

Meeting December 21, 2016

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

A motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of December 5, 2016 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilman Cholock. Motion carried 8-0 with correction. Motion to accept President Paul Wagner's resignation was passed 6-2. Councilmen Caruso and Rogacki voted no.

Public Comment: None

Speakers: None

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- PSAB Update states that bidding thresholds effective January 1, 2017 state that contracts or purchases \$10,700 to \$19,700 require three quotes and any contract or purchase over \$19,700 require the formal public bidding process.
- Leslie Richardson, Secretary of Transportation endorsed the Jacob's Creek Watershed grant.
- An MS4 Management Seminar will be held on January 18, 2017 at the North Huntingdon Municipal Building in Irwin PA. It would benefit personnel from the Street Department to attend this seminar.
- A request regarding the property at 516-518 Walnut Street. The property is being sold but the sellers do not have access to the property because it is occupied by the owners who are being foreclosed on. The seller stated Pennsylvania law has changed and states that owners cannot be evicted after foreclosure. The seller is requesting that the inspection be waived until after the closing or that the buyer be able to escrow funds to insure the test is completed after the closing.

Solicitor Liptak said that the law has not changed and the owners can be evicted after a foreclosure process has been completed.

Councilman Rogacki said that he feels the borough ordinance should remain as is and the seller must get a Sewer Certification before the property is sold. Council agreed.

Mayor's Report: None

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy said that he is part of "Reimagining Our County" and they have asked him to decide the issues the Borough of Mount Pleasant is looking at and present them at a public meeting. Mr. Landy asked Council's permission to hold a public meeting in Mount Pleasant Borough. Council agreed to host a meeting.

Borough Manager Landy said that he was informed by the PSAB on the procedure when President of Council resigns. An election for Council President must be held within 30 days of the resignation. The council vacancy in the Third Ward does not need to be filled before the election but must be filled. Council made the decision to hold elections at tonight's meeting.

Vice-President Caruso called for nominations and election for President of Council. Councilman Pritts nominated Councilman Caruso for Council President. Nomination was seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Councilwoman Barnes nominated Councilman Rogacki for President of Council. Nomination failed for lack of a second. Councilman Caruso was elected Council President 7-1 with Councilwoman Barnes voting no.

Councilwoman Barnes nominated John Rogacki for Vice-President of Council. Nomination was seconded by Councilman Cholock.

Councilman Pritts nominated Diane Bailey for Vice-President of Council. Nomination was seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson.

A roll-call vote was taken for election of Vice-President of Council:

Councilwoman Bailey	Bailey
Councilwoman Barnes	Rogacki
Councilman Caruso	Rogacki
Councilman Cholock	Rogacki
Councilman Pritts	Bailey
Councilman Rogacki	Rogacki
Councilwoman Ruskowski	Bailey
Councilwoman Stevenson	Bailey
Mayor Lucia	Rogacki

Councilman Rogacki was elected Council Vice-President 4-4 with Mayor Lucia breaking the tie and voting for Councilman Rogacki.

Councilwoman Bailey nominated Councilman Pritts Council Pro-Tem. Nomination seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson.

Councilwoman Barnes nominated Councilwoman Bailey Council Pro-Tem. Nomination seconded by Councilman Rogacki.

A roll-call vote was taken for election of Council Pro-Tem:

Councilwoman Bailey	Pritts
Councilwoman Barnes	Bailey
Councilman Caruso	Bailey
Councilman Cholock	Bailey
Councilman Pritts	Bailey
Councilman Rogacki	Bailey
Councilwoman Ruskowski	Bailey
Councilwoman Stevenson	Bailey

Councilwoman Bailey was elected Council Pro-Tem 7-1.

Treasurer’s Report:

