

Meeting December 7, 2015

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Bauer at 7:00pm in Council Chambers at 1 Etze Avenue, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and President Bauer asked for a moment of silence for our deployed troops and to commemorate Pearl Harbor. President Bauer directed Borough Manager Landy to take roll. Councilmen Caruso, Pritts, Wagner, Wojnar and Councilwomen Bailey, Ruszkowski and Stevenson were present. Mayor Lucia and the Solicitor from Tucker Arensberg were present. President Bauer stated that a quorum is present. President Bauer left the meeting at 7:43pm and returned at 8:22pm.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the minutes of October 19, 2015 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Ruszkowski. Motion carried 7-0 with Councilman Wagner voting no.

Speakers: None

Mayor Lucia presented a Citation to the Mount Pleasant VFW to honor their 80th Anniversary to Quartermaster Jim Cheek and Matt, the Senior Vice Commander.

Public Comment:

Jackie Gulisek, on behalf of her husband John, thanked Officer George Grippo, Fire Chief Jerry Lucia, John and Beverly Rogacki and everyone who responded to the fire at her residence on November 19th.

Solicitor's Report:

Attorney David Mongillo from the law firm of Tucker Arensberg introduced himself to Council and said that he will be filling in for Attorney Fred Wolfe when Mr. Wolfe has a scheduling conflict. Attorney Mongillo presented Council with a copy of an unemployment compensation decision in which the Borough was successful in defending a claim against an unemployment claim.

Tax Collector's Report:

Tax Collector Carol Yancosky read the following report for the month of November 2015:

Property Taxes = \$831.95
Per Capita Taxes = \$540.00

Total = \$1,371.95

Ms. Yancosky said that she will be sending out reminders to anyone who has not paid their Per Capita Tax.

President's Report:

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Mayor Lucia and Vice-President Stevenson presented President Bauer with a plaque in recognition of his fifteen years on Council and six years as Council president.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lucia reminded everyone that the Mount Pleasant Area Reality Tour will resume in February 2016 and would like everyone to get the word out to parents and grandparents who are interested in bringing young people to the Reality Tour.

Mayor Lucia wished everyone in the community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and personally thanked President Bauer for his service to the community.

President Bauer said that he is proud of the work he and other council members have done in the Borough since he first served. He feels the Borough is in a much better place today and a lot of good was accomplished. President Bauer said he has best wishes for the new Council.

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Executive Session 7:25pm to 7:43pm

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Vice-President Stevenson resumed the meeting and said that the Executive Session was held to discuss personnel issues.

Borough Manager's Report:

Borough Manager Landy reported that construction at Penn Park will begin on December 14, 2015. There will have to be coordination with the Street Department and Waste Water Treatment on some aspects of the park.

Mr. Landy said that county officials would like the Borough to front the first \$25,000 for the construction of Penn Park and then get reimbursed from the County. The funds can be pulled from Budgetary Reserve and then replaced when we receive the money from the County.

Borough Manager Landy said that he has been selected to be on the panel of the Brownfield Coalition consisting of Latrobe, Jeannette and Mount Pleasant what brownfields the county will move forward on next.

Mr. Landy thanked everyone who participated and helped with the holiday events on December 5th and 6th. Medic 10 once again was a big supporter of the Christmas Parade as well and the Police and Fire Departments.

Borough Manager Landy gave the following 2015 year-end review:

January

A meeting was held with representatives from Westmoreland County to discuss replacing the bathrooms at Willows Park. CDBG Grant funds will be used to pay for the construction and when County funds are used they require that an architect draw up the plans.

A meeting was held with Architect Jim Gayton regarding Penn Park. Mr. Gayton is working on the specs and the project should be ready to go out for bid.

President Bauer said that Mr. Landy has been doing research on the Washington Street permit parking issue.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to advertise for a part-time Code Enforcement Officer.

Councilwoman Stevenson said a meeting was held at the borough office with a representative from K2 Engineering, regarding the handling of rental registration and inspection.

First Niagara Bank on Main Street will be having its Grand Opening on Thursday January 22nd

February

Mr. Rob Govern commended Medic 10 EMS providers for reaching a new goal in January of 296 answered calls.

Solicitor Wolfe reported that in December the Borough completed the loan transaction with Scottdale Bank & Trust to fund the replacement of the WWT Bio-tower.

Mayor Lucia reported that he and Borough Manager Landy attended a meeting in Donegal about a deep coal mine coming to the Donegal area. Mayor Lucia said that the Borough's concern is the increased truck traffic on Main Street.

