

## Meeting December 3, 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, Ruszkowski, Stevenson and Yatsko. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Istik was present. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present. Mayor Lucia left at 9:20pm.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of November 19, 2018 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 9-0.

### Public Comment:

- Mary Kaufmann of the Mount Pleasant Library spoke to Council regarding events that they have held and upcoming events in December. Ms. Kaufmann also announced that the Mount Pleasant Public Library will be turning 80 in 2019. Council President asked Ms. Kaufmann if any monies donated to the library is tax deductible. Ms. Kaufmann stated that any donations to the library are tax deductible.

### Speakers:

- John McGoran of Republic Services spoke to Council regarding the contract for the year 2019. Mr. McGoran reported that any recycling material should go into the recycling bins loose. There should be no garbage bags in the bins. Mr. McGoran reported that there have been a few challenges over the past year; and, he believes that their service should exceed expectations. Councilwoman Stevenson asked if newspaper can be placed in bags; also, if cans need to be cleaned before putting into the recycling bins. Mr. McGoran stated that newspapers can be all placed in a bag; however, the cans should be rinsed but do not need to be washed/cleaned.

### Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia reported that there is a shortage on part-time Police Officers in the Borough.

Mayor Lucia wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and looks forward to 2019.

Mayor Lucia reported that the Candlelight Procession and the Christmas Parade went well. He thanked Borough Manager Landy for doing a good job organizing the parade.

### Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Istik requested an Executive Session.

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to hold an Executive Session regarding personnel. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made to reconvene by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 9-0.

Council President Caruso announced that an **Executive Session was held from 7:20 pm – 8:57 pm to discuss several personnel issues.**

Solicitor Istik discussed the ExteNet Agreement where the put service poles for wireless providers. The Borough will be paid an installation fee along with a monthly subscription fee. The contract is a one (1) year contract; and, can be negotiated after the one (1) year period.

### **Tax Collector Report:**

Councilwoman Stevenson read the following report for the month of November 2018:

Property Taxes = \$1,411.05  
Supplemental Taxes= \$ 0.00  
Per Capita Taxes = \$ 595.00  
Total Collected = \$2,006.05

Councilwoman Stevenson reminded residents that the Property and Per Capita Taxes are now at the 10% penalty can only be paid through December 31, 2018.

### **Borough Manager's Report:**

Borough Manager Landy gave the following report:

- Borough Manager Landy reported that this is the last meeting of the year. He asked Council to please clean their desk to prepare for the new year; and, anything they want to keep to put in a safe place.
- Borough Manager Landy, Councilwoman Bailey, Mayor Lucia and Council President Caruso met with the construction company regarding the missing meters. Mr. Landy stated that the company will come back to them once they have discussed the issue with the owner of the construction company. Council President Caruso stated that the company is self-insured. Borough Manager Landy reported that the construction company tried to take the burden off of themselves; however, they did take them without the Borough's knowledge. Mr. Landy told them possession is 9/10 of the law. Borough Manager Landy stated that nothing was resolved at the meeting. Borough Manager Landy stated that Solicitor Istik should write letters to the construction company. Councilwoman Ruszkowski asked how many meters were taken. Borough Manager Landy stated that there were 27 poles and the meter heads were in the 40's. Jeff McGuinness has the exact count of the meter heads that were stolen.
- Borough Manager Landy reported that we have paid the businesses that participated in the \$5.00 Borough Money for the Main Street Grand Opening Celebration.
- Borough Manager Landy renewed the \$200,000.00 C.D. at 3.05% for three (3) years at Standard Bank.
- Borough Manager Landy thanked Councilman Ken Phillabaum and Secretary Sharon Lesko for all the work they put in helping to organize the 2018 Christmas Parade and the Candlelight Procession. Borough Manager Landy stated that he feels the Christmas Parade at night is always the best.
- Borough Manager Landy reported that we hired a gentleman for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Laborer position. The gentleman asked if there was an option that he could pay for his insurance until the six (6) months probationary period is complete. He needs the insurance due to being diabetic and needs insulin. Mr. Landy stated that the gentleman has contacted Doctors and others to see if he qualifies for any help; and, that there are no other avenues for him at this point. The gentleman is willing to pay for his insurance to come work at the Borough. Borough Manager Landy asked Council if they would be willing to permit the gentleman to pay for his own insurance for the six (6) month probationary period. Solicitor Istik stated that there would be no problem permitting the gentleman to pay for his own insurance until the six (6) month probationary period is completed. Council agreed that the gentleman can pay his own insurance through the probationary period.
- The Borough has received a Tax Assessment Appeal Notice for four (4) parcels for the VFW.
- Borough Christmas party will be held on Thursday, December 20, 2018 in Council Chambers from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

- Borough Manager Landy stated that all of the Budgets for 2019 are completed.

