

## Meeting November 7, 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, Rogacki and Ruskowski. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Liptak were present. President Wagner stated that a quorum is present.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruskowski to approve the minutes of October 24, 2016 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 6-0.

**Public Comment:** None

### **Speakers:**

Mr. Ed Christophano, Mount Pleasant BDA President, reported to Council that the BDA collected \$750 from patrons of Mount Pleasant businesses for the Connellsville flood victims. Mr. Christophano presented Council with a copy of the 2017 BDA Budget. The budget income is based on at .5% assessment on property value. There is no increase and the equation remains the same. The 2017 Budget shows a deficit which will be offset for the next two years by funds remaining in the incubator account. The 2017 BDA incorporates a "Curb Appeal Grant" for business and property owners to help after the Main Street construction is complete.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to extend the three-minute rule for Mr. Christophano. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Christophano said that there are a number of business owners in the Borough who are not paying their BDA Assessment Tax totaling \$25,000. A letter has been sent to these business owners stating that the BDA will be publishing the list in the newspaper if the taxes are not paid. The properties will also be liened for the amount of past due taxes. President Wagner said that Council will look at the 2017 BDA Budget and vote to approve it at the next council meeting on November 21, 2016.

Mr. Christophano said that appointments are needed to the BDA Board of Directors and he has offered endorsements for Council to consider.

Mr. Christophano said that the BDA will be holding the Cookie Tour again this holiday season. They will not be able to hold the tour during the Christmas Parade and will hold it on Saturday December 3rd from 11am to 2pm.

**Speakers:** None

### **Reading of Communications:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- The Mount Pleasant School Board will be holding a meeting on Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup> between 6pm and 7pm to discuss the best way to help children and families in our community.
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will be holding a traditional Thanksgiving Day meal with all the trimmings free of charge on Thanksgiving Day November 24, 2016 from 11am to 3pm.
- Laurel Valley Transportation Improvement Project will be holding a meeting on Wednesday November 9, 2016 from 5pm to 7pm to introduce and receive feedback on draft improvement concepts for the Study Corridor at the Roosevelt Hall in Norvelt.
- Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority would like an e-mail confirming that Borough Council has approved the payment to Gibson Thomas in the amount of \$63,307 for Main Street Project engineering services from the monies borrowed from Scottdale Bank & Trust.
- The Westmoreland Multi-Service Center has requested in writing that we trim the trees on the right of the Gazebo.
- Braddock Trail Chapter of the NSDAR will be holding its annual Festival of Lights on Friday November 25<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm. The cost is \$10 per person.

- The YMCA is holding its fifth annual Gift Basket Bonanza on Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 3pm to raise money for scholarships for families who cannot afford to go to the YMCA. Tickets are \$10 each.
- State Representative Mike Reese has invited Council to join him on election night for cocktails to watch the election results.
- Fazio's Hair Designs will hold a One Year Anniversary & Ribbon Cutting with Westmoreland Chamber of Commerce on November 1<sup>th</sup> from 5-9pm.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Whiskey Smash will be held on Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm.

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

Mayor Lucia presented a proclamation to Brooks White Insurance celebrating 50 years in business.

Mayor Lucia presented a certificate of recognition to Allstar Hooper who was born and raised in London England and recently became of US Citizen.

Mayor Lucia reported that the Veterans Day Parade will be on November 11, 2016 beginning at 10:30am with a ceremony to follow and he hopes to see all Council in attendance.

Mayor Lucia said that the most recent Reality Tour was very successful and one of the largest attendance. The meeting at the Mount Pleasant Area High School on November 17<sup>th</sup> will help keep the Reality Tour successful.

Mayor Lucia said that the Nativity Light Up will be held on November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. The Mount Pleasant Christmas Parade will be held on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Mayor Lucia congratulated Sandy Lee from Donegal PA as the winner of the ticket for the SUV sponsored by the Mount Pleasant VFD.

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

Borough Manager Landy said that Brooks White Insurance and Levins Furniture will sponsor the Christmas Parade this year and save the Borough from having to use money from the budget.

Mr. Landy said that festivities after the Christmas Parade on November 30<sup>th</sup> will include "Christmas at the Cabin" and hay rides. The hay rides will be provided at no charge by Laurelville Mennonite Camp. The Christmas Parade was moved to the evening this year to showcase the lights and the theme will be "A Light Bright Christmas". The Candlelight Procession will be held on Sunday December 4, 2016 beginning at Central Fire Station on Church Street at 5:30pm. Mike Harvey, WTAE will be the celebrity narrator.

