

## Meeting October 24, 2016

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Wagner 7:05pm in Council Chambers at 1 Etze Avenue, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and President Wagner asked for a moment of silence for our deployed troops. President Wagner asked Borough Manager Landy to take roll call. Councilpersons present included Bailey, Barnes, Caruso, Cholock, Pritts, Rogacki, Ruszkowski and Stevenson. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Liptak were present. President Wagner stated that a quorum is present.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of October 3, 2016 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

**Public Comment:** None

### **Speakers:**

Mr. Kellen Douglas, EADS Group spoke to Council regarding the status of the DCED Grant to upgrade the blowers for the Mount Pleasant Waste Water Treatment Plant.

### **Communications:**

Borough Manager Jeff Landy read the following Communications:

- Mount Pleasant Area Historical Society would like the Borough to place a \$25 ad in the Holiday Tour Booklet. Council agreed to place the \$25 ad.
- The Mount Pleasant Area School District Yearbook Committee would like the Borough to place a \$45 ad in the 2016 yearbook. Council agreed to place the \$45 ad.

### **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Lucia read the following Police Report for the month of September 2016:

Mount Pleasant Police Department Report for the month of September 2016

The Department answered the following calls:

Incidents	126
Criminal Arrests	18
DUI Arrests	4
Parking Tickets Issued Boro	4
Parking Tickets Issued Parking Authority	0
Traffic & Non-Traffic Citations	19
Assist Other Departments	11
Accidents Investigated	6

### Income

Parking Meters	\$ 3,084.73
Fees for Police Reports	\$ 160.00
District Court	\$ 1,126.11
Total Income for May 2015	\$ 4,370.84

- 2013 Ford Taurus is still at C Harper Ford.
- New police Explorer has been lettered and camera system will be installed in November.
- The Police Department will use i-pads to streamline warrants and arraignments.
- The Department conducted phase I of Active Shooter Training at the Municipal Building.
- Police Department 2016 Audits are complete and federal agencies complimented the Department on the high level of compliance.
- Meters have been installed in Penn Park.
- The Department is in need of two more substitute Crossing Guards.
- Breathalyzer machine has been ordered and should be delivered in late November.
- Westmoreland County Drug & Alcohol Commission will pay for training to be held at

the Mount Pleasant VFD Social Hall. They will also make a donation to the VFD for the use of their facility.

Councilwoman Bailey commended Police Chief Sam on keeping the Mount Pleasant Police Department on the cutting edge. She also asked Chief Sam to look into a parking issue on Washington Street where there are 7 vehicles at one property and nowhere for them to park. Council discussed parking issues in the Borough.

**Borough Manager’s Report:**

Borough Manager Landy said that reclaiming the Bridgeport Street property is first on the list for the Redevelopment Authority of Westmoreland County and they are currently doing the water study.

Mr. Landy said that Penn Park has been completed and a dedication was held. Council thanked Borough Manager Landy for all the hours he put into making the park a reality.

Borough Manager Landy asked Council’s opinion on a borough Facebook page. Council agreed that it is a good idea. Mr. Landy said that Andrea Pritts was instrumental in developing the page and she will be administering it. Comments will be limited and the page will be used mainly to get information to the public.

Borough Manager Landy spoke about i-pads for the Mount Pleasant Police Department. Mr. Landy said that he received a donation from a local business to purchase two i-pads.

Mr. Landy said that the Mount Pleasant Borough Christmas Parade will be held on Wednesday November 30, 2016 at 5:30pm this year. Holding the parade in the evening will showcase the Christmas lights. The Candlelight Procession will be on Sunday December 4, 2016 at 5:30pm.

Mr. Landy said that Westmoreland County is the owner of the property that was formerly the R&R Station Restaurant and Mount Pleasant Borough maintains the property. There will be an open house soon and the County will advertise for developers.

Borough Manager Landy said that the Mount Pleasant Parking Authority is requesting that the Borough no longer cover the Authority under its insurance. The Borough will respond back as soon as the Committee has reviewed the request.

Mr. Landy said that Mount Pleasant Up Close recorded their 300<sup>th</sup> episode and the show is now the longest running show on all Armstrong networks.

Borough Manager Landy asked Council to look at the preliminary 2017 budget that he and Councilwoman Bailey worked on. The fact that the General Fund paid off the fire truck will help balance the budget this year. The last meeting in November will be when Council is presented the final budget and it will be voted on at the December council meeting.