### **President's Report:**

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to to approve the 2019 Council Meeting Schedule. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to approve the 2019 Holiday Schedule. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to reappoint James Sebek to the Mount Pleasant Borough Parking Authority Board for a 5year term expiring on December 31, 2023. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to Extend Residential Garbage Collection with Republic Services for 1 year as an option year from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 with an increase of 66 cents per month / \$1.97 per bill. Motion seconded by Councilman Yatsko. Motion carried 9-0.

Council President Caruso announced that he will rearranging committees for the upcoming year.

### **Property Report:**

Councilman Rogacki reported that the doors at the Maintenance Building need replaced. Mr. Rogacki stated he has received two (2) proposals for the doors. One company could get the necessary parts to replace the parts that were rusted out. The other company could not get the parts.

1. Tri County of 2984 State Route 31, Acme, PA 15610 in the amount of \$3,955.71; and
2. Terry Firestone Garage Doors of 222B North Depot Street, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666 in the amount of \$2,086.00 replacing only the necessary sections of the garage door.

Councilman Rogacki recommended going with the lower of the two (2) bids which the company can replace the panels.

A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to Amend the Agenda to approve the replacement of sections on the garage door for the salt building. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to approve the bid to replace sections of the garage door located at the salt building to Terry Firestone Garage Doors for a total amount of \$2,086.00. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

Borough Manager Landy stated that he would contact Terry Firestone to notify him of the award of contract.

### **Waste Water Treatment Report:**

Councilman Rogacki gave the following report for the month of November 2018:

- Drained and cleaned grit chamber.
- Closed in fountain and put Christmas tree up.
- Camera a lateral on Rega Way for a resident with a clogged line.
- Took the extra plow to get retrofitted for the bobcat.
- Rebuilt wasting pump – seal leaking.

Home Inspections – 7  
PA One Calls – 22

**Streets Report:**

Councilwoman Bailey gave the following report:

- December 3, 2018 was the last day for leaf pickup with the leaf vac. Trucks are being prepared for snowplows and salt spreaders. If any residents have leaves left, they will have to bag them; contact the street department; and, they will then be able to pick them up.

**Parks & Recreation:**           **None.**

**Public Safety Report:**

Councilman Cholock reported that they would like to Medic 10 personnel bonuses. Councilman Cholock stated that the total cost for the bonuses would be approximately \$4,000.00. Mr. Cholock stated he would like to base the bonus as follows: 20 cents an hour for every hour the employee worked for the year 2018. The minimum bonus would be \$25.00 and max being \$500.00. Councilwoman Stevenson stated that the monies were not budgeted for bonuses; and, is there monies to cover the bonuses. Councilman Cholock stated that there is money in the budget for the bonuses. Borough Manager Landy agrees that bonuses could be looked at; but there should be a formula for coming up with the bonus. He does not believe basing the bonus on hours worked is the right way to do a bonus. Mr. Landy suggested a way such as a performance bonus for work done above and beyond what you are paid to do. Borough Manager Landy suggested that the bonus could be based on the production and collection of what they brought in minus their expenses and left-over money indicates that they have done a good job earning or saving. You could look at that money and do a percentage of it towards bonuses. Borough Manager Landy stated he would not do 20 cents per hour worked.

Councilman Yatsko stated that if Council trusts Ryan King as a leader and that there is money in the budget for the bonuses, Council should support him in his decision of giving bonuses. Councilman Yatsko stated that he agrees with Borough Manager Landy that if they did well and brought in additional monies, then they should let Ryan decide how to calculate the bonuses and they should be rewarded.

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to Amend the Agenda to approve a bonus for Medic 10 Employees. Motion seconded Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Cholock to approve a bonus for Medic 10 Employees not to exceed \$500.00 per employee, provided the budget supports the total bonus proceeds. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 9-0.

**Veterans Park Report:**

Councilwoman Barnes reported that the Christmas Tree is up and working. Genesis Construction Group installed an electrical outlet. They come back and installed three (3) additional outlets.

Councilwoman Barnes reported that the Digital Wall is not working. Borough Manager Landy said that he contacted Vince at Premier Audio; and, Vince is going to contact Industry Weapon to see what they need him to do.

Councilwoman Barnes reported that at their last meeting a vote was held to proceed with the start of the new tablet.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to amend the Agenda to approve the purchase of the slab for the new tablet at Veteran’s Park. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to approve the purchase of the slab for the new tablet at Veteran's Park from Shoemaker Monuments at a cost of \$5,700.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 9-0.

**Storm Water Management Report:           None.**

**Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:           None.**

**Zoning & Ordinance Report:           None.**

**Finance & Human Resources Report:**

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve 2019 General Fund Budget 2019 WWT Budget. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 9-0.

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A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to allow Borough Manager Landy to pay all invoices through January 2, 2019. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 9-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to temporarily suspend Crossing Guard Sherry Fleming without pay effective November 26, 2018. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 9-0.

**New Business:           None.**

**Reading of Communications:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs (PSAB) 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference will be held June 9 – 12, 2019 in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

**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 9-0.

**Public Comment:**

Jim Meredith wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

A Motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 9-0.

**Meeting Adjourned 9:42 pm**

### **Motions from Meeting of December 3, 2018**

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