The BDA has requested a meeting with Council to discuss various issues and requests.

Councilman Tate said that there are some repairs that need to be made at Veterans Park and he would like Council's permission to send out letters to request a donation to pay for these repairs.

Councilman Tate said that a meeting will be scheduled with the Mount Pleasant Township Supervisors to discuss some problems at the Mount Pleasant WWT Plant.

Councilwoman Bailey said that she met with representatives from East Huntingdon Township regarding Braddock Road Avenue. East Huntingdon Township will advertise for bids to tar and chip their portion of Braddock Road Avenue and they will let us know the cost to tar and chip our portion of the road. Council should look into tarring and chipping some of the other streets in the Borough.

Councilman Pritts made a motion to accept the quote for security cameras from J & M Computers in the amount of \$1,377.99 for a 4 camera system with DVR to record 15 days of video.

President Bauer reminded members of Council that it is required that they be NIMS certified. ISO 100 and 700 are required for all council members.

President Bauer said that he and Mayor Lucia and Borough Manager Landy met with representatives from Penn Dot regarding plans for an \$8.6 million dollar construction project on Main Street.

President Bauer said that in addition to the Penn Dot construction there will be an \$860,000 storm water project on Main Street covered by grant money. Mayor Lucia said that right now there are no catch basins from CoGo's down past the Doughboy.

The tentative date for opening the Mount Pleasant Main Street branch of Scottdale Bank is March 2015.

Councilman Tate said that Borough Manager Landy and Waste Water Superintendent Larry Hague are researching the cost of replacing the obsolete comminutor at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. A meeting will be scheduled with Mount Pleasant Township Supervisors to discuss their portion of the cost.

Councilwoman Stevenson reported that she along with Councilwoman Ruszkowski and Mayor Lucia are continuing to interview for the position of Police Chief for Mount Pleasant Borough.

March

Mr. Rick Albright, Jr. Football League said that the league will be celebrating their 50th anniversary.

Mr. McGoran, Republic Services said he would like to see the pilot program for larger recycling bins run another three months and then send out a letter asking those customers to evaluate the service.

There is a meeting scheduled with Penn Dot, County Officials, Representative Harhai, someone from Senator Stefano's office, Bob Regola, Ed Christophano from the BDA and Mine Officials on Friday March 6, 2015 at the borough building. The meeting will be to discuss truck traffic in the Borough from a proposed deep mine in Donegal.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to appoint Doug Sam as Chief of Police of the Mount Pleasant Borough Police Department.

Mr. Ed Christofano presented Council with a copy of the BDA by-laws which include a mission statement.

Mayor Lucia said that two very prominent Mount Pleasant business people have passed away. Sally Levin and Bob George were both hardworking individuals and Mayor Lucia said that they should be remembered in some way.

Mayor Lucia reported that in November 2014 the Mount Pleasant VFD purchased a used Engine Rescue Truck for \$350,000. The cost of a truck new would be \$650,000.

Mayor Lucia said that the Mount Pleasant VFD received a \$15,000 regional grant to cover the cost of pagers used by the volunteer firemen.

Donations to Veterans Park Beautification fund have reached \$2,800.

Bids for Penn Park were opened and they all came in double the amount of grant funds available. All of the bids have been rejected.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve the purchase of a 2010 Ford Explorer from Huffman Auto for the Police Department at a total cost of \$9,944.00.

Councilman Wojnar said that he and Borough Manager Landy met with representatives from the DCNR regarding grants for the parks.

The Mount Pleasant Area Reality Tour held a Drug Forum "Prescription Drug Abuse in Your Community" on Thursday April 30, 2015 from 6:30 to 8:30pm at Mount Pleasant Area Senior High School.

Annie Quinn, Director of Jacobs Creek Watershed Association introduced herself to Council and explained that they will be doing a lot of work in the Borough in the next couple of years.

On Saturday April 11, 2015 the Fire Department conducted the monthly test of the disaster siren at noon.

Solicitor Wolfe said worked on the arrangement with Mount Pleasant Township regarding their contribution toward the cost of the WWT bio-tower replacement.

The Town Clock is repaired and is running on time.

Police Chief Sam said that he can get an emergency alert system through the Police Department. Residents can sign up for the service and register for the alerts they want.

April

Councilman Tate said that after looking at all of the costs to repair the bio-tower we should be able to pay off the loan in approximately three years.