Borough Manager Landy said that changes need to be made to the Zoning Ordinance and others. The Borough could save money by advertising the changes all at once.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

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

<b>Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report</b>		<b>Sep-16</b>			<b>Balance</b>
		<b>Previous</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>2016</b>
		<b>Balance</b>			
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	91,809.00	176,512.91	212,878.91	55,443.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	740,985.70	131,611.19	52,390.55	820,206.34
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	664,675.19	109.27	0.00	664,784.46
	**Police	40,683.60			
	**Streets	140,000.00			
	**Contingency Fund	230,197.56			
	**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	32,610.60	35.00	296.52	32,349.08
Escrow Account	PNC Bank 10-2912-6867	21,778.92	0.00	0.00	21,778.92
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	129,235.43	27.56	25,255.08	104,007.91
Monument CD	Standard Bank 327085	6,842.85	0.00	0.00	6,842.85
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,805.15	0.08	0.00	1,805.23
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	625.77	54,379.25	54,328.80	676.22
	Somerset Trust Co				
Veterans Park Fund	2003058309	3,961.62	0.00	0.00	3,961.62
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	614.42	0.02	0.00	614.44
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3888-4556	1,247.21	0.00	0.00	1,247.21
<b>Total General Fund Balance</b>					<b>1,713,717.28</b>
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	49,989.89	71,251.31	53,811.03	67,430.17
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	147,390.62	1,024.39	0.00	148,415.01
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,888.68	0.24	0.00	5,888.92
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	4,740.50	0.60	0.00	4,741.10
<b>Total Medic 10 Fund Balance</b>					<b>226,475.20</b>
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	459,465.36	48,512.80	92,943.34	415,034.82
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	180,444.00	29.66	0.00	180,473.66
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	118,688.35	19.51	0.00	118,707.86
**Contingency		111,248.53			
**Infrastructure		7,469.82			
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	76,814.76	9,583.19	6,915.25	79,482.70
<b>Total WWT Balance</b>					<b>793,699.04</b>
<b>Total Borough funds</b>					<b>2,733,891.52</b>

Councilwoman Diane Bailey  
Secretary Beverly Fedorchak

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

### Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Liptak said that she is working on the public works issue and changes to the Sewage Rules and Regulations. The majority of changes to the Rules and Regulations pertain to properties that have both of their laterals connected to one line going to the main and making those properties break off and have their own line running to the main. In the new Rules and Regulations the tap-in fee would be waived in these instances. This rule would include buildings that are not occupied. Section 915 needs to be re-worded to clarify who is responsible for repairing the line to the main.

Solicitor Liptak said that C. Harper has a vehicle that can be traded for the 2013 Taurus police vehicle. The Ford Representative said that the Borough should get an estimate from C. Harper and then Ford would take the estimate into consideration when deciding whether to pay for the full value of the new vehicle minus the trade-in value of the Taurus. Borough Manager Landy said that Police Chief Sam is not interested in the vehicle C. Harper is offering to trade. Solicitor Liptak said that someone should talk to C. Harper to see if they have a vehicle that would be suitable and what the cost would be so that she can present it to Ford.

### President's Report:

President Wagner said that an Executive Session was held at 6:30pm before tonight's meeting to discuss personnel.

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to approve Resolution 2016-14 authorizing Councilman Jack Caruso to sign the Agility Agreement with Penn Dot. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

President Wagner said that he received a request from the Mount Pleasant Parking Authority to reappoint Mr. Leo Wisniewski for another five year term.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to appoint Mr. Leo Wisniewski to the Mount Pleasant Parking Authority for a five year term to expire December 31, 2021. Motion seconded by Councilman Caruso. Motion carried 8-0.

President Wagner said that the Secretary and two Council Members from Vandergrift will be visiting Mount Pleasant Borough on November 10, 2016. Everyone from Council is welcome to participate.

President Wagner discussed the progress of the 2017 Main Street Project. President Wagner said discussions have been held with the contractor regarding doing a better job back-filling the holes.

President Wagner discussed the Budgetary Reserve and a three year plan for removing the railroad ties from Frick Park and other projects including which streets to pave in 2017.

