

**Meeting January 23, 2017**

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Caruso 7:10pm 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, McCloy, Pritts, Rogacki and Ruszkowski. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Liptak were present. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present.

An Executive Session was held from 6:30pm to 7:10pm before the regular council meeting to discuss personnel.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of January 3, 2017 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 8-0 after correction. Remove Paul Wagner from minutes.

**Public Comment:** None

**Speakers:** None

**Mayor’s Report:**

Mount Pleasant Police Dept Report for the month of December 2016:

The Department answered the following calls:

Incidents	107
Criminal Arrests	11
DUI Arrests	3
Parking Tickets Issued Boro	0
Parking Tickets Issued Parking Authority	0
Traffic & Non-Traffic Citations	22
Assist Other Departments	11
Accidents Investigated	4

Income

Parking Meters	\$0.00
Parking Tickets	\$0.00
Fence Permits	\$0.00
Clerk of Courts	\$740.88
Restitution to Police Department	\$0.00
Fees for Police Reports	\$45.00
District Court	\$882.68
Task Force Refund	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$1,668.56

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for 2016:

Mount Pleasant Police Report for 2016:

The Department answered the following calls:

Incidents	1359
Criminal Arrests	171
DUI Arrests	38
Parking Tickets Issued Boro	208
Parking Tickets Issued Parking Authority	127
Traffic & Non-Traffic Citations	315
Assist Other Departments	124
Accidents Investigated	60

Income

Parking Tickets	\$767.00
Parking Meters	\$13,628.57
Parking Permits	\$300.00
Parking Authority	\$1,800.00
Crossing Guard Reimbursement	\$9,100.00
Clerk of Courts	\$3,282.99
District Court	\$14,056.35
Report Fees	\$910.00
Task Force Refund	\$5,331.55
Restitution to Police	\$467.09
Total 2016 Revenue	\$49,643.55

Council discussed the need for Crossing Guards and decided to advertise in the Mount Pleasant Journal and put it on Facebook.

Mayor Lucia said that the Red Cross is putting on a program that will provide smoke detectors with ten-year batteries. The Mount Pleasant VFD will assist anyone who needs assistance installing one.

Borough Manager Landy stated that the Borough has signed the agreement and is in the queue to have street lighting replaced with LED Cobra lights. Councilwoman Bailey said that we should hear something in the spring or early summer. These lights will save on electricity and offer brighter lighting.

**Solicitor’s Report:**

Solicitor Liptak said that she has prepared the Curative Amendment for the Zoning Ordinance for the Karfelt property which will change his property from Industrial to Business. The amendment will stay in place until a future owner requests it to be changed back.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer’s Report for the month of December 2016:

<b>Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report</b>		<b>Dec-16</b>			<b>Balance</b>
		<b>Prev Bal</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>2016</b>
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	70,920.00	137,962.98	148,797.98	60,085.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	805,565.09	60,286.32	77,503.05	788,348.36
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	665,006.70	112.97	0.00	665,119.67
**Police	40,683.60				
**Streets	140,000.00				
**Contingency Fund	230,532.77				
**Infrastructure	121,588.62				
**BOMP1 Gas Well	12,483.85				
**BOMP2 Gas Well	4,762.23				
**Frick Park Gas Well	30,600.76				
**Levins	970.06				
**Surveillance Cameras	160.00				
**Early Warning Siren					
Grant	1,300.00				
**Fire	55,000.00				
**K-9	12,772.76				
**Marcellus Impact Fee Act					
13	14,265.02				
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 7000126	36,397.80	0.00	0.00	36,397.80
Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	21,778.92	0.00	0.00	21,778.92
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	48,263.48	12.28	5,297.42	42,978.34
Monument CD	Standard Bank 327085	6,842.85	0.00	0.00	6,842.85
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,805.38	0.07	0.00	1,805.45

Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	10,066.43	50,471.21	59,861.42	676.22
	Somerset Trust Co				
Veterans Park Fund	2003058309	3,921.62	0.00	0.00	3,921.62
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	614.49	0.03	0.00	614.52
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	0.00	2,150.00	0.00	2,150.00
<b>Total General Fund Balance</b>					<b>1,631,965.96</b>
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	36,845.78	79,311.22	11,714.59	104,442.41
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	150,465.12	1,025.74	0.00	151,490.86
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,889.41	0.24	0.00	5,889.65
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	4,741.10	0.60	0.00	4,741.70
<b>Total Medic 10 Fund Balance</b>					<b>266,564.62</b>
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	488,840.41	47,643.37	275,617.66	260,866.12
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	180,534.00	30.66	0.00	180,564.66
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	118,747.55	20.17	0.00	118,767.72
**Contingency	111,308.39				
**Infrastructure	7,469.82				
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	84,324.18	9,598.65	6,915.25	87,007.58
<b>Total WWT Balance</b>					<b>647,206.08</b>
<b>Total Borough funds</b>					<b>2,545,736.66</b>

Councilwoman Ruszkowski  
Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

**President's Report:** None

**Borough Manager's Report:**

Borough Manager Landy discussed an article in a local paper from 1988. Mount Pleasant Attorney Milt Munk is in possession of the head of the Doughboy statue that was damaged in an accident. Mr. Landy asked Attorney Munk to give the head to the Borough and Attorney Munk agreed, but would like the Borough to loan the head to Leo's Grille where it would be more visible as long as the restaurant is open. The head would remain borough property. The question of insurance on the head was discussed. Mr. Landy said that as he moves forward with the situation he will keep Council and Solicitor Liptak informed and discuss how to proceed.

Borough Manager Landy said that McClure & Wolfe will begin the borough audit on Thursday January 26, 2017.

A meeting was held with Columbia Gas of PA before they begin their portion of the 2017 Main Street Project.

Mr. Landy said that he attended a meeting with Community Action, owners of Shop Demo Depot (American Architectural Salvage). Community Action has its own construction company. They may finally be interested in developing the Gormley property with perhaps three townhouses. Mr. Landy said that he will keep Council updated on the development.

Borough Manager Landy said that the County has stated that when they sell the R & R Restaurant property they will use the proceeds to remove the Arevelo Building.

Mr. Landy said that he spoke to Police Chief Sam regarding fixing parking meters without using Police personnel. Mr. Landy and Chief Sam will present a plan in the near future using Code Enforcement Officer Ira Bennett on a per-meter basis.

Borough Manager Landy said that he has met with the Ordinance Committee about amending some of the existing ordinances. There is also a need for ordinances such as an "impact fee" to lessen the effect on homes and businesses of coal trucks coming through the Borough on Route 31 every three minutes from the deep mine in Donegal Township. An ordinance making it mandatory for these trucks to be covered with a tarp would also be beneficial as well as an inspection ordinance. These ordinances may deter some of the trucks from coming through the Borough. The ordinance would govern all trucks over 5 ton and not just the coal trucks.

At this time President Caruso authorized committee breakout sessions.

**Waste Water Treatment Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to request \$50,000 from Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority for the Bar-Screen purchase and installation. Money was originally earmarked for Bio-Tower #2. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to approve a one-year service contract with RAM Industrial for Bio-Tower pumps in the amount of \$1,275.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to hire Brandon Zinsky, Lemont Furnace PA, for part-time position at WWT Plant for 32 hours per week, \$10.00 per hour with no benefits pending a pre-employment physical, drug test and 6 month probationary period. Mr. Zinsky will be put on weekend rotation. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 7-0. Councilwoman Bailey voted no.

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to authorize Solicitor Liptak to send letters to 21 E Main, 36 W Main, 341 W Main and 353 W Main notifying them that they have 6 months to reconnect their sewer laterals to the new connections that were installed during the 2017 Main Street Sewer Project. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman Rogacki spoke about the proposed project on S Geary Street where water was going into some basements. The low quote that was approved by Council has an error so the project will be on hold until it is advertised for bid.

**Streets Report:**

Councilwoman Bailey said that she and Jeff McGuinness looked at some of the out falls for the MS4 Permit last week and both attended an MS4 Permit Workshop. Councilwoman Bailey said that they are waiting for the Engineers to contact them.

Councilman Pritts brought up the subject of Street Department safety when they are patching holes. Different options were discussed. Councilwoman Bailey said that the least they should be doing is putting cones out when patching if there is only one worker available.

Councilman Pritts said that there is a large pothole in the alley behind Mount Pleasant Windows that needs patched.

Borough Manager Landy said that he is meeting with Jacobs Creek Watershed next week and he will discuss grant funds for the water problem on Warden Avenue, Church Street and Park Avenue.