Councilwoman Bailey made a motion to award the bid for the Ramsay Terrace (North & South Geary) paving project to Tresco Paving Corporation of Pittsburgh PA in the amount of \$38,248.50 using funds from Liquid Fuels.

May

Meetings were held regarding an agreement with Mount Pleasant Township and how we are going to divide the cost of the bio-tower replacement. The agreement will be drafted by the Township Solicitor.

Bids for Penn Park came in much too high and meetings were held with the architect and county representatives. The specs will be re-vamped and simplified.

Bids for the Willow Park bathroom also came in high and the specs will have to be re-written.

Councilman Pritts made a motion to pay the WWT DEP fine in the amount of \$2,300 for high ammonia in February and March 2014 and October 2014.

The Mount Pleasant Glass and Ethnic Festival gave its annual donation of \$1,000 to the Mount Pleasant Area Historical Society.

Councilwoman Bailey made a motion to sign a 5-year Agility Agreement with Penn Dot.

June

Mayor Lucia said that the re-mounted Medic 10 ambulance is inspected and is ready to be put into use.

A Penn Dot representative said that it is possible the total cost of the Main Street project could exceed \$8.6 million. He also said that they will try not to disrupt business activities on Main Street, they will do the project in quadrants.

Councilman Tate said further discussions with Mount Pleasant Township will be necessary regarding agreements for the bio-tower and flow meter expenses.

Councilwoman Stevenson announced that the Mount Pleasant Community Yard Sale will be held on Saturday June 13th.

Mr. Christophano said that the BDA would like to offer its assistance in decorating the Welcome to Mount Pleasant sign to make it more welcoming to our business district.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to adopt Ordinance #646 to establish a permit parking only zone on both sides of Washington Street between College Avenue and S. Diamond Street.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to approve Ordinance #647 repealing Part 6 of Ordinance #624, Garage/Yard Sale Permits.

July

The auditor's report showed an opinion by the auditor that the financial statements represent fairly the assets, liabilities and fund balances of the Borough.

Police Chief Sam said that warnings will be put on vehicles parked against traffic and these vehicles will be sited in the future because it is a safety issue.

Solicitor Wolfe presented a list of rules and regulations for the Civil Service Commission based on the DCED model.

Borough Manager Landy and Mayor Lucia met with county representatives regarding the railroad crossing to Willow Park.

Councilwoman Bailey reported that the Ramsey Terrace Paving Project is complete. An invoice for the additional cost has not been received but the estimate is between \$12,000 and \$17,000.

Council received a request from the Coal & Coke Bike Trail for reimbursement for stencils at \$200 and a bike rack for \$300.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to Authorize Borough Manager Landy to sign Westmoreland County Transit Authority 2015-2016 Agreement in the amount of \$1,620.00.

Frick Hospital held a Grand Opening and Award Ceremony for Dr. Jenkins on August 13, 2015

August

There was a meeting with the Mount Pleasant Recreational Soccer League regarding an agreement with the Westmoreland County IDC for a pedestrian crossing.

Mr. Landy said that he spoke to Mount Pleasant Township Supervisors who are still reviewing the agreement regarding “capital improvements”.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to suspend the rules for the purpose of a motion to sign an agreement with East Huntingdon Township to tar and chip borough portion of Braddock Road Avenue at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to approve Resolution 2015-03 to sign a 5-year Winter Maintenance Agreement with Penn Dot.

Councilwoman Bailey reported that the fence has been removed from the old volley ball court and the area has been converted to a parking lot.

September

Mayor Lucia said that the Mount Pleasant Area Reality Tour will be starting soon.

Permission was given to Valerie Tressler to decorate the Gazebo in October in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The Borough and the Police Department are registered with Nixel which is a system that sends information over the phone to residents.

Re-bids for Penn Park were opened on August 31, 2015. The re-bid numbers were expected to be lower and they were actually higher.

The Mount Pleasant Glass & Ethnic Festival will be held on September 25, 26 and 27 this year.

Councilman Wagner reported that the Bike Trail into the Borough is complete and the bike rack is installed.

Mount Pleasant Soccer League spoke to Council regarding the issue with the railroad crossing near the soccer field at Willow Park and the issue of the fence that the Railroad has put up.

Police Chief Sam reported that the Mount Pleasant Borough Police Department is one of the first three municipalities to be certified in the NARCAN program.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Stevenson to hire Mr. Ralph Hribal as Mount Pleasant Borough Zoning Officer to begin in October.