Borough Manager Landy said that since Penn Park is almost complete the Borough will be receiving monies from the County to reimburse for invoices paid by the Borough.

Borough Manager Landy said that the Borough will received approximately \$39,000 from FEMA for January 2015 Winter Storm Jonas and will replenish Budgetary Reserve.

President Wagner went through unfinished business to determine the status of each item.

Street Sign Updates: Councilman Caruso said Jeff McGuiness is working on ordering replacement signs. Borough Manager Landy said that crack sealing should be done before putting up the signs.

Yellow lines at intersections: Councilman Caruso said that Street Department personnel are still trying to schedule.

Trim Trees at Frick Park: Councilman Caruso said the trees will come down in November after the leaves are gone.

Hiring Full-Time Officer: Councilman Cholock said that he is looking at next year's budget.

Parking Meters: Councilman Cholock said that the parking meters have been installed at Penn Park but there are still meters that need repaired.

A discussion ensued regarding the 2017 Police Department Budget and future needs.

Ordinances: Councilwoman Stevenson said that she is looking at the Parking Ordinance and the Rental Safety Inspection Ordinance.

R/R ties around Frick Park: Councilwoman Barnes talked about replacing the railroad ties at Frick Park and a landscaping design. A discussion ensued on different directions to go. Mayor Lucia brought up the subject of police security, visibility and safety in that area of Frick Park.

Police Chief Sam said that he and Councilman Rogacki are meeting with a representative from Scott Electric to talk about changing the lighting system at Veterans Park to use LED lighting that can change the color of the fountain. Borough Manager Landy said that this is something that could be included on the CDBG Grant Application.

Councilwoman Barnes spoke about putting arborvitae in at Jack Bobb's Park and she was told that this time of year is the best time to plant trees.

Vandalism signs at the parks: Signs have not been put in the parks yet.

Union Contract Negotiations: Councilwoman Bailey said that work is continuing on the Street Department Union Contract.

Backflows on Municipal Building: A part is being ordered for the Municipal Building. After the part comes in the backflow will be installed.

Library Property Maintenance: When the Borough negotiates a new grass cutting and snow removal contract they need to decide whether to include the Library property.

Safety door on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor: Borough Manager Landy said that it will be completed before the end of 216.

HVAC Unit on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Municipal Building: Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that she is getting quotes for the unit.

Mayor Lucia said that he would like to look at a new space heater for the Synagogue in the 2017 Budget.

### **Sanitation & Recycling Report:**

Borough Manager Landy said that he would like to schedule a meeting with John McGoran, Republic Services. The service provided by Republic Services is not getting any better and there needs to be a discussion. Councilman Pritts agreed to a meeting.

### **Property Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to pay all expenses as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 8-0.

### **Finance & Human Resources Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to pay all expenses as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Caruso. Motion carried 8-0.

### **Parks & Recreation (General) Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to pay all expenses as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to advertise for bids to repair cracks, resurface and paint Frick Park Basketball Court. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilwoman Barnes said that bids to reseal and resurface the basketball court came in too high twice and her committee has decided to ask for bids to repair the court in hopes that the bids will come in low enough to be covered by CDBG grant funds and the project can be completed before the end of 2016.

### **Zoning & Ordinance Report:** None

### **Public Safety Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Cholock to hire Joshua Spessard as a part-time Police Officer for the Mount Pleasant Borough Police Department with pay according to the current wage scale. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilman Cholock spoke to Borough Manager Landy regarding the \$350 per month that Medic 10 will be paying to the police fuel line item in the General Fund because of an error in credit card billing. The first two payments will go toward paying for the phasers. This payment of \$350.00 will continue for three years for a total of \$12,600.

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**Streets Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Caruso to pay all expenses as presented. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

**Waste Water Treatment Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to pay all expenses as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

WWT Superintendent Larry Hague spoke to Council about a right of way issue at the property located at 1105 Main Street for the Route 31 Pump Station. The McDonalds who own the property have passed away and their son is trying to sell the house. He would like something in writing regarding the right of way and the fact that the Borough does not charge the property for sewage as part of the agreement. Solicitor Liptak stated that a resolution would be the correct way to go about this because an agreement could be considered void if the house is sold again.

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**New Business:** None

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki for an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 8-0.

**Executive Session 10:21pm to 11:05pm**

**Miscellaneous & Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

**Meeting Adjourned 11:10PM**

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