**Public Safety Report:** None

**Zoning & Ordinance Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to amend the agenda. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to advertise the Curative Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for the Karfelt property on Bridgeport Street. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

**Community & Economic Development/Grants Report:**

Councilwoman Bailey said that she has received correspondence from PSAB regarding different grants and she is researching the information to see if the Borough is a fit for any of them.

**Parks & Recreation / Veterans Park Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to amend the agenda. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to award the 2017-2018 Grass Cutting & Snow Removal Contract to Skowronek Landscaping in the amount of \$20,750 per year to begin January 23, 2017 and end December 31, 2018. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilwoman Barnes said that the Park & Recreation Advisory Committee held a meeting and each member of the committee was assigned a park that they will inspect and determine what needs to be done at that park. The findings will be discussed at the February meeting.

Councilwoman Barnes said that the Veterans Park Committee has spoken to a gentleman who goes by the name "Rock Doctor" and the sealant required to mend the granite will cost approximately \$1,000 per gallon. There are requests for other bids. The Mount Pleasant VFW has donated the cost to cover the granite monuments at the park.

Mr. Landy said that the Frick Park Bollard Project must be rebid because advertisement stated that Davis Bacon Prevailing Wage must be paid but the specs given to the contractors did not include the Davis Bacon Federal Wage Schedule.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to re-advertise for bids for Frick Park Bollard Project. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilwoman Barnes asked the Media to please put in their papers that now is the time for the Mount Pleasant Recreation Leagues to present their 2017 schedules to Council.

Councilwoman Barnes said that since Mount Pleasant Borough is a small community the fee for joining the Parks & Recreation Alliance is only \$50. Since the Borough sent them \$100 we will be paid through 2018. There will be a grant seminar on January 31, 2017. There is a \$10 cost for the seminar. Mr. Landy said that the Borough will pay the fee.

**Finance & Human Resources Report:** None

**Property Report:**

Councilman Rogacki said that the Mount Pleasant Safety Committee did an inspection of the Municipal Building.

WWT Superintendent Hague and Police Chief Sam said the following safety issues were found at the Municipal Building:

- Sump Pump in basement was dead headed and has been replaced.
- Black mold on the second floor will be taken care of this week.
- The emergency generator is on a charging system that is out-of-date and the exhaust goes out the side of the building which could cause carbon monoxide to enter the building.
- The second floor furnace has many violations.
- There are some electrical issues with the building as well.
- The emergency exit signs are not lit.
- Mayor Lucia said that he would like to make sure the cement apron in front of Central Fire Station is be on the list for repair.

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to accept the quote from Uber Company to replace the furnace and air conditioner on the second floor of the Municipal Building in the amount of \$5,485. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to approve the security entrance and office remodeling on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Municipal Building in the amount of \$12,611. (\$7,136 to Dion Door Co and \$5,475 to Suter Construction.) Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 7-0. Councilman McCloy voted no.

**Sanitation & Recycling Report:**

Councilman Pritts said that he is waiting on the report from Republic Services regarding recycling totals. When we receive the report it will be submitted to PA Cleanways.

**New Business:**

Councilwoman Bailey questioned the liability insurance for the BDA and Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that they are responsible for their own insurance. They should be removed from the Borough's policy along with the Parking Authority. Borough Manager Landy said that Mr. Dale Walker of the BDA said that the BDA falls under the same act as the Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority and if the Borough covers the Municipal Authority they must cover the BDA.

**Reading of Communications:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Industrial Appraisal sent a request for updates on borough equipment and property. The request has been forwarded to the WWT Plant and the Street Department.
- A letter from General Code regarding recodification of borough ordinances. It may be time to re-codify the borough ordinances. Attorney Timothy Witt is interested in doing that for the Borough.
- Westmoreland Tax Assessment Office sent a letter stating that the deadline to apply for a reassessment is August 1, 2017.
- Mr. Gerard Rendine requested to be considered for a seat on the BDA Board. Council no longer appoints members to the BDA Board. Mr. Landy said that he will forward the request to the BDA.
- LCT Energy has been granted their permit for the deep mine in Donegal Township.

**Discussion and Payment of Bills:**

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to pay all approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski for an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

**Executive Session 9:00 to 9:44pm**

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to reconvene the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

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**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

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**Meeting Adjourned 9:55pm**

## **Motions from Meeting of January 23, 2017**

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