Borough Manager Landy said that Council should look at the Budget vs Actual Report to make sure the line items look to be in-line. If there are any questions please let the borough office know. This report is used to determine the costs for the 2017 Budget.

Mr. Landy said that the Borough's Facebook page participation has increased 100% since its launch. The Christmas ornaments are on Facebook to help get the word out. If there is anything Council would like to see on our Facebook page please contact the borough office and we will let Andrea Pritts know, as she has volunteered to be in charge of the page.

Borough Manager Landy said that the Street Department has measured Frick Park Playground and determined that 4,100 sq ft of artificial turf will be required.

Borough Manager Landy went through the 2017 Liquid Fuels Budget with Council. Liquid Fuels income is used for paving, salt and street lights.

Borough Manager Landy said that Council received a preliminary budget on October 24<sup>th</sup> and have been provided with an updated preliminary budget. The 2017 Budget should be approved on November 21, 2016 council meeting, advertised it and then passed at the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Borough Manager Landy said that the 2017 General Fund Budget presented tonight includes a 2 mill tax increase.

Borough Manager Landy talked about the 2017 WWT Budget. The income has increased dramatically because Council planned for it in order to fund the upcoming project necessary for the Treatment Plant.

Councilwoman Barnes again questioned the legality of the gas well at Frick Park and whether it should be removed. Borough Manager Landy explained that even though the money from the wells is low the Frick Park gas well supplies gas to the Municipal Building and Central Fire Station. Councilwoman Barnes said that she would like to see the original agreement with the Frick Foundation for the use of the land.

### **Tax Collector's Report:**

Tax Collector Yancosky gave the following report for the month of October 2016:

Property Taxes = \$1,071.84  
Per Capita Taxes = \$370.00

Total = \$1,441.84

### **Solicitor's Report:**

Solicitor Liptak said that she wrote the resolution for the right-of-way for the Main Street Pump Station for Council to approve at tonight's meeting.

Solicitor Liptak said that she made changes to the WWT Rules and Regulations and went over them with WWT Superintendent Larry Hague. The motion is on tonight's agenda to be approved.

Solicitor Liptak said that she still needs a price for a replacement vehicle for the 2013 Taurus, minus the trade-in value, from C. Harper to send to Ford. The Borough should also include the cost for the up-fit and the money spent on repairs for the Taurus. Solicitor Liptak said that she will need to know if there is a venue the Borough can use to sell the up-fit equipment that will be removed from the Taurus.

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

Borough Manager Landy reported that the County has begun testing for soil and water contamination at the Bridgeport Street property using grant funds they received. After the testing the engineer will write a report and that report will be sent to the DEP. If the DEP approves of the report they will issue a Clearance #2 which means that the property can be used for any purpose.

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

President Wagner asked Council to look closely at their budgets and the proposed 2017 Budget to determine if a millage increase is necessary to fund immediate and future projects.

President Wagner discussed the 2017 Main Street Project. There have been some concerns with the condition of Main Street during the construction. President Wagner said that meetings were held with the Contractor and Engineer and the Contractor was very receptive to the Borough's concerns. President Wagner said that the project is extensive and thanked residents and drivers for their patience.

President Wagner said that the first payment is due to the Contractor for the 2017 Main Street Project. The invoice will be forwarded to the Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority for payment from Scottsdale Bank & Trust loan proceeds.

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to amend the agenda. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to approve payment in the amount of \$345,565.00 to R&B Construction for the 2017 Main Street Project. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 6-0.

President Wagner said that according to the Contractor, the project is slightly under budget at this time.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to pay all expenses as presented. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to approve Resolution 2016-16 providing a utility Right of Way for Waste Water Treatment at 1105 W Main Street Mount Pleasant PA 15666. Motion seconded by Councilman Caruso. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to change WWT Rules and Regulations Section 113, Section 201, Section 202, Section 905, Section 915 and Section 917. Motion seconded Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 6-0.