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

Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report		Nov-16			Balance 2016
		Previous Balance	Deposits	Disbursements	
General Fund Checking	PNC 00-0122-3513	59,320.00	248,640.21	237,040.21	70,920.00
General Fund Sweep	PNC 10-1149-3394	741,868.68	136,596.68	72,900.27	805,565.09
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	664,897.39	109.31	0.00	665,006.70
**Police		40,683.60			
**Streets		140,000.00			
**Contingency Fund		230,419.80			
**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	Scottsdale Bank 7000126	36,630.32	64.00	296.52		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	53,548.96	11.94	5,297.42		48,263.48
Monument CD	Standard Bank 327085	6,842.85	0.00	0.00		6,842.85
Holiday Lighting Fund	Standard Bank 050004849	1,805.30	0.08	0.00		1,805.38
Payroll Fund	PNC 00-0122-6415	676.22	82,742.79	73,352.58		10,066.43
	Somerset Trust Co					
Veterans Park Fund	2003058309	3,921.62	0.00	0.00		3,921.62
Town Clock Fund	Standard Bank 0010038847	614.47	0.02	0.00		614.49
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	PNC Bank 10-3888-4556	1,247.21	0.00	0.00		1,247.21
Total General Fund Balance						1,672,429.97
Medic 10 Checking	Standard Bank 0010107643	41,438.06	50,837.79	55,430.07		36,845.78
Medic 10 Savings	Standard Bank 0310000238	149,440.39	1,024.73	0.00		150,465.12
Medic 10 Money Market	PNC Bank 10-1516-8804	5,889.17	0.24	0.00		5,889.41
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	4,741.10	0.00	0.00		4,741.10
Total Medic 10 Fund Balance						197,941.41
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0320012280	470,582.18	75,194.45	56,936.22		488,840.41
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	180,504.32	29.68	0.00		180,534.00
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	118,728.03	19.52	0.00		118,747.55
**Contingency		111,288.22				
**Infrastructure		7,469.82				
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	90,235.91	1,003.52	6,915.25		84,324.18
Total WWT Balance						872,446.14
Total Borough funds						2,742,817.52
Councilwoman Diane Bailey						
Secretary Beverly Fedorchak						

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

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Liptak said that she has drafted a zoning agreement with Mr. Karfelt, but in order to complete the agreement she needs to maps of the property that he was supposed to provide. Borough Manager Landy said that the maps will be ready for the next council meeting.

President's Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to adopt the 2017 General Fund Budget with Revenues of \$1,258,710 and Expenses of \$1,258,710. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion passed 7-1 with Councilman Rogacki voting no.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to adopt the 2017 WWT Budget with Revenues of \$962,529 and Expenses of \$962,529. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to adopt the 2017 Liquid Fuels budget with Revenues of \$127,724 and Expenses of \$66,224 and a carryover of \$38,500. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the 2017 Council Meeting Schedule. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0 with correction eliminating the June 19th meeting because it is the week of the Firemen's Fair.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the 2017 Holiday Schedule. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve Mount Pleasant Borough's participation in the 2017 G13 Conference. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to award the Frick Park Bollard Project to Raffle Construction in the amount of \$41,700. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to sign a contract with McClure LLP to perform the 2016 Audit. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to allow Borough Manager Landy to sign all bills through the end of 2016. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Rogacki to pay RJMC, Inc \$233,700 for Pay Estimate #1 of the Mechanically Cleaned Bar Screen from line item 850.01. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

WWT Superintendent Hague explained to Council where the funds are coming from in order to pay for the Mechanically Screened. Funds are coming from the 2016 Budget, Budgetary Reserve, the payment from the General Fund for the Aerial Fire Truck, Mount Pleasant Township and the Mount Pleasant Municipal Authority.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cholock to direct Solicitor Liptak to review Mount Pleasant Medical Services Inc. Medic 10 by-laws dated September 8, 1991 and develop new by-laws. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Stevenson. Motion carried 8-0.

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 Pritts to accept the 2017 Medic 10 2017 Budget as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Rogacki. Motion carried 8-0.

Medic 10 President Rob Govern answered council questions regarding the 2017 Budget. Mr. Govern said that there will have to be a reduction in services which will lower payroll in order to balance the budget.

President Caruso said that he has changed the Council Committees and presented Council with the new Committee Chairs and members. President Caruso said that if council members have any questions to please call him. He encouraged Committee Chairman to reach out to their committees for input and to delegate duties if necessary.

President Caruso asked Council that in order to move the meetings along to please communicate with the borough office regarding motions so that they are on the agenda and there is no need for amendments.

New Business:

Councilwoman Barnes said that she spoke to a Mrs. Daniels on Smithfield Street regarding the Nativity Scene. She has health issues and is unable to park in front of her home because of the traffic. She asked when the Nativity Scene will be removed. Borough Manager Landy said that the Nativity Scene will be removed the weekend after Russian Christmas.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

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

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned 8:13pm.

Motions From Meeting of 12/21/16

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