

Meeting October 23, 2017

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Caruso at 7:05pm 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.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of October 2, 2017 with correction since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Comment:

Billie Lynn Hoadwonic, 37 Cherry Avenue, Mount Pleasant PA 15666 requested permission to clean up the Synagogue on Church Street next to Central Fire Station. President Caruso said that the Fire Department uses the Synagogue and a meeting should be held with representatives of the Mount Pleasant VFD to discuss the request.

Speakers: None

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of September 2017:

Mount Pleasant Police Dept Report for the month of September 2017

The Department answered the following calls:

Incidents	126
Criminal Arrests	16
DUI Arrests	3
Parking Tickets Issued Boro	37
Traffic & Non-Traffic Citations	17
Assist Other Departments	16
Accidents Investigated	3

Income

Parking Meters	\$682.67
Parking Tickets	\$0.00
Parking Permits	\$0.00
Fence Permits	\$0.00
Clerk of Courts	\$234.72
Restitution to Police Department	\$0.00
Fees for Police Reports	\$75.00
District Court	\$958.75
Task Force Refund	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$1,945.14

Police Chief Doug Sam made the following report:

- Parking Meter calibration will need to be done in 2018. It will require the purchase of a programming device.
- Black Crown Vic will be going to Speclin on Tuesday October 24 to have the lights and siren installed.
- Lights, controller and radio system have been removed from the 2013 Taurus and it can now be traded.
- Radio encryption hardware has been installed in the station and the first car at a cost of \$7,600.
- New radios have been ordered and are being programmed at an estimated cost of \$13,000.
- More Halloween bags have been ordered and should be delivered by Wednesday October 25th.

Mayor Lucia said that the Halloween Parade will be held on Wednesday October 25th and Trick or Treat will be on Sunday October 29th from 2pm to 4pm along with Scottdale and Mount Pleasant Township.

Mayor Lucia said he has been approached by a church on Main Street that would like to put up a digital sign. At this time the Sign Ordinance does not allow digital signs and would have to be amended. Borough Manager Landy reminded Council that Main Street Route 31 is a state road and governed by Penn Dot who has their own digital sign specifications that could be incorporated into our ordinance.

Solicitors Report:

Solicitor Liptak said that she reviewed the mutual aid agreement. She has no problems with it and Council can go ahead if they wish to enter into the agreement.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to enter into a mutual aid agreement between the Mount Pleasant Borough Police Department and Everson Borough Police Department. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 8-0.

Treasurer’s Report:

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer’s Report for the month of September 2017:

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Sep-17			Balance
		Prev Bal	Deposits	Disbursements	2017
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	50,000.00	183,820.15	183,820.15	50,000.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	1,000,005.03	104,170.54	58,121.65	1,046,053.92
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	673,961.27	110.80	0.00	674,072.07
**Police		40,683.60			
**Streets		140,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		231,532.72			
**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		13,503.76			
**Marcellus Impact Fee Act					
13		21,486.47			
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 1026616	28,038.31	682.67	296.52	28,424.46
Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	6,655.70	0.00	0.00	6,655.70
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	85,433.87	45.23	26,618.59	58,860.51
Monument CD	Standard Bank 327085	6,842.85	0.00	0.00	6,842.85
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,806.05	0.08	0.00	1,806.13
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	675.32	57,733.55	57,733.55	675.32
	Somerset Trust Co				
Veterans Park Fund	2003058309	6,891.84	75.00	0.00	6,966.84
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	614.72	0.03	0.00	614.75
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	1,006.05	0.00	0.00	1,006.05
Turn Back Account	PNC Bank 10-7766-4491	417,139.11	182.29	0.00	417,321.40
Total General Fund Balance					2,300,547.21
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	88,048.47	54,985.85	77,651.06	65,383.26
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	134,675.29	1,022.30	0.00	135,697.59
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,891.62	0.23	0.00	5,891.85
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	5,649.67	0.72	0.00	5,650.39
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance					212,623.09
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	401,495.62	55,277.32	61,907.24	394,865.70

WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	180,805.25	29.72	0.00	180,834.97
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	118,925.97	19.55	0.00	118,945.52
**Contingency	111,486.19				
**Infrastructure	7,469.82				
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	106,978.58	9,539.29	13,830.50	102,687.37
Total WWT Balance					797,333.56
Total Borough funds					3,310,503.86

Councilwoman Susan Ruszkowski / Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

A motion was made by Councilman Pritts to approve the Treasurers Report as read. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy made the following report:

- Mr. Landy confirmed that the Borough will purchase a new 2017 Ford Explorer from C. Harper. Mr. Landy said that he hopes to save money on the up-fit by using a company recommended by C. Harper.
- Borough Manager Landy said that he will begin holding manager meetings again.
- Mr. Landy said that he will be doing employee reviews.
- DEP did the MS4 Inspection and it went fairly well. DEP would like to see a report that all borough employees and members of council attended MS4 training.
- The Mount Pleasant Nativity Scene will be getting a permit for the Freedom of Speech Area. Mr. Landy said that he will be adding a statement to the permit that the area is located on a state road and any objections from Penn Dot would override the Borough's permit.
- The 2017 Christmas Parade will be held on November 29th at 7pm and the Candle Light Procession will be held on December 3rd beginning at 6:30pm.
- Mr. Landy said that he is getting quotes to get hot water on the third floor of the municipal building and a new utility sink.
- Council has been provided with a preliminary 2018 Budget.
- There will be a meeting of all employees on the Borough's healthcare on October 31st at 2pm.
- Interviews for the full-time secretarial position were held. There were 13 applicants and they were narrowed down to 5 and background checks were done on those 5. The 5 applicants were narrowed down to 2 and those two will come in to spend some time shadowing Bev to make sure they are both still interested in the position and then a decision will be made on who to hire.
- Borough Manager Landy and WWT Superintendent attended a conference on storm water and sewage that was very valuable. Mr. Landy said he was invited to speak at next year's conference.
- A meeting was held with Mike Barrick from Hunt Valley Environmental. They are going to reevaluate Warden Street and Park Avenue and apply for grant funds. These grant funds are available only for low-volume streets. There will be in-kind expenses for the Borough associated with a grant. Hunt Valley Environmental will inspect the project at a cost of approximately \$7,000. Council discussed other areas with similar storm water problems in the Borough including Councilman Rogacki's questions regarding Sycamore Street.