WWT Superintendent Larry Hague gave the following WWT Report:

- Prepare 2017 Budget
- Installed pipe, cleanouts, and reconnected homes to new line in alley behind 831 W. Main St. We will start to blacktop the ditch line tomorrow
- Bio-tower pump was repaired, installed and but back in service
- Gathered paperwork to submit for the grant to upgrade the aeration system at the plant
- Set up the Street Department to receive PA 1 Calls via email and mapped their system
- Pumped down and cleaned Final Clarifier # 2
- Pumped down and cleaned the primary digester
- Work has started on the Bar Screen project at the plant. They have had two concrete pours so far, there is one more to go. The equipment is scheduled to be delivered the last week of November. The unit should be up and operational by the end of the year.
- The Main Street sewer line replacement project is moving along. There is one block to finish below the Doughboy, then they will move up to the section from the CoGo's to Quarry St.
- Meet with Scott Electric about replacement lights at Veteran's Park
- Winterized, built decking, and covered the fountain at Veteran's Park
- Installed glass on the fence at Penn Park

A discussion ensued regarding Council allowing Mr. Hague to carry un-used vacation and comp-time over into the next year. Council made the decision to allow salaried employees to carry vacation over into 2017 to be used before March 31, 2017.

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to amend the agenda. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to allow salaried employees to carry un-used vacation over until March 31, 2017. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Streets Report:**

A motion was made by Councilman Caruso to pay all expenses as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Jeff McGuinness, Street Department, gave the following report:

- The Street Department has started picking up leaves.

- Street Department personnel, which is now only two men, will start on Frick Park. Frick Park has been measured for the astro-turf. Mayor Lucia said that he does not feel that with only two men the Street Department can tackle Frick Park.
- Willow Park and Frick Park bathrooms and Frick Park concession stand have been winterized. The Midget Football League will winterize the Soccer Field concession stand.
- Street sealing will begin on Wednesday November 9, 2016 weather permitting.
- Mr. McGuinness said that he has worked several over-time hours sweeping Main Street because of the construction.
- Mr. McGuinness said that he would like to start cleaning and organizing the Street Department shop and outside area. President Wagner said that he would like to see a thorough inventory of equipment to determine what can be scrapped or sold.

Council discussed what needs to be done to repair the granite calk at Veterans Park.

**Public Safety Report:**

Councilman Cholock read the following Fire Report for the month of October 2016:

Total Calls - 55  
 10-45's - 24  
 Entrapment Calls - 4  
 Fires - 10  
 AFA'S - 14  
 Public Service Calls – 5  
 Standys - 2  
 Turnpike Calls - 8  
 Total Members Answering - 882  
 Average Member Per Call - 16  
 Total Staff Hours – 538

A motion was made by Councilman Cholock to appoint Gerald Lucia as Chairman of the Board of Directors for Mount Pleasant EMS, Medic 10. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 6-0.

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A motion was made by Councilman Cholock for an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilman Caruso. Motion carried 6-0.

**Executive Session 9:07pm to 9:22pm**

A motion was made by Councilman Caruso to reconvene the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 6-0.

President Wagner said that the Executive Session was held to discuss legal issues.

**Zoning & Ordinance Report:** None

**Parks & Recreation General Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to pay all expenses as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to advertise for bids for the CDBG Frick Park Bollard Project. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to award the bid for Frick Basketball Court Repair to Lutterman Excavating in the amount of \$29,800. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 6-0.

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A motion was made by Councilwoman Barnes to accept the quote from Wilkinson Nursery to plant up to 26 trees at Jack Bobb's Park in the amount of \$3,360 along with Andrew Zelinsky removing the existing stumps at \$175 per stump. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 6-0.

**Finance & Human Resources Report:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to pay all expenses as presented. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to amend the agenda. Motion seconded by Councilman Caruso. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to approve the negotiated United Steel Workers Street Department contract from October 1, 2016 thru September 30, 2018. Motion seconded by Councilman Caruso. Motion carried 6-0.

**Property Report:**

Councilwoman Ruszkowski reported that the backflow has been installed in the Municipal Building and all issues have been resolved.

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that one quote has been received for the safety door on the third floor of the Municipal Building.

Councilwoman Ruszkowski said that she has received three quotes for the replacement of the furnace and air conditioning unit on the second floor of the Municipal Building and her committee will look at those quotes.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to pay all expenses as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 6-0.

**Sanitation & Recycling Report:** None

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

Councilwoman Bailey reported that the CDBG Grant Application has been submitted to the County. LED lighting for Veterans Park was applied for in the amount of \$59,160.

**New Business:** None

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**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Councilwoman Caruso to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 6-0.

**Meeting Adjourned 9:43pm**

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