Valley Environmental regarding the basketball courts and Eagle Street.

Borough Manager Landy stated that Hunt Valley Environmental wanted \$23,000.00 to look at the basketball courts and submit their reports and drawings.

- Met with Paschek and Associates, the company hired by the County for the Levin complex, regarding the best use for the property along with the design for the utilities, roadways and greenspace.
- Borough Manager Landy reported that there is a press release for the Bridgeport Street Property. Progress is being made at the R&R cleanup. There is forms for anyone wanting to purchase the property.
- Borough Manager Landy and the Police met with the property owner on Howard Street and on College Avenue regarding property maintenance.
- Coal and Coke Trail has requested the contribution that has been set aside by the Borough be sent to them; and, requested that the Borough budget for a contribution for 2019.
- Received a Tax Assessment Appeal for property located at 515 W. Main Street, Tax Map No. 21-01-15-0-253, Owner: Anbari Sami.
- Borough Manager Landy stated that there is House Bill 914 that permits a Borough, organization, authority or committee to assess property owners for stormwater management. Borough Manager reported that the Borough has spent approximately \$60,000 so far this year in engineering fees for stormwater issues. Mr. Landy stated that the Borough needs think about how to budget for this expense, either by raising taxes or assess residents for stormwater management, as stormwater is not going away. Mr. Landy said that there are many ways to determine the assessment, such as example by size of property, location.
- Met with Andy Zelinsky. He needs time off for upcoming classes. He will train Jeff Landy and Rocky Anderson to do sampling so they can cover for him on the days that he will be out for classes. Councilman Rogacki thanked the Street Department for all of their help at the Waste Water Treatment Plant that they have given during their shortage of employees.
- Worked on the budget for 2019 with Councilwoman Ruskowski and Sharon Lesko. Borough Manager Landy has given a copy of the preliminary budgets to all Council to review and begin working on. Borough Manager stated that by the November 19, 2018, the budgets must be final and approved for advertisement. Budget must be passed on the December 3, 2018 meeting.

President's Report:

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to amend the agenda to hold an Executive Session regarding personnel. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 7-0.

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A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 7-0.

Council President Caruso announced that an **Executive Session was held from 5:30pm – 7:15pm to discuss personnel and from 8:23pm to 9:00pm to discuss personnel issues.**

Property:

Councilman Rogacki gave the following report:

- A roof will need to be replaced at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

- The insurance company has requested that the smoke detectors be tied into the central alarm system at Medic 10 and the Fire Station. Councilman Rogacki stated that we have SSA Security System and believes that the smoke detectors were tied in to it. Police Chief Sam stated that at one time the smoke detectors were tied in with SSA Security; but, there was a change after an incident and from that point on they were not. Councilman Rogacki recommended that the smoke detectors be taken care of by SSA or the company that monitors the smoke detectors for the fire company.

A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to advertise for bids to replace apron at Fire Station located at 100 South Church Street. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 7-0.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

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

- The blower at the waste water treatment plant has been repaired by Airtek.
- Replaced the generator at the Route 31 pump station.
- SSA Security replaced two (2) motion sensors at the plant.

Home Inspections – 11
PA One Calls – 32
Emergency One Calls – 7

Councilman Rogacki thanked the Street Department for all of their help at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Streets Report:

Councilwoman Bailey gave the following report:

- The Street Department is continuing to fill potholes.
- They will be doing street cleaning along Main Street due to the storms.
- The Street Department will be doing brush pickup, garbage pickup, weed spraying at the parks, along with checking crosswalk signs to be sure they are where they belong on Mondays and Fridays.
- They have replaced some of the pipe along St. Clair Street. This project is ongoing.

Councilwoman Ruszkowski asked how far along are they with the street signs. Councilwoman Bailey stated that they are doing street signs in between projects.

Councilman Rogacki asked what the is status of Sycamore Street. Councilwoman Bailey stated that the Street Department is aware that a stormwater line needs installed; and, it will be completed once the St. Clair Street project is completed.

Parks and Recreation:

Councilwoman Bailey reported that Frick Park is complete. Councilwoman Bailey would like to hold a re-grand opening of Frick Park in the Spring of 2019.

Public Safety Report:

Councilman Cholock reported that at the Safety Committee Meeting there was discussion about the drop-off/pickup of students at Ramsay School on Eagle Street in the morning and afternoon. There is worry that a child will get hit by a car. Councilman Cholock stated that cars parking in the yellow lines and in front of the fire hydrant. When cars are parked in the yellow lines, the

crossing guards cannot see properly to assist the children. The designated area will be blocked off and cars will not be permitted to park there to drop-off or pickup their children.

Borough Manager Landy reported that the Borough has received a request from Jane McGuigan for a handicap parking sign at 111 Eagle Street.

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to amend the Agenda to approve an unpaid six (6) month leave of absence for Nathan Ellwood. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 7-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to approve an unpaid leave of absence, with no benefits, for Nathan Ellwood for a period not to exceed six (6) months. Said leave will start on October 27, 2018; and, Mr. Ellwood's termination will become effective at the expiration of six (6) month period. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 6-0. Councilwoman Bailey voted No.

Veterans Park:

Councilwoman Barnes stated that the digital wall has been monitored and is working. There are still spaces available for the new granite tablet that will be installed. Applications can be picked up at VFW or the American Legion.

Councilwoman Barnes stated that they will be covering the pyramids and preparing for winter.

Stormwater Management: None.

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report: None.

Zoning & Ordinance Report: None.

Finance & Human Resources Report:

Councilwoman Ruskowski asked Council to review the budget; and, let them know of any changes that need to be or can be made.

New Business: None.

Reading of Communications:

- PennDOT now has a modernized customer care website to allow easier submissions, responses to customer roadway concerns. Site is cusotmercure.penndot.gov.
- YMCA of Laurel Highlands is holding a fundraiser December 2, 2018. They will be hosting the 7th Annual "Gift Basket Bonanza!". They are requesting a donation of a prepared "Theme Basket".
- Westmoreland County Boroughs Association will be holding a meeting on October 25, 2018 at the Westmoreland Conservation District Office Donohoe Center, 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg, PA 15601. Subject is Westmoreland County Comprehensive Plan with Brian Lawrence, Deputy Director of Department of Planning and Development of Westmoreland County.
- Mount Pleasant Public Library will be hosting several events.
- Coal & Coke Trail requested the 2018 funding assistance from the Borough of Mount Pleasant and to request that the Borough consider to budget \$2000.00 toward the Coal and Coke Trail for 2019.
- Coal & Coke Trail will be hosting a Comedy Night sponsored by the Robert Levin Family on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 6:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. at the Scottdale Fireman's Club. Tickets are \$30.00 per person which includes dinner.

- Trick or Treat will be held on Sunday, October 28, 2018 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. No special bags are needed for trick or treat. The Halloween Parade will be held on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 7:00pm. There will be a surprise at this year's parade.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comment: None.

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting Adjourned 9:37pm.

Motions from Meeting of October 22, 2018

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