Mr. Barrick, Hunt Valley Environmental, discussed with Council which streets would be eligible as low-volume streets and which ones would require a traffic count. Mr. Barrick said that Eagle Street will not qualify as a low-volume street. Borough Manager Landy said that the water issue on Eagle Street should be addressed first. Mr. Barrick said that his company will work up a plan for Eagle Street to present to Council.

- Ross McClellan is the new contact for the United Steel Workers Union.
- Borough Manager Landy said he received a request from Rich Kujawa for \$325 to repair the Christmas wreaths for Main Street again this year. The amount is the same as last year.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to pay Rich Kujawa \$345 to repair the Christmas wreaths for Main Street again this year. Motion seconded by Councilman McCloy. Motion carried 8-0.

President's Report:

President Caruso said that borough personnel have started passing out the flyers to homeowners about storm water infiltration and are making headway.

President Caruso said he attended the Willow Park Flag Burning Ceremony on Sunday at the newly built Flag Retirement Area. There were approximately 1,000 flags retired during the ceremony.

Waste Water Treatment:

Councilman Rogacki gave the following report on work performed by WWT personnel:

- Cleaned clarifiers and towers
- Drained and cleaned #1 final clarifier
- Routine monthly generator maintenance
- Cut grass at plant, Willow Park, pump stations and right of ways.
- Passed out flyers for sanitary system
- Drained and cleaned filter for fountain at Veterans Park.
- Attended sewage convention in Monroeville
- Paint office building and routine maintenance at plant
- Camera and jetted line for Mount Pleasant Township
- Pressure washed and cleaned belt press.
- Greased Kabota, riding mower, excavator and skid steer

Home inspections – 4

PA One calls – 39

Emergency PA One calls – 6

Call outs – 1

Streets Report: None

Police Chief Doug Sam stated that he will need an exact date when the stop signs will be erected on S. Church Street because he cannot enforce the signs until 60 days after they are put up.

Public Safety Report: None

Mayor Lucia said that Medic 10 is doing very well since the reorganization. Mr. Landy said that Error & Omissions Insurance is now in place for Medic 10.

Zoning & Ordinance Report: None

Community & Economic Development/Grants Report: None

Councilwoman Bailey asked for the status of the CDBG Grant for the cement apron at Central Fire Station. Mr. Landy said that he is waiting to hear from the company who is doing the concrete work in the Borough now. Borough Manager Landy said that the concrete company has an engineer and the County has an engineer that the Borough can use to work up a proposal. Councilwoman Bailey said that we missed the March 2018 grant period.

Parks & Recreation Report:

Councilwoman Barnes reported that the tree that was leaning on the monument has been removed and taken down to the WWT Plant where it was resoled and doing better. Council needs to decide where to replant the tree. Wilkinson Nursery will be planting a tree at Frick Park where one was removed.

Councilwoman Bailey said that the Digital Wall is still locking up. Borough Manager Landy said that he will call Industry Weapon in the morning to talk about the problem.

Councilwoman Barnes said that the teeter totter has been delivered to the company who will refurbish it. Councilwoman Bailey questioned whether the piece of equipment that is being stored at the Street Department is going to be fixed or if it should be scrapped. Council agreed that the equipment can be scrapped.

Councilwoman Barnes said that she would like to see the basketball court at Jack Bobb's Park painted.

Councilwoman Barnes said that she is speaking with Connellsville School District about some playground equipment that is not being used at Pritts Elementary School and the possibility of a donation to Mount Pleasant for Willow Park.

Councilwoman Barnes said that her committee would like to purchase three pieces of playground equipment for Frick Park and will report the cost at the November 6, 2017 council meeting.

Finance & Human Resources Report:

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that Council has copies of a preliminary 2018 budget. The income line items have not been finalized.

Property Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to approve the quote in the amount of \$2,950 from Jamie Kunkle to calk all windows on the outside of the municipal building, replace the window in the stair well and replace the window on the 2nd floor.

Sanitation & Recycling Report: None

New Business: None

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Andrea Pritts, 926 Washington Street, Mount Pleasant PA 15666 sent a letter requesting that the Borough review the new light posts that were installed in Frick Park over the summer. She feels the lights are too bright and installed at eye level and perhaps too close together. This causes unsafe glare and brightness that can actually hinder visibility. Ms. Pritts is asking the Parks and Recreation Committee to review the brightness of the lights.

Discussion & Payment of Bills:

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

Public Comment: None

Miscellaneous & Adjournment:

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 8-0.

Meeting Adjourned 8:25pm

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