The county land bank officials have spoken to three potential buyers for the R & R Restaurant location.

East Huntingdon Township has agreed to accept overflow from the Mount Pleasant WWT Plant into their system on a trial basis. They have asked the Borough to draft an agreement.

October

Mr. Landy said he met with representatives from DCNR and took them on a tour of the Borough.

An agreement was received from Mount Pleasant Township with a paragraph that states the Township would be responsible for their share of anything over \$20,000 for capital improvements.

A motion was made by Councilman Wagner to sign the overflow agreement with East Huntingdon Township.

Superintendent Hague updated Council on the replacement of the comminutor. Mr. Hague said that he visited other plants that have upgraded to a newer screen system and has gotten a survey done at the WWT Plant to see if there is a place to install one.

Mr. Landy said that he and Councilwoman Stevenson went to Harrisburg and had meetings with Lt. Governor Mike Stack and representatives from DCED to discuss possible grant opportunities for the Borough. The G13 Conference was recognized on the Floor of the Pennsylvania Senate for their inter-municipal cooperation and for the efforts put forth at the Conference.

Borough Manager Landy said that he met with Jason Regoni regarding grant funds for the Soccer Fields, Penn Park and Willow Park bathrooms.

Mr. Ralph Hribal resigned his position as Ordinance Officer effective immediately.

November

An endowment by Congressman Murtha for Veterans Park was received. The funds will be put into a VFD account to be used for repairs at the Veterans Wall.

Penn Dot recently audited the Borough Liquid Fuels Account and it went very well. No findings were reported.

Jason Regoni, Executive Director, announced that Penn Park will be funded by the County except for the separation wall and he gave an update on the railroad crossing between the Bridgeport Street property and the Soccer Field.

Council discussed two hour parking on Main Street requested by a business owner.

Council approved an agreement with the Mount Pleasant Township Municipal Authority.

Mr. Landy went on to say that this meeting ends Council's regular scheduled meetings. Council can vote on a balanced budget. This budget does not include a tax increase for the eleventh year and does not decrease services in the Borough.

This was a year to get a foothold and plan for 2016 projects including several contract negotiations with our neighboring townships. Those projects are replacing sewer lines on Main Street, upgrading the Waste Water Treatment Plant with a new screen system, finishing Penn Park, starting the reclamation of the Bridgeport Street Property and upgrading our playground and basketball court. The contracts will be in place for future issues with our neighbors regarding sewage.

2016 will be a year when we need to get things done. To accomplish these things we all need to communicate with each other and the residents. We need to perform as a team. Also, we need to do the right thing for the Borough and make decisions on a timely basis. Whatever is decided by Council must be supported by all of Council, the administration and employees.

It is fine for Council to have varied opinions. Usually the best outcomes are when different ideas are blended together to form a decision.

2015 will end three council member tenures which combined was over thirty five years of experience and leadership. You could say 2015 was a year of contention, but 2016 will introduce new council members who bring with them suggestions and ideas. The Borough has a Mayor who has by far the most experience in this room. It will be a new team that needs to work together. If everyone respects each other and learns from each other Mount Pleasant will benefit.

Finally, as in the past eleven years that I have been presenting this review & preview, Mount Pleasant is in good shape. Our auditors confirm it, our community and business district confirms it and our future outlook confirms it. We are what other surrounding communities look to as a model community. 2016 looks to be a progressive and good year for the Borough. We shouldn't want it any other way.

God Bless you and God Bless Mount Pleasant.

Waste Water Treatment Report:

WWT Superintendent Larry Hague gave Council a report of work completed by WWT personnel since the last meeting.

Mr. Hague said that he would like to thank Bob Hudec for lending us his concrete breaker attachment for the excavator to repair the sewer line on W. Smithfield Street.

Mr. Hague said that he would also like to thank Mount Pleasant Mine Service for making the new star on the Christmas tree at Veterans Park and only charging the Borough for the labor.

Borough Manager Landy thanked WWT personnel for all of their work on the lighted Christmas tree over the fountain at Veterans Park.

Superintendent Hague spoke to Council about sewer lines on Main Street in reference to the upcoming Main Street Project. There are many issues with the sewer lines on Main Street. There is no access in many places and the lines are very shallow. There is infiltration from CoGo's to Eagle Street which is being pumped into the Quarry Street Pump Station. Mr. Hague said that Penn Dot wants to start the project in 2017, therefore the Borough should have the sewer lines completed in 2016. MAWC will be replacing the water lines. The sewer lines should also be completed before the water lines because the sewer lines are deeper than the water lines. Mr. Hague said that funding is an issue because work should begin in the spring of 2016.

Councilman Wagner asked if there were any estimates yet for the screening system at the WWT Plant. Mr. Hague said that changes have been submitted to the DEP and it is a lengthy process to have these changes approved.

Councilman Wagner asked about grant funds for storm water lines. Mr. Hague said that Jacobs Creek Watershed has applied for grant funds for that project. Borough Manager Landy said that those grant funds are being held up because the state budget has not been passed.

Veterans Park Report: None

Streets Report:

Councilwoman Bailey said that she has received only one response from council members regarding the list of streets she presented at an earlier meeting. If any council member has additions or changes to the list please notify her before the first meeting in 2016.

Public Safety Zoning & Ordinance Report:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to adopt Ordinance #648 setting the 2016 millage rate at 16.00 mills. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 6-0 with Councilman Wagner voting no.

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Vice-President Stevenson read the following Fire Report for the month of November 2015:

Total Calls – 38
In Town – 14
Out of Town – 24
10-45's – 9
Fires – 12
AFA's – 10
Public Service Calls – 6
Standbys – 1
Total Members Answering – 624
Average Member Per Call – 16
Total Staff Hours – 498

Councilman Wagner asked Police Chief Sam to enlighten Council and borough residents about a scam that is going around the Borough. Police Chief Sam said that the current scam involves individuals using the computer to make phone calls and pose as someone else. Sometimes they say they are the IRS and insist that the person wire them money or be arrested by the local police department. If any resident is concerned about fraud they can go to the Mount Pleasant Borough Police web site at mountpleasantpolice.com and go to the community link to find information on who to contact.

Parks & Recreation Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Wojnar to accept the bid from Lincoln Landscaping for the 2016 one-year Grass Cutting and Snow Removal Contract in the amount of \$19,288. Motion seconded by Councilman Wagner. Motion carried 7-0.

President Bauer resumed his seat at 8:25pm.

Councilman Wojnar thanked Borough Manager Landy, Councilman Caruso and Police Chief Sam for their participation in the recent visit by the Ramsey Elementary School Student Council to council chambers.

Councilman Wojnar thanked Mayor Lucia, Council and Borough Manager Landy for all the help they gave him when he was first appointed to Council and wished the new Council the best and hopes everyone works together for the betterment of the Borough.

Finance & Human Resources Report:

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Property Report:

Councilman Pritts said that he and Mayor Lucia will look into a phone line for the warning system.

Councilman Pritts said that he and Borough Manager Landy are researching cost savings for borough phone bills.

Sanitation & Recycling Report:

A motion was made by Councilman Caruso to accept the 2016-2017 Garbage bid from Greenridge Waste Services LLC dba Republic Waste in the amount of \$39.45 per quarter and includes the 35 or 65 gallon recycling containers. Motion seconded by Councilman Pritts. Motion carried 8-0.

John McGoran, Republic Services, answered Council's questions regarding the contract and services. Councilman Wagner questioned the fuel surcharge on garbage bills. Mr. McGoran said that there will be no fuel surcharges on residential garbage bills in 2016 because it would be considered the base year. The price of fuel is based on the price of the government weekly index on November 23rd. Councilman Wagner questioned whether there should be a discount for the previous years when fuel prices went down. Mr. McGoran said that he will forward that information to Borough Manager Landy. Mr. McGoran said that the quarterly increase on the new contract is due mostly to the larger recycling containers as well as rising business expenses. Mr. McGoran said that the fuel surcharge will be calculated in the second and third year of the contract. The surcharge in 2017 would be calculated by using the average cost of fuel in the base year of 2016 and 2018 would be calculated by using the average cost of fuel in 2017. President Bauer stated that Mount Pleasant is still paying less than other communities. Councilman Caruso said that South Greensburg raised their rates by \$13.00

Reading of Communications:

Borough Manager Landy read the following communications:

- Mr. Ed Christophano, Mount Pleasant BDA, announced that there will be an Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the opening of Fazio's Hair Designs located at 502 W Main Street on Friday January 8th at 4pm at the facility.
- A letter from the House of Representatives states that because the 2015-2016 State Budget has not been enacted payment for Representative Harhai's rent is suspended and when the budget is passed the Borough will receive payment for any rent that was withheld.

Discussion and Payment of Bills:

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

Miscellaneous and Adjournment